

SOUTHERN FELL SHOW

The eighth Annual FPS Southern Show was held at Shotover House, Wheatley, Oxon on Sunday 8th September 1996 by kind invitation of Lt. Col. Sir John Millar. Judges were Mrs Christine Robinson and Mrs Gwen Williamson, and Miss Longsdon would like to thank everyone else who helped to make the show such an outstanding success.

<u>In Hand</u> Stallion	Packway Falcon	Mrs C. Rear
Mare 4 - 8 yrs	Murthwaite Molly	Mr T Capstick
		Exhib. Mr G Guy
Mares 9 yrs & over	Heltondale Beauty VIII	Mrs L Keogh
Brood Mare	Heltondale Delia III	Mr G Guy
Foal	Severn Vale Hector	Mr G Guy
Gelding 4 - 7 yrs	Wolds Woodcock	Miss Glass/Mrs Audley
Gelding over 8 yrs	Sleddale John II	Mr Mrs & Miss Paterson
Yearling	Greenholme Misty Day	Mr W Potter Ex. Mr Guy
Two year old	Claremount Lady Rose	Mr Mrs & Miss Paterson
Three year old	Wolds Ptarmigan II	Mrs A Minson
Veteran	Greenfield Faith	Mrs S Rees
Pairs	Adamdale Gypsy Dawn	Miss H Oram/
	Heltondale Beauty VIII	Miss L Keogh
<u>Ridden</u> Stallions	Sunnybrowe Jack	Mrs S Prior
Mares	Wolds Song Thrush	Mrs E Whitley
Geldings 4 - 7 yrs	Wolds Woodcock	Miss Glass/Mrs Audley
Geldings over 8 yrs	Lownthwaite Hot Shot	Miss D Boylen
Novice Mares	Adamdale Gypsy Dawn	Mrs E Stockdale/Ex.
		Miss S Hillier
Novice Geldings	Drybarrows Sandy II	Mrs J Thompson
Children Led	Bewcastle Boy Blue	Miss M Longsdon/
		Mr R Goddard
Children 6 - 12	Heltondale Beauty VIII	Mrs L Keogh
Children 13 - 16	Wolds Woodcock	Miss Glass/Mrs Audley
Veteran	Dalemain Wake-Robin	N Tweedie-Smith
Ridden Pairs	Wolds Song Thrush	Mrs E Whitley
	Wolds Woodcock	& Mrs S Audley
Working Hunter	Lownthwaite Hot Shot	Miss D Boylen
Novice WHP	Tarnbeck Major	Miss J Thompson
Driving	Admergill Alexander	Mrs A Yemm
Handy Pony	Admergill Pendle Lass	Mrs Jones & Mrs Rudge
Fancy Dress	Lune Valley David	Miss L Hodson
		& Mrs K Tynan
Child Handler	Heltondale Beauty VIII	Mrs Keogh/D Keogh

Two Generations	Heltondale Beauty VIII	Mrs Keogh/D Keogh
Youngstock Champion	Greenholme Misty Day	
Reserve	Claremount Lady Rose	
Childrens Champion	Wolds Woodcock	
Reserve	Bewcastle Boy Blue	
In Hand Champion	Murthwaite Molly	
Reserve	Greenholme Misty Day	
Ridden Champion	Wolds Woodcock	
Reserve	Lownthwaite Hot Shot	
Supreme Champion	Murthwaite Molly	
Reserve	Wolds Woodcock	
Points Trophy	Heltondale Beauty VIII	
Best Turned Out In Hand	Sleddale Fern V	Mrs. A Carslaw
Best Turned Out Ridden	Wolds Woodcock	

NETHERLANDS FELL PONY SHOW

Ronnie and Liz Ball, Rachel Bell and myself travelled down to Hull on Thursday 29th August to catch the ferry. We sailed about 7 p. m. Our crossing could have been smoother but we all managed to get sleep and arrived at Rotterdam after a 12 hour crossing.

