

that had a compulsory canter with a little jump at the end of the section. I was determined Thomas could do this; I knew this and he knew this but he took some persuading. Eventually he went, - trot, fast trot and then BINGO we had canter. I was looking at the jump but Thomas had his sights set on something else - the judge. At first I didn't realise, I mean the judge was standing quite close to the jump and it was only as we got nearer that a sickly feeling came over me as I began to understand what was about to happen. "Get out of the way", I yelled. When I opened my eyes I thought we'd made it. It was only when I looked back and saw the judge climbing out of the bushes that I realised we wouldn't have missed if he hadn't moved! We didn't get placed that day, but as nobody actually got hurt, I didn't really care.

As the time moved on Thomas I began to understand each other and I found I could read his movements quite well. Although we had a fight every time I rode him, and I ate a lot of dirt while examining forest tracks, Thomas had another side to him. He loved children and novice riders. He would do anything for them, in fact when he had a child or novice on board he was a different animal; he was responsible, mature and most confusingly, he was very, very KIND. Because of Thomas' love of people he became a prime candidate for the Fell Pony tent. His claim to fame is that he spent a weekend in the tent at Lowther and he loved every minute of it - all those people fussing and feeding him - it was like being in heaven for Thomas.

Thomas and I spent many hours roaming the Lakeland Fells. He was quite happy to wander up and down fell tracks and looking back, I think that's when we were both happiest.

I gave up showing in the mid-eighties as no matter what I did, I couldn't win with Thomas. Other riders, however, had totally different success records with him. I moved over to horses and started to compete with them, which left Thomas at a bit of a loose end. I was surprised to find myself overrun with people begging and pleading to borrow Thomas for riding schools, private homes, children and other activities. He was loaned out to three different riding schools and was popular. Eventually he went to a private home on loan and again was a rip-roaring success.

It was at his last loan that he took ill and, after a short period, died at his home in November 1996. Thomas was my best friend and I will always think of him as my family. He is greatly missed but I am happy to have shared in his life. He taught me a great lesson in life and that is... You can take a Thomas to water but you can't make him drink!!

Stephen Adams
Hawkshead, Cumbria

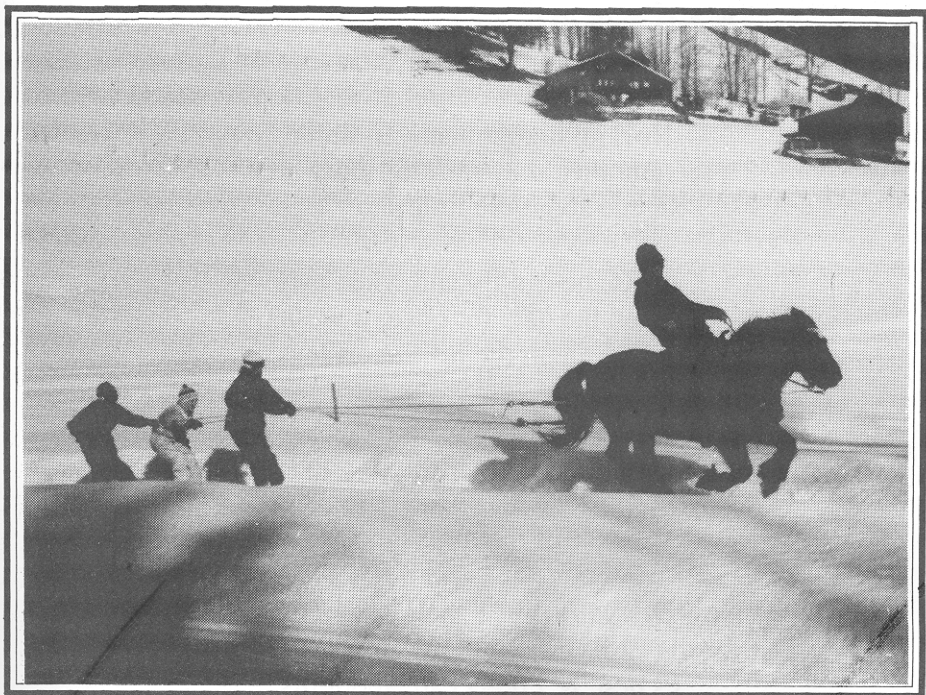
THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

The Christmas card competition closing date was already long gone by the time this entry arrived from Peter Moor in Switzerland, so sadly it could not be considered.

