



NW Area Support Group

Just a quick reminder to everyone that NW Area FPS group is holding a Warm Up Show on the 21st April at Inglewood, Penrith and CUMBRIA FELL AND DALES is on 9th June this year. Schedules on the FPS website.

*With Thanks
Ellen and Hilary.*

This hunting season has been a good one for two Cumbrian Fell Ponies. 6-year-old Fell gelding, "TOMBOLA" owned and bred by FPS Member, Mrs Marian Arter from Stockdalewath and 7-year-old "WANSFELL SHEENA" have both had a super time hunting with the "Cumberland Farmers South" Hunt. Both ponies attended most mounted meets and are pictured at the Joint Meet of the Cumberland Farmers with the Cumberland Foxhounds, held at Blue Gate, Caldbeck, on Wednesday 25th January.

"Wansfell Sheena" (Heltondale Ted X Rusland Blossom) is in the foreground ridden by her owner, Mrs Ellen Jones of



Sparket Mill, and "Tombola" (Linnel Reynard X Heltondale Lucky Dip VIII) is behind ridden by owner/breeder, Mrs Marian Arter of Stockdalewath.



SW Area Support Group

The Area Support Group are running a Diamond Jubilee Native Pony Cornwall Show—Monday 4th June 2012, at Polgoda Riding Club, Goonhavern, near Truro, Cornwall, TR4 9HA. With extra Fell Pony class and Qualifier for the Inter-Area In-Hand Championship at the Fell Pony Southern Show. For more information contact Barbara Hall. Tel: 01872 580314.

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North East Area Support Group

The North East Area ended 2011 with a well attended pleasure ride in Hamsterley Forest (photo on page 47). On this occasion the weather stayed dry and bright while we rode on the safe tracks within the forest and had the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor picnic and a good chat when we returned to the car park. The Fell Pony Society president, Bob Charlton, honoured us with his company.

During the winter we have been planning a very busy schedule for 2012 which begins with the annual Sunday lunch with a guest speaker on 5th February. Equine dentist Tracey Hull is our 2012 guest speaker. In March we are holding a new event in the form of a 'Training Day' with FPS judge Peter Boustead. As numbers will be limited this is for North East members only. In May we will be holding our annual 'Fell & Highland Pony Camp' weekend at Linnel Wood. This continues to be a very popular event so please get your application form in early if you wish to attend.

We then move into the showing season and we will be sponsoring special Fell pony classes at Lanchester Show on 1st July and Hexham Native Horse & Pony Show on 22nd July. Please come and join us for a picnic lunch in the shade of the big trees on the show field at Linnel Wood. Our two North East Area qualifiers for the Inter-Area Competition to be held at the Southern Show in September 2012 will be held on 29th April at Richmond Equestrian Centre as part of the NPS Area 4 Spring Show and on 22nd July at Hexham Native Horse & Pony Show.

We have avoided planning anything during August because of the FPS 90th Anniversary International Convention. In my role as chairman of that committee I know there are many events to attend individually and with your ponies. The Native Pony Performance Trials will be held on 23rd September at Linnel Wood and the autumn pleasure ride is once again to be held in Hamsterley Forest on 7th October.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended or helped at one or more of our events during 2011. Please come and join in the fun during 2012. Further details and application forms / schedules will be displayed on the Fell Pony Society website at www.fellponysociety.org.uk as well as on my own website at www.rackwoodfellponies.co.uk as soon as they are available.

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Midlands East Area Support Group

The FPS Midlands East Support group run a range of activities throughout the year including socials, shows, rides and clinics. There is something for everyone - young or old, novice or expert. We run a performance points scheme with fantastic rosettes. The scheme includes categories for all types of activity - not just showing! Up to date details of forthcoming activities and past newsletters can be found on the area support group page of the main FPS website www.fellponysociety.org

Please contact Janet Copeland to request a membership form. If you would like any other details please ring your area representative or Denise Bumford on 01327 262959.

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Midlands West Area Support Group

In November 2011 we met at the home of Keith and Joan Dorman for our annual group meeting. During this meeting Karen Bennett's family and their pony, Ludworth Albion were the recipients of our new annual performance awards trophy given in the memory of the late Eileen Davies.

During this meeting another season of events were planned, which we hope, will appeal to all. Please note at the time of publication we have yet to confirm all of these dates and venues and these may be subject to change but our group newsletter will confirm most of these and contact telephone numbers are included below for anyone wishing to find out more.