We found Holland very different, the land is very flat with few hedges and no stone walls. Ronnie and Liz were quite familiar with the country as they had been there many times; this was a great advantage. We visited the war cemetery at Arnhem, a beautifully kept graveyard surrounded by woodland, a sombre reminder of wartime. We arrived at the home of Jan de Vos in the late afternoon. He was pleasantly surprised we had found our way, this was all thanks to Liz and her brilliant map reading. What a lovely welcome we received from Jan, his wife and daughter and not forgetting their dog which was black and hairy and almost as big as a Shetland pony. On Saturday 31st August the first Dutch Fell Pony Show was held at Beckum. The weather was fine with sunny intervals which was remarkable as there had been a lot of rain on Friday night up to 7 am on Saturday.

Some of the exhibitors had travelled from Germany, a journey that took almost 5 hours. The judging was quite different as the ponies were brought into the ring by independent handlers and marked on points. Rosettes were awarded for first, second and third premiums. If more than one pony deserved a first premium this could be awarded, as for second and third.

At the end of the day the in hand championship was awarded to Corienne Afton, a 4 year old black mare, and reserve to Heltondale Jewel VI, a yearling filly.

We were all very grateful to the Dutch Fell Pony council members, show officials and their families for the wonderful hospitality shown to us and wish them every success for their future Breed Shows.

Gwen Williamson

AUTUMN PERFORMANCE TRIALS

Once again the Society is greatly indebted to Ross and Josie Baxter for providing the location and building the course for this pleasurable event. This year the event was well supported, with 23 ponies taking part.

1st	Bowderdale Jess	Mr P Forsman/Miss S Forsman
2nd	Greenfield Candytuft	Mrs S Laniado
3rd	Esther Maree of Inlegarth	Mrs B Hodgson
4th	Guards Jonathon	Mrs S McKinlay
5th	Whitegates Welcome	Miss H Fell
6th	Abbey Tulip	Mr D Bradburn/Miss R Bradburn
Best Junior Rider		Miss Rosemary Bradburn
Best Senior Rider		Mrs S Laniado
Best Young Pony		Eastcote Falcon
Best Veteran Pony		Bowderdale Jess

FELL PONY NEWS AND ARTICLES

Andrea and Andy from Wickford would like to wish Lynn Flitney and Nick Peel every happiness for the future now you are Mr. & Mrs. Congratulations!

IDENTIFICATION OF FOALS

We are anticipating an EU requirement for pony passports in 1998, and the Council have been wrestling with the problem of the identification of foals whilst they are still on their mares. For most of us this presents no real difficulty but for the hill breeder the idea of holding onto a semi-wild youngster is a different proposition.

There would seem to be several methods of permanent marking available - freeze branding, hot branding, ear tagging, lip marking and now micro chip implants. Temporary marking can be achieved on the hoof (lasts about 9 months) and the coloured spray used on sheep seems to survive the worst of the winter. Whatever the problems it would appear that we must find a solution and yet all the methods mentioned have their detractors. I personally like to see the fell pony in its natural state without brands or marks of any kind although I fully appreciate the reasons why people have to depend on them. My preference is for the animals' own "fingerprints". A whorl is a natural identification mark which has been used for years and if recorded accurately is particularly effective. If a pony can be held long enough for a thorough investigation of its coat to be carried out, then I would take hair samples at the same time for DNA testing. This would provide a dual check on the animal, which should prove acceptable - even for Europe! It does not of course address the hill breeders' predicament, but it does provide a partial

solution. DNA testing - far from being a threat to hill breeders - should actually be the answer to their prayers. A few hairs grabbed out of a tail and the foal is identified. It is then a case of a second temporary mark until the foal is older and can be caught for whorl identification.. An ear tag can apparently be inserted quite quickly and it can be removed later but perhaps a spray is more feasible. The hill breeders have agreed to discuss the situation. What do you think? We could publish ideas in the next newsletter.