However, it is such an unusual and amusing photograph, it deserves a mention all of its own.

It features the gelding Greenfield Twinkle 5222 (sire: Adamthwaite Warrior, dam: Blake Beck Beauty), foaled in 1969. He is being ridden by Peter himself, whilst towing his grandchildren Sarah, Nils and Jan, who are all following behind on skis! From the smiles on the faces which can just be made out on the original photo, they are all having a whale of a time.

Needless to say, "Children, don't try this at home"!!



**Greenfield Twinkle in action in Gstaad, Switzerland
with the Moor family**

Little Short Legs
by Jo Ball

The perfect pony is yet to be foaled.
With Boris it nearly came right.
Shame about the little short legs.

He was sold to go driving
But he couldn't keep up.
Shame about the little short legs.

When working hunters fly bullfinch
& gate with style, so does he! But style?
Shame about the little short legs.

He'll go higher than you think,
But then they start the clock.
Shame about the little short legs.

At XC he can fly and when they
Timed the gate for once, it wasn't
Shame about the little short legs.

He doesn't 'do' dressage
When even the music is good
He sticks up his nose at extension
Because of the little short legs.

Now everyone thinks their pony's the best
But for me Boris the Bold, the Brave, the Beloved
IS best, & I don't care about his
Little short legs.

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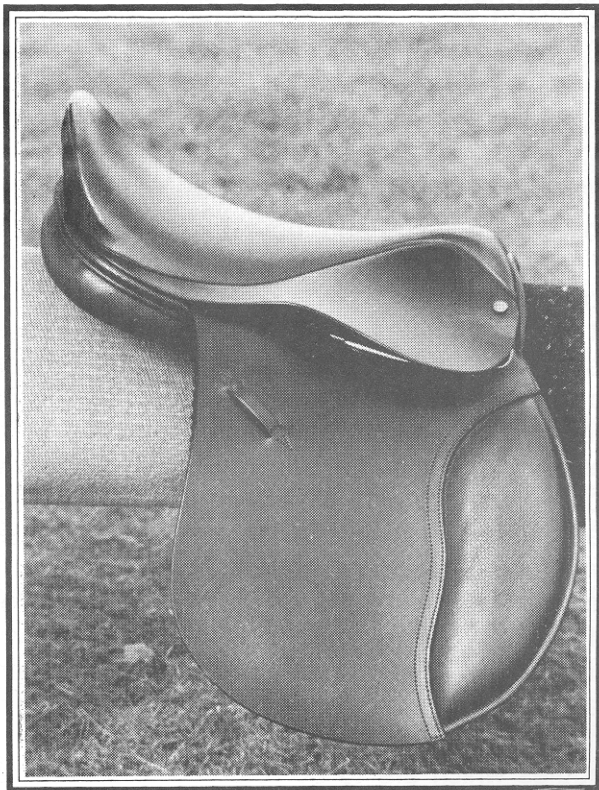
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THE PONY SADDLE COMPANY

by Heidi M Sands



For years I've slipped & slithered atop my Fell pony. No saddle we ever tried could minimise the rolling from side to side and either they were not wide enough for him or just too uncomfortable for me. The only thing that did come close was an extra wide Western saddle, but that is rather limiting when you want to do dressage, showing or to jump a little.