April Sunday 22nd April 2012 ~ Saddle Fitting Talk & Demonstration. The group are pleased to announce that the Native Pony Saddle Company will be giving a talk and saddle fitting demonstration. This will be held at Oswestry Equestrian Centre, Shropshire, SY10 7HX who are very kindly allowing us to use their indoor school.

We are inviting Fell pony owners to bring their ponies plus tack to this event to discuss any issues concerned with saddle fitting. The talk will begin around mid day with a presentation followed by a live demonstration with our volunteer Fells, If you would like to attend this event with or without a pony could you please contact either Diane Key 01785 822723 (email diane@fellpony.me.uk) or Debbie Roberts-Jones on 01691 652843. Places may be limited so please



From left to right: Alyson Hurcombe (Group Performance Award Organiser), Karen Bennett (Winner of the Eileen Davies Annual Performance Trophy) , Anne Shuker (Group Chairman).

reserve a place early. There will be a small charge for attendance.

Sunday April 29th 2012 ~ Pleasure Ride on Cannock Chase. Once again Sandra Newcombe has kindly offered to organise a ride across Cannock Chase. Rosettes for all taking part in the ride. We really do need more Fells to take part in this annual event. If you are a Fell pony owner who has a friend who would like to accompany you with a non Fell pony on this ride, please feel welcome to attend. **Riders should have their own insurance.** The Ride will leave at 12.30 prompt. For more details please contact Sandra on 07947 708081.

Sunday June 17th 2012 ~ Fell Dales and Highland Pony Show at Bakewell Show Ground. We are pleased to announce that Mr Colin Turner will be

the Fell pony judge. For schedules and more details please contact Mary Longsdon on 01629 640709, Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1NN. Schedules will be available to download from our web site nearer to the event.

Sunday July 29th 2012 - 'The LEG IT' Midlands West Trotting Races (plus Adult & Children's Gymkhana) at The Yews Farm, Seighford, Stafford ST18 9PQ by kind permission of Mr and Mrs F C Waterfall. A great fun day for us and our ponies! For more information please telephone Diane Key 01785 822723 or email diane@fellpony.me.uk.

Sunday 21st October 2012 - Annual Luncheon at the home of Hugh and Elizabeth Marshall at Merefield, Oaks Green, Sudbury, (Near Uttoxeter), Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5HX with guest speaker, Fell Pony Photo Show, Pudding Competition and Fell Pony Society merchandise for sale. If you would like to attend this highly popular event please telephone Elizabeth Marshall on 01283 585358 **one week before as places are limited.**

Saturday November 17th 2012 in conjunction with the Midlands East FPSS Group - Talk given by Derek Knottenbelt OBE, BVM&S, DVMS, DipECEIM, MRCVS. We are very pleased to announce that Derek Knottenbelt will be giving our support groups a talk on Fell pony matters at the William Shrewsbury County Primary School, Burton-On-Trent. More details will be available from both groups nearer the date of the event. Entrance will be ticket only and not to be missed!!

TBA - Open Group meeting at the end of the season at the home of Keith and Joan Dorman.

There are other events in the process of being planned. For more information and details about the group please visit www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk

The Spring issue of Midlands West Group newsletter will be available shortly and if you have any sales or wants to be advertised FREE OF CHARGE please contact Diane Key on 01785 822723 or email diane@fellpony.me.uk

If you would like to join the Midlands West Fell Pony Support Group please note a change in membership secretary. Our new membership secretaries will be Mr and Mrs K. Dorman. If you would like to join our group please contact Mr & Mrs Dorman at Ash Tree Farm, Spend Lane, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AR. Telephone number 01335 350301. A membership form is available to download from our web site. Please send a £4 cheque made payable to the **Midlands West Fell Pony Society Support Group** with your name and address and if applicable email address details. If you would like a receipt please include a SAE.

Thank you for your support - new members with or without ponies are always very welcome.

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Scottish Area Support Group

The Scottish Area Group has had a successful 2011. Our Autumn Event in November was well attended and enjoyed by all—see report below.

We are in the process of getting dates for events that are being organised across Scotland in 2012. If you are interested please give one of the committee a ring or email on the numbers below.

Diary of events

Sunday 25th March - Spring Meeting (and AGM) Venue - Allankbank Hotel, Greenloaning - Lunch and a meeting / get together.