Barry Allen

FOAL MORTALITY? - WHAT FOAL MORTALITY?

Most members will have seen the newsheet sent out by Rachel in July. We advertised a coach trip to Leahurst, the Veterinary Field Station near Birkenhead on the Wirral. The idea was that we would spend a few hours in the company of the leading authorities on equines in the Country, to talk about Fell foal mortality. I understood it to be a problem. I had heard rumours of dozens of foals dying over the past 5 years. Dr. Derek Knottenbelt had heard the rumours too. He had actually tested a few foals taken to Leahurst and was anxious to build up a store of information. He believed the situation to be extremely serious - a threat to the future of the breed in fact. He had agreed to throw the weight of his organisation behind efforts to find the cause of this distressing syndrome.

Twelve people expressed an interest in going to Leahurst. They were all enthusiasts, anxious to help and to learn. None had lost foals recently however, and grateful though I was for their commitment to the cause, their contribution would not have advanced the Knottenbelt team's knowledge, so we cancelled the trip.

It was a bad time for a day out; the showing season in full swing, hay to be gathered in etc. But surely a few people who had lost foals could have made the journey to Leahurst. As I write this I know of 3 foals which have died this year from the syndrome. That doesn't sound breed threatening, does it? But it does not take an expert to realise that the foal mortalities we have come to fear do not suddenly cease.

Perhaps the problem is one of confidentiality. I can well understand a breeder not wishing to have the world and his dog talking about an abnormally high loss of foals in his herd. There is a serious financial implication. But we owe it to the breed to sort this problem out. I am prepared to act as the liaison between Leahurst and the breeder, and I personally will guarantee that information does not leak out. If therefore you have lost a foal this year perhaps a start could be made by sending me details - breeding, symptoms, any 'unusual or different circumstances surrounding the birth - which I could pass to Leahurst. The ideal is of course to get freshly dead or dying foals to Leahurst - there is no substitute for the value to the investigation that this provides. I have real concern that Dr. Knottenbelt's worst fears could be realised, and some pony enthusiasts in the future will look back and say "why did no-one do anything?"

Barry Allen

THE DOCILE BREED?

I always get frustrated when I hear people commenting on the fell pony being a docile breed. Sensible, yes, perhaps even on occasions laid back and easy going, but as yet I've never ridden a fell that could honestly be described as "docile".

My current fell pony, Lazybank Princess Royal (Penny) has done nothing to change my mind. Having broken her in as a youngster, I've since had to contend with a whole repertoire of practical jokes, tricks and evasions from galloping backwards to dragging her nose on the ground, in fact anything she can possibly think of to "beat me" in what has at times been a real battle of wills.

I had almost resigned myself to being forever known as "that woman with the mad fell pony" when in March this year the opportunity came for Penny and I to spend a week at Baldersdale with Margaret Murray. Margaret is very experienced with fells and other horses, and is keen to help people tackle problems with their ponies whilst improving their riding technique. She quickly diagnosed that Penny and I were far too uptight, and I then spent the whole week's riding "going soggy" in an attempt to make Penny follow suit. Much of our time was also spent out of the saddle, and through in-hand work, lungeing and loose schooling I learned the tell-tale signs of stress in Penny; the clenched teeth, tight mouth and wild eyes that showed how unhappy she was.