A brand new made-to-measure saddle was out of our financial reach and I thought we were doomed to "making do" for the rest of our days. All that changed though with one telephone call to Hayley Hyde Andrews of the Pony Saddle Company. To be honest I wasn't even sure about giving her a ring in response to the advert I'd seen in the FPS Autumn 1997 Newsletter. I didn't think anyone would be able to help me in the wilds of North East Scotland. I mean, who could possibly?

The Pony Saddle Company certainly did, with no problem at all. Their unique service is perfectly suited to accommodate far flung equines, particularly natives and all those "difficult to fit" ponies.

On my first 'phone call I was amazed to find such help. Measurements and fitting were discussed as were mine and the pony's requirements and "Yes" they had saddle to fit at a price I could afford, and better, more unbelievable than anything else, they would send me sample saddles to try at home, and with their guidance, to fit myself. The advice offered by Hayley Hyde Andrews is based on experience fitting ponies over many years and, boy, does she know a thing or two about the job! I came off the 'phone glowing; someone was going to saddle us properly at long last.

All that Hayley requires is that you send her measurements of your pony's back, a photo if possible and a cheque to cover the cost of the carrier, no matter how many saddles she sends for you to try. A better and more efficient service I challenge you to find.

Saddles duly arrived and along with Hayley's unparralled advice on the telephone, I was certain I would be able to fit and evaluate the sample saddles myself. A couple of 'phone calls to Hayley to double check I was on the right track, and we had the job in hand.

The saddles themselves are beautiful, not only to look at but to ride on. Comfortable and affordable, durable and made with the pony in mind, no sized down horse saddles here. All are perfect for the activity you have in mind, whether working hunter, humping, showing or general purpose.

Any saddles which are to be returned to Hayley, at the Pony Saddle Company, are collected by carrier, quickly and efficiently from your own home with Hayley herself making all the arrangements. Nothing is too much trouble for this unique company.

I would heartily recommend them to anyone looking for good service, saddles that not only fit well but are comfortable for horse & rider, as well as looking good, and at a price that won't break the bank.

Contact Hayley Hyde Andrews
of The Pony Saddle Company
on 01275 372693.

Heidi Sands is a member & breeder from Moray in Scotland. She has asked The Pony Saddle Company to give a donation to her own chosen charity, Fell Pony 2000, in return for her testimonial based on her personal experience.

Photo: Heidi M Sands.

J ANNE BUTLER - Sculptor

Raised in a long established northern English farming family, Anne soon developed an uncanny affinity with nature. Her extensive knowledge of and interest in country affairs and equine matters is reflected in the vibrant detail of her sculptures. This is no more apparent than in the Limited Edition Anne Butler Fell Pony Stallion which was so successfully launched at the Fell Pony Breed Show last year. Plans for a matching Mare and Foal figurine have unfortunately had to be put on hold due to Anne's recent accident. She can only offer her apologies for any delay and will deal with enquiries on a first come - first served basis.

Anne's versatility, whether in portraiture or animal sculpture, is acknowledged world-wide. A particular feature of Anne's art is the ability, with any edition, to paint each sculpture uniquely, often from a client's own photographs or instructions.

Artistically Anne was a late developer, returning to school as a mature student followed by art college paved the way to a new career. 1994 proved to be the turning point. The bold decision to pursue an independent career opened up a refreshing new lifestyle. Anne has been able to paint and sculpt subjects of her own choosing.

Anne researches her subject with meticulous care. The original is hand carved using dental tools in plastaline wax. Next a hard master copy is produced from a mould and this is then carefully scrutinised. Whatever final medium - porcelain, bronze, silver - is used, the basic steps are the same. The edition is limited in number before production starts, is cast and finished entirely by hand. Commissions and exclusive trophies are an increasingly important area of her work.

Capital investment in state-of-the-art packaging machinery ensures safe and prompt delivery anywhere in the world. Anne Butler sculptures are proudly owned by collectors in some 23 countries.