Northern Area - Contact Jacqueline Cheetham - Tel: 01346 541250 Email: fellponies@btinternet.com

Sunday 22 April - BBQ lunch and a talk by Heidi on 'Horses in Pictures'. - Moray Area

Sunday 20 May - Pleasure ride- Teindland Forest Trails near Elgin, Moray

Central Area - Contact Janice Boyd - Tel: 01475 792344 Email: knockamillie@live.co.uk

Date TBC - Stud Visit -

Date TBC - Pleasure ride in the Pentlands

Southern Area - Contact Alan Anderson - Tel: 01835 840619 Email: alananderson75@live.co.uk

Date TBC - Pleasure Ride / Get Together- Towford Farm, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire

Diane Meikle

Scottish Area Group Meeting

The Scottish area Fell pony group held their autumn meeting on the 6th November 2011 at the Buccleuch Arms Hotel, Moffat. A really good attendance of nearly 50 met for lunch at 1pm and then on to the meeting at 2 o'clock.

The meeting took the form of a panel of four speakers and the topic was 'The Fell Pony of The Future'. The speakers were: Sheila Brookes, a Highland pony breeder and past chairperson of the NPS and also a very experienced judge. Christine Robinson, Fell breeder and council member, spoke on the topic from her perspective as the vice Chairman of the society. Russell Sutcliffe, Fell breeder, past council member and very experienced judge, gave a very detailed insight into what we should be looking for in a Fell pony, emphasising the importance of movement, shoulder, and good length of front on a pony to enable it to excel as a ridden pony, as that is where the demand for most Fell ponies is coming from. Andrew Thorpe is a council member and also the owner of the largest remaining hill herd of ponies and he gave an insight into what it is he looks for in a pony and also stressed the importance of marketing ponies properly and the need for breeders to change the way they market their ponies. The speakers spoke for approximately 15-20 minutes each then the meeting was thrown open to questions.

The meeting was very ably chaired by Janice Boyd and a big vote of thanks is due to her, to all of the speakers who so kindly gave their time and passed on such wise advice, and also to the area committee for organising a very enjoyable event.

Ian Smith



An old photograph of a Fell pony class at Ireby Agricultural Show in the 1930s (?) lent by Mrs M Wilson, originally from Grace Teasdale of Longlands. Mr Eddie Wilson's father (Townend ponies) is wearing the dark cap; Johnnie Little's father (Guards ponies) and Rob Bellas' father (Moor ponies) are also in the lineup.



The Fell Pony Society 2012 - 90th Anniversary International Convention

When: From Saturday 11th August 2012 to Saturday 18th August 2012

Where: Venues on or close to the A66 which joins Cumbria and County Durham

Our aims are:

To safeguard the future of the Fell pony.

To highlight the remaining traditional Fell pony herds that still live on the Cumbrian fells and explain that they are currently under threat. To look at the more modern herds that are much smaller and are kept enclosed. To discuss how some Fell pony characteristics are changing because of where and how they are being kept and what they are now being used for.

To promote the versatility of the Fell pony as an all round family pony that can perform many tasks and be used by all members of a family. Demonstrations of riding, driving and working with native ponies as well as pony games and a pleasure ride that everyone with a Fell pony can join in.

To have the opportunity to meet the office staff and council members who work so hard to keep everything ticking along for all our benefits. A separate social afternoon and evening where you can get to know fellow enthusiasts and have an informal chat and enjoy some good Cumbrian food.

To raise money to fund the publication of a book to record the events of this '90th Anniversary International Convention' and all Fell pony prefixes and breeders in the United Kingdom during 2012. To look at current statistics on the breeding stock numbers and habitats and to highlight the possible impact this will have on the future of the Fell pony and its breed characteristics such as the hardiness to survive the harshest of weather conditions and the thriftiness to live and in fact do well, on very little forage.

To enjoy eight days of Fell pony indulgence!

*90th Anniversary International Convention 2012 Committee
Eileen Walker (Chairman), Katherine Wilkinson (Treasurer), Fleur Hallam, Sue Millard, Colin Roberts, Christine Robinson, Claire Simpson.*

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Stands, Children's Entertainment.**

The programme of events will be finalised soon and then will be displayed on the FPS website. Some activities and venues will have limited space so admittance will be by ticket only. Application forms will provide full details on how to obtain tickets.

Saturday 11th August

Fell Pony Society Breed Show at Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith.

Sunday 12th August

Social afternoon to include guest speaker, afternoon tea and a raffle, to be held at Murton Village Hall, just off the A66 at Appleby.

Monday 13th August

Pony Activity Day to include riding and driving demonstrations during the morning and pony games during the afternoon, to be held at Newton Rigg College, just off the A66 past Penrith.