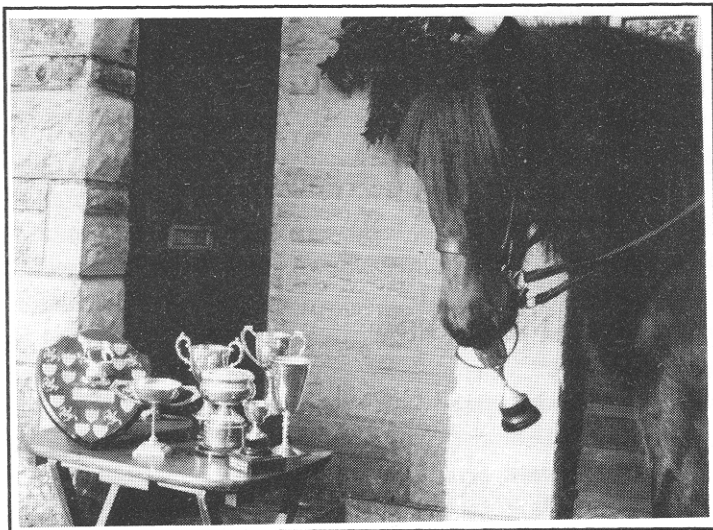
We did very little fast work, in fact some of our most valuable lessons were learned in walk, but the change in Penny's attitude was dramatic. She became much more relaxed, and began to really enjoy herself. At lunchtimes and in the evenings, Margaret showed me the theory side, and I began to read about German training methods and ideas about dressage. I was amazed to find them relevant and useful to my work with Penny.

We came away after just five days like a new pony and rider. My head was spinning with ideas, and we both felt much more confident with each other. I've spent all summer carrying on the work that Margaret started, and despite a gap due to a broken ankle (not entirely Penny's fault) I feel we've both made progress. We finished a very respectable sixth in the novice class at the Spring Performance Trials, despite completing the cross country phase slightly faster than intended. But the high point of our training was undoubtedly conquering Helvellyn on horseback, when I discovered a side of her personality I'd never dreamt of. Nimble, sure-footed, calm and sensible; Penny had proved herself as a true fell pony. But docile? Perhaps even for the new improved Penny, that's going a bit too far!

Carolyn Pannone

Margaret Murray runs an equestrian establishment on high ground at Park House Farm, Baldersdale near Barnard Castle. Although she works with different breeds she has a particular understanding of fells and their "ways" and she owns several. She provides courses for owners and ponies during the summer, and can be contacted on 01833 650474.

HELLO! My name is Tommy (Bolton Abbey Magic) and I am a hairy, dark bay, Fell gelding. I am 6 years old and I am on loan to a girl named Lucy Wager. I have been since I was 3. I live on the isle of Wight and compete regularly in the local shows. Last year I won the most trophies I have ever won in one year and my owner requested a picture of me with my prizes. Here I am arranging them.



This year I am going to have a go at some mainland shows, starting with the New Forest enthusiasts and then a Pony Club One Day Event. I have only competed once on the mainland. This was at the Southern Fell Show two years ago and I came second in the Novice Ridden class. I am an all-rounder and was even champion at a combined training class. This consisted of dressage, x-country and working hunter. I also won the Mountain & Moorland large breeds in hand 1995 points award. However, what I like best is a nice swim right up to my ears down off the beach in the hot summer sun. The Island is ideal for this sort of thing and I sometimes don't want to come out of the water as I have so much fun splashing my rider.

(Tommy is owned by Mr. T. Bucknell-May but is plainly enjoying his loan arrangement with Lucy Wager from Freshwater.)

Andrea Rawley would like to say a big thank you to Hayley Milbank for showing her two fell ponies Abbey Bandit and Bewcastle Blue Moon this season during her pregnancy. "Hayley has shown Bandit at local level due to his age of 24 and has had excellent results. Moon has been shown at County and local level and has achieved excellent results, first in his class at Essex and reserve champion. What more could I ask - thank you Hayley".

Karen Bennett from Stockport sends us yet another example of the versatility of the Fell:

"Last November, whilst out hacking on Heltondale Sovereign I saw my husband attacked in a field by our bull. I knew that I had to get the bull away from my husband so turned Sovereign round and headed for the nearest gate at a gallop - on a pony I hasten to add that is not known for his willingness to go fast - whilst at the same time calling for help from a neighbour who fortunately was up at his stables next to the field. Sovereign showed yet another side to the capabilities of a Fell pony by charging at the bull without hesitation and making him back off. By this time more help had arrived and I let go of 'Sovs' to fend the bull off with the help of a passer-by who only had a broom whilst I had a schooling whip. Our neighbour then came across with his pick-up truck into which we put my husband to transport him out of the field and wait for the ambulance.