Anne travels a great deal to keep abreast of current trends and to further her research. Her next overseas venue will be at the International Arab Horse Association National Show in Lexington, Kentucky from 16th to 25th October.

Clients' comments and ideas are always appreciated and of great importance.

If you would like to register your interest in the Mare and Foal figurine, please contact her and you will be advised when it is available. Please note the address has recently changed:

Catlands Farm, Mealsgate, Cumbria, CA5 1DS
Tel: 016973 71347

Christmas is coming.....!

Some present suggestions from the FPS

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Close-up of Black Filly Foal enjoying summer sun £2.50 + 50p p&p

Also available at same price, in packs of 6 cards + envelope:

Heltondale Mare (blank card), **Grey Mare at a gate** (Christmas card)

Books:

Sadly J A Allen & Co (the Horseman's publishers) have discontinued all those breed series titles which don't sell in big volume - including **The Fell Pony**, by C. Richardson, which was the only complete history of the breed up to modern day available. There is no hope of a re-print. The Society's stock is now all sold out.

We do, however, have *limited* stocks of a paperback also called **The Fell Pony**, by C. Richardson, printed by Dalesman Books in 1981, which is fully illustrated with b/w photographs & line drawings. Once sold, it is doubtful we will be able to obtain further supplies. £2.50 + 50p p&p.

IN BRIEF.....

Details just received from the English Connemara Pony Society Ltd.

On 11 October starting at 10.30 am they are organising an Autumn Event at Warwickshire College of Agriculture, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire. It will feature:

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P.M. JANE HOLDERNESS RODDAM
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Both sessions will include live demonstrations on native ponies.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets: £5 for ECPS members, £7.50 for non-members available from The Secretary, ECPS, Woodlands St Mary Cottage, Woodlands St Mary, Lambourn, Berkshire, RG17 7SL. Tel: 01488 73313

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LANCHESTER SHOW - Classes this year cancelled due to lack of entries. For details of 1999 Fell classes contact Mrs C Cliffe on 0191 3734565.

TOMMY FP50731C (Heltondale Bellman V (ch. stallion 1997)/Heltondale Jewel III) black yearling colt for sale. Very well developed with plenty of bone. Well handled and friendly. £250 ONO. Mrs J Fenwick on 019467 25647 (Cumbria).

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Autumn General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 24th October 1998 at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, Cumbria at 1.00 pm. Tea will be available afterwards. Please forward any apologies to the Secretary by 22nd October at the latest.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Secretary's report.
5. Reports of Delegates and Sub-Committees.
6. Fell Pony 2000 report.
7. Drawing of Grand Raffle for the Fell Pony 2000 Survival Appeal.
8. Members' suggestions.
9. Any other business.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1998/1999

- 11 October** ECPS Autumn Event for Natives- details inside.
- 21 October** BHS Cumbria AGM 7pm for 7.30pm, Agriculture House, Penrith near BR station. Guest speaker Dr Knottenbelt will speak on the Fell Foal Mortality Syndrome. Non-BHS members welcome. Refreshments available. If attending please advise Miss Betty Walker on tel:017687 77202 to assist with catering numbers.
- 23 October** Annual Sale of Registered Fell Ponies, Penrith Auction Mart. Contact mart direct for entry forms on 01768 862323 & for catalogues (£1.50 inc p&p) available approx. 10 days beforehand. Apply to Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's, Agricultural Hall, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0DN. Overseas enquirers can fax: 00 44 1768 863962 for details if catalogue not available in time.
- 24 October** Autumn General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith at 1.00 pm.
- 7/8 November** British Equine Event, Stoneleigh.
- 1999**
- 15 May** Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Penrith.
- 7 August** Lowther Fell Pony Classes at Lowther HDT & Country Fair.
- 14 August** 30th Annual Breed Show, Brougham, Penrith.
- 2 October** Teach-In (Ridden) Demonstration at Greenlands Equestrian Centre, Carlisle. Details available in Spring 1999.

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