Tuesday 14th August

Fell Pony Society Office Open Day to include an 8-10 mile pleasure ride, a 3-4 mile walk and a BBQ in the garden. Great Asby near Appleby.
Lunesdale Show at Kirkby Lonsdale with Fell pony classes.

Wednesday 15th August

Murthwaite Fell Pony Stud and Bybeck Fell Pony Stud Visits.

Thursday 16th August

Brough Show with Fell pony classes.

Friday 17th August

Rackwood Fell Pony Stud Visit

Saturday 18th August

Appleby Show with Fell pony classes.
Grand finale social evening with entertainment, food and an auction of gifts - venue to be confirmed.

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Semi-Feral Herds

The Fell Pony has been threatened with extinction more than once, and not that long ago. Since then, the road to recovery has been a bit of a bumpy ride, so it is probably a good thing these ponies are surefooted! Over the last 10 years alone, while they have enjoyed popularity at times, they have also been adversely affected by a variety of issues. Some of these factors have targeted the Fells especially hard, like Foal Immunodeficiency Syndrome (formerly known as Fell Foal Syndrome). Other factors devastated Cumbrian farmers -- and therefore also the local economy where most Fells are bred, like the Foot and Mouth disease outbreak (affecting Fells indirectly). And of course most recently there has been the global economic recession, which severely affected the horse industry as a whole. New livestock transport rules, rising fuel and feed costs, and increased registration costs with new “passport” requirements have further escalated costs. All of this is unfortunately coupled with a dwindling population of hill breeders. In some cases this may be due to an ageing population of these breeders, with no younger family members to replace them; loss of grazing rights on the fell commons; and/or economic concerns. There have been times when Fells have surged in popularity and ponies could be raised and sold by farmers for a decent price, and other times when one could “fill up a lorry with Fell ponies for 50 pounds”. Of course, those hill breeders that we are fortunate to still have with us have continued breeding through thick and



Semi-feral Fell mare and foal from Murthwaite herd, temporarily in a farm enclosure for breeding. The vast tracts of common land on the Howgill fells – their native heath where they will soon return– are seen towering above the fell gate behind them.

thin, often as a labour of love, when the cost of rearing a foal may exceed the best sales price. After all, for many of these breeders, raising Fell ponies is part of a family heritage that has gone on for many decades, if not many generations, too. The semi-feral Fell pony, which has roamed the Lakeland fells for hundreds if not thousands of years, should also be considered an important part of national heritage, and a national treasure. And yet, all things considered, one may wonder if the ponies’ wildest days are over? That is, can the semi-feral herds be preserved?

Conservation Status

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust (www.rbst.org.uk) in the UK maintains a “Watchlist” for native breeds, and the Fell Pony has jumped around a bit on that list, too, due to factors already mentioned. According to RBST’s Watchlist: *“Placement of a breed within Watchlist categories may not be defined only by registered breeding female population size (the numeric thresholds serve as a guideline). Population genetics and current trends in breed density and distribution are also included in making assessments of endangerment.”* Within the last ten years, the Fell was considered “Vulnerable” (Category 3/ 500-900 breeding females). The status was then downgraded because of FIS (then known as Fell Foal Syndrome) to “Endangered” (Category 2 / 300-500 breeding females). More recently, however, the status was upgraded to “At Risk” (Category 4/ 900-1500 breeding females). This is unfortunate as 1) it implies there are 900-1500 Fell females being actively used for breeding, which is apparently not the case (based on number of foals registered); 2) a large percentage of the global population of Fells is geographically-concentrated, which could pose an added threat to the population as a whole in the event of a national disaster, 3) the FIS mutation has been found in up to 50% of Fell ponies tested thus far, and (like it or not) may influence breeders’ decisions on whether or not to use a potentially large number of ponies for breeding; and 4) despite the “upgrade” in conservation status, the number of hill-bred, semi-feral Fell ponies registered each year – consistently less than 150

– implies the number of semi-feral mares used for breeding remain within the “Critical” range (Category 1 /less than 300 breeding females). Furthermore, the total number of Fell ponies born globally in the most recent years suggests the number of mares used for breeding (or successful breeding) is currently within the “Endangered” Category range, with less than 500 foals born globally each year.