My husband sustained 8 broken ribs and 2 fractures of his spine but is currently up and about and mending well now thanks to our bull-fighting hero!

This just goes to prove that our 'Sovs' is not just a pretty face - 2nd Reserve Supreme Champion at last year's Breed Show - but also extremely brave and intelligent as he seemed to sense the urgency of the occasion.

I am looking forward to another enjoyable season with my black hairy monster'."

HEL ON A FELL!

In a moment of madness at a Fell Pony training day, I happened to mention to Carolyn Pannone that I quite fancied taking my Fell Pony, Guards Joseph (Balin to his friends) up Helvellyn. To my horror, she thought it was a brilliant idea, and if I could sort out a route she was game, along with her Fell, (Penny). After a few long phone calls and a final planning meeting in the pub, the seed was well and truly planted. The 1996 'Hel on a Fell' tour was on!

At the crack of dawn we trundled down to Troutbeck near Windermere, to the home of Cherry Gaynor, where our epic trip was to start. Cherry accompanied us on her magnificent thoroughbred, Mighty Mouse, through Troutbeck Valley to the bottom of the bridleway leading to High Street. After a traumatic ascent, through bogs, we reached the top, only to be confronted by a Fell stallion and his mares. A passing walker fended them off for us whilst we made a quick exit. After a few wrong turns and a game of cat and mouse with two mountain bikers we had a brilliant blast along the ridge in memory of the races once held there. Dropping down to Askham Fell, we made our way to the ponies' first port of call, at the Forsman's in Sockbridge.

Next morning, not quite so bright and early, we tacked up and set off back over Askham Fell and onto the Ullswater bridleway. This very beautiful but rocky track goes around the lake and was a nice relaxing ride, getting the ponies accustomed to uneven going. A detour to Silver Bay for a coffee break was an excellent opportunity for Balin and Penny to have a paddle. We arrived at Patterdale youth

hostel in good spirits, the ponies loving their field, knee high in grass. Talk about pigs in clover! Inger met us with our bags and feed etc. for the ponies and went over the following day's route and alternative. After a hot shower, a hearty meal and a swift pint of Murphy's at a local hostelry, we slept well in anticipation of our next day's ride - the assault and conquest of Helvellyn (on horseback).



Carolyn on Lazybank Princess Royal and Sue on Guards Joseph on the approach to Whiteside Bank before they tackled Lower Man.

Saturday morning seemed to come all too quickly and with trepidation we read the weather forecast at the youth hostel reception. With cloud levels 3000 ft down to 2000 ft and very little wind, we decided to go for it! This was our Everest, and conditions needed to be perfect. As luck would have it, they were. We nervously set off along the old drovers track, up Greenside and Glenridding Common, zig-zagging our way up to the bottom of Lower Man. To say it looked daunting would be an understatement, definitely not for the faint-hearted. We wound our way up the narrow, rocky track, trying not to notice the sheer drops on either side, when panic struck. Balin decided to stop, and then slid backwards a couple of feet. In sheer terror, I kicked him on and shouted him up the track, preferring not to dismount on a precipice, in hot pursuit of Carolyn and Penny - the mountain goat. The sense of relief on reaching the summit was overwhelming, with hysterical laughter and congratulatory back-slapping. Talk about character building!

The photo opportunity at the trig point was too good to resist, as was the glass of wine bummed from two stunned walkers. The clear views were breathtaking. There were some amusing comments from passing walkers, who, after trudging up

Striding Edge, were faced with two ponies eating crisps with their riders knocking back red wine. Unfortunately, as luck would have it, there was a fell race on Helvellyn on this particular day. Thank goodness we didn't meet them on Lower Man, but on the way down they came thick and very fast. After the first 30 or so, the ponies started to ignore these scantily clad madmen.

Dollywagon Pike was an altogether different ball game. Penny, the mountain goat, gaily tripped down the steep, rocky pass. Balin however, stubbornly refused, almost folding his arms and saying "if you think I'm going down there you've got another think coming!!" After a fair amount of cajoling, bribery and corruption, he resigned himself to the fact that what goes up must come down, and followed me to Grisedale Tarn in relatively good spirits. (We took about an hour to get down, the fell runners - 3 minutes!).

A well earned rest and foot cooling in the tarn, where Inger and family met us. We then wended our way along the old smugglers route, which I doubt we would have been able to find unless Inger had been with us, and onto the Tongue. This part was quite nasty, being a long, steep, slippery grass track - perfect for walkers, not so much for ponies. Zig-zagging our way down, we reached better going, and eventually arrived at the picturesque Grasmere youth hostel. Despite the need for a celebratory pint or two, the spirit was willing but the flesh decidedly weak, and the thought of a 15 minute walk was beyond our capabilities, so it was an early, but elated night. Balin and Penny fared well in yet another grass laden field, seemingly unperturbed by the day's adventure, the holiday romance blossoming.

The final day dawns, and we set off through Grasmere along some beautiful country lanes, passing convoys of Triumph sports cars on some kind of bizarre lake district tour. We decided on a wet lunch at the drunken Duck (a lovely pint of Murphy's), before meeting the Windermere bridleway around the lake, and our final obstacle, the Hawkshead/Windermere car ferry. Pushing our way to the front of the queue, the ferry arrived. Carolyn's face turned white! Balin strode confidently onto the ferry, but Penny wasn't so keen. It was Carolyn's turn to panic, along with the car owners in close proximity to Penny's back feet. Whilst Balin enjoyed the view, watching the boats, Penny danced a merry dance, and with utter relief the ferry landed and Carolyn led Penny off. A well deserved ice cream for us and copious amounts of polos for the ponies (Balin also managed two ice creams and a can of coke!).

The final leg - along a seriously busy road through Windermere, the ponies so blasé that they didn't even bother with the clown holding a huge bunch of balloons, along the road leading back to Troutbeck. Up the steep road towards Kirkstone Pass, we stopped to take in the view and reflect on our achievements. Tired but smugly satisfied, we chatted non stop whilst drinking tea, reliving our experiences. We boxed the ponies, who had coped extremely well on their great adventure, and headed off for our long journey home. And that's another story

It was a trip that will never be forgotten, and if you have an hour or three to spare we will relay it to you in graphic, blow by blow detail, photos and all!

We would like to thank Inger for all her help with the routes and crewing, Cherry for a 'base camp', the Forsmans for their hospitality and most of all, to our courageous Fell ponies, Balin and Penny, for their patience and devotion, for without them, we could never have had a 'Hel of a lot of fun on a Fell!!'

If anyone has any ideas for the 1997 challenge, please let us know, but don't tell Balin or Penny, we want it to be a surprise!

Sue Wardle

Editor's note:

Not all members will know that Inger is Inger Yates who has researched and compiled an excellent book on behalf of the Cumbrian Bridleways Society. Before you saddle your pony and head for Helvellyn I should quote from the book "It must be stressed that this ride is a difficult one and should only be attempted after you and your pony have had previous experience on the mountains". "Ride The Cumbrian Fells" is available (price £3.95) from Mr. Keith McGavin, Abbotsbeck House, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, LA11 6QQ.

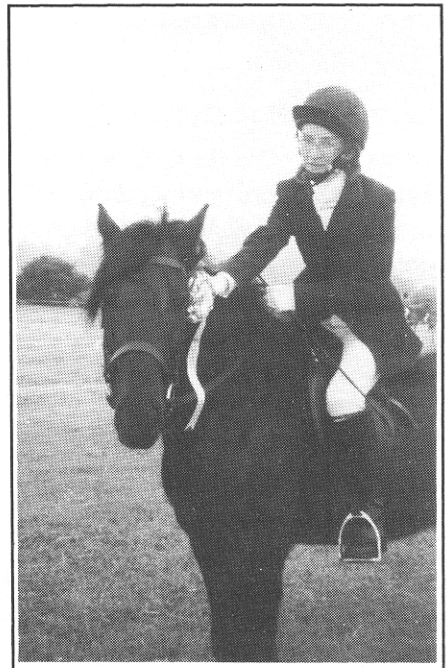
Pauline Shaw from Windy Nook, Gateshead sends this news of her gelding Lownthwaite Goliath:

"To date Lownthwaite Goliath has competed in three cross country events, taking myself as a complete novice safely over some tricky fences. He has given me a great deal of confidence jumping cross country.

We went to our local show at Beamish to try our hand at some classes. He gained a third place in the M & M ridden class, this in spite of another horse rearing in the middle of our show. He was fourth in a large tack & turnout class, the only placed pony and the judge would have preferred his whiskers trimmed! My niece won a fourth in a young handlers class, I was very pleased at his performance at his first show.

At the moment we are having lessons at our yard and competing in our indoor shows. He is doing very well in tack & turnouts, never being lower than third. We hope to get to some breed shows next year as he boxes without any trouble.

Lastly I would like to say what a lovely pony he is to do and I would recommend a Fell to anyone - they are so versatile and lots of fun. We will be taking part in a mock hunt on 27 December, an annual event at our yard."



Lownthwaite Goliath, s. Heltondale Duke, d Lownthwaite Rose, f. 1991

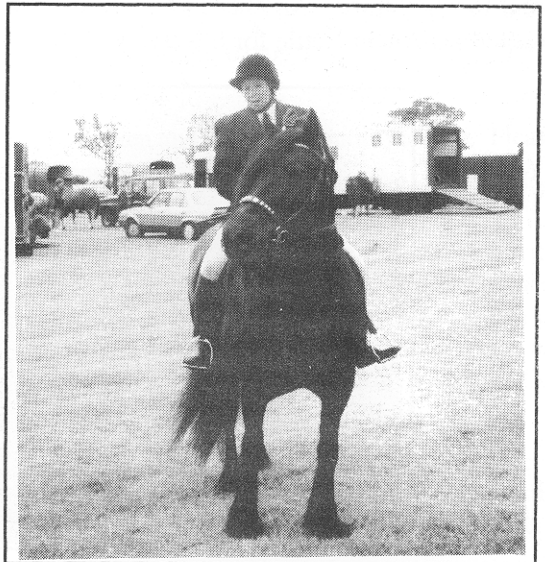
THE FIRST FOAL

*He seemed so small, indeed he was,
And that might be just because
He lay there by his mother's side,
He so small and she so wide.
He wakened in the morning sun,
He rolled, stood up, saw everyone,
All watching him, as he stood there,
He froze, looked back and gave a stare.
He thought "who's that?
"Whatever are they looking at?
"It can't be me, it must be Mum,
"Whatever has she gone and done?",
He stood stock still, upon that hill,
As they all took a look at him,
No doubt in mind their hearts he'd win.
Full of trust, affection, love,
Mum gave a gentle little shove,
The mare so strong, as black as coal,
And she so proud of her first foal!*

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Mrs. Audrey Spencer writes:-

I thought you might like to know of the achievement of my mare **Sleddale Ruth III** (commonly known as Bess). I've just started to take her to shows (with a push from friends). Last year she went in one only, this year she's been in three, earning three rosettes and a trophy at one show, also a place in the qualifier round to the Lincs and East Midlands Native Pony Association Autumn show. In all of the shows she has earned seven rosettes and the trophy. She is rising 14 and I'm 64 years old.



This is a photo of her at a show when she came 3rd in the most appealing pony

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Pam Moores writes this touching account of her time with Abigail of Phlox (15863), a Heltondale mare:

Abigail was bought as a 2 y.o. in 1974 and took a certain time to make up into a show-worthy animal. We were at shows at the same time as Mr. Vaughan from the Reading direction with a grey stallion - was the name Lunesdale Rupert?? I don't know now.

At most shows we were the only Fell and one judge in Surrey told me that if I wished to show I should sell Abigail and buy a black pony or there would be little chance!!

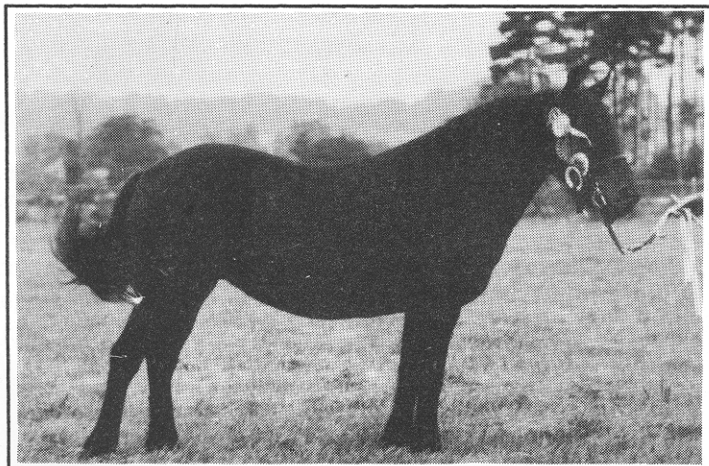
On her first ridden native class - the well-known Welsh judge admitted that she had never seen a Fell.

Eventually we were joined by Bassenbeck Jasper at the shows and Fells were starting to be recognised, even if rarely placed above the Welsh Cobs.

Through the shows, Ab acquitted herself well in showing, hacking and was borrowed by a young woman who used her for a sponsored ride after her 15.2 cob went lame. Ab jumped so large that the rider fell off and broke her hand, but they completed the ride!

I imagined that Abigail would go on for many years but this was not to be. Abigail and I were good friends - my mock whinny would be answered by her low wicker and an affectionate nip... a greeting which she afforded me as she lay waiting for her release.

And for the future? Another Fell pony, of course, as unfortunately although Abigail visited Dalemain Nettle for 6 weeks in 1980ish nothing ever came of it."



Abigail of Phlox (sire Heltondale Heather Lad dam Heltondale Dandy II) foaled in 1972 and pictured after her return from Dalemain Nettle.

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FELL BREEDERS' MEETING There will be a meeting of fell breeders on Thursday 21 November 1996 at the George Hotel, Orton at 8.00 pm.

THE AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Saturday 19th October 1996 at Lowther Parish Hall,
Hackthorpe, Penrith, commencing at 1.00 pm.
Refreshments available after the meeting.

AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
 2. Minutes of previous meeting
 3. Matters arising
 4. Secretary's Report
 5. Reports of delegates and Sub-committees
 6. Rachel's Testimonial
 7. Presentation of R. Bellas Cup for Breeder of Champion at Stallion Show.
 8. Members suggestions
 9. Any other business.
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18th Oct 1996 Annual Fell Pony Sales, Penrith
- 19th Oct 1996 Autumn General Meeting, Hackthorpe
- 25th Oct 1996 Barningham Show Supper Dance
- 27 Oct 1996 NCPA Cumbria Ponies UK, M & M Winter Ch. Qualifier show. In-hand, ridden, youngstock, foal classes at Barton Equestrian Centre, Nr. Preston. Contact Mrs. B. Hodgson, Tel. 015242 41428.
- 16 Nov 1996 Fell Pony Society Social Evening/Bufferet Dance
- 21 Nov 1996 FELL BREEDERS MEETING, George Hotel, Orton 8 pm.
- 10 May 1997 Stallion Show Dalemmain
- 6th July 1997 Windermere Fell Pony Show
- 2/3 Aug 1997 Breed Show - to be confirmed