Semi-Feral Herds

At present, there are 22 semi-feral Fell herds recognized by the FPS Council, including Bracklinn, Bybeck, Dalefoot, Dalehead, Dalewin, Drybarrows, Foggy Gill, Greenholme, Hades Hill, Heltondale, Huntsmans, Lockholme, Lownthwaite, Lunesdale, Murthwaite, Peepings, Rundales, Sleddale, Stennerskeugh, Townend, Wansfell, and Wellbrow. Unfortunately some of these herds are no longer actively breeding. Other herds, believed to have been semi-feral at one time but which stopped breeding during the past few decades, or in some cases as recently as the past few years, include: Tebay, Lune Valley, Askham Gate, Adamthwaite, Bluecaster, Bowderdale, Brafell, Breatherdale, Cautley, Crossfell, Gaisgill, High Fawes, Laithes, Low Haygarth, Ravenstonedale, Roundthwaite, Sprintghyll, Stouphill and Twislehope. Others, like Brackenbank—although still very actively breeding—no longer have fell grazing rights. Birkett Bank is also an old prefix that once referred to a semi-feral herd: the prefix was recently “resurrected” by a family member, but they do not have fell grazing rights.**

What are “Semi-feral” Fell ponies?

These are semi-wild ponies which roam freely on the open fell commons “above the fell gate”, where the hills are unenclosed and are grazed under rights held by local farmers and others. In Cumbria, which has the largest area of common land in England, farmers adjoining the fell common land often own grazing rights (or “rights of pasture”) to graze so many horses, so many cattle, so many sheep, etc. The common land itself, however, is owned by the Lord of the Manor, who owns the land but may or may not own any grazing rights. Stallions are no longer allowed on common land because there are mixed herds present (not to mention public footpaths, etc.) Semi-feral Fell herds may thus have access to grazing upon thousands of acres, where they usually fend for themselves most of the year. The ponies are typically rounded up each spring, returning to the farm for about 6 weeks for foaling and breeding to a stallion (selected by the breeder).

Numbers of Fells registered

The approximate numbers of Fells registered and bred from semi-feral herds are shown in the table (following page). This table also includes the total number of foals registered with FPS and NFPS in recent years (with data courtesy of FPS and NFPS). The vast majority of those foals registered in the FPS Stud Book are bred within the UK, rather than overseas.

One may also observe declining UK foal registrations in the mid- to late-1990’s, which incidentally is one of the things that prompted the initial investigation into the foal syndrome. Additionally, one may note that

current (2011) FPS foal registrations are at a level comparable to 2004, and total global number of registrations are comparable to 2003, when the Fell was classified as *Endangered*. Hopefully this is just another bump in the road, but with the global economic outlook not so bright, one has to wonder what the future holds. For most people, ponies are a luxury item, and in difficult economic times they may have to be one of the first things to go, or at best they may not be reproduced. The same thing happened after the World Wars, when tractors replaced them on farms, and they nearly went extinct. It was the leisure and sporting industry, when times were better, that gave them a new lease on life. Hopefully such a demand will continue through tough times. Furthermore, a small but steady demand for Fells as working ponies (light draft work, deerstalking, etc.) may also provide another helpful buffer to this situation. What will help guarantee the future of the Fell Pony in general, is a continued demand, and fortunately for the Fell Pony in general, “There will always be a demand for a good horse [or pony!]” But what about the Semi-feral ponies?

Beyond the “numbers games” with Watchlist categories, and difficult economic times affecting most breeders today, as noted previously a major threat facing Fell ponies is loss of hill breeders raising the upland herds. Most of these ponies are, after all, *semi-feral*, and thus someone has to be responsible for managing them. *Someone* has to have access to the vast tracts of common land in their native fell habitat, so that the ponies can roam freely. The indigenous, semi-feral herds are critical in survival of the

Year	Semi-feral UK (approximate)++	Total UK/Overseas (FPS Stud Book) (Includes Semiferal)	Netherlands (NFPS Stud Book)	Grand Total Global Fell Registrations (FPS and NFPS Studbooks)
2011	128*+	383*+	25**	408*
2010	136+	409+	45**	454
2009	146	475+	6**	540
2008	146	468+	64**	532
2007	148	426+	67**	493
2006	135	400+	76**	476
2005	143	375+	82**	457
2004x	147	387+	86**	473x
2003	121	330+	77**	407
2002	123	306+	61**	367
2001	104	277+	62**	339
2000	99	272+	42**	314
1999	110	254	31**	285
1998	106	269	14**	283
1997	125	280	14**	294
1994	111	288	-	288
1990	125	242	-	242
1984	62	150	-	150

+ Data supplied FPS (includes Section X)

*Estimated - may not include late foal registrations, if any.

**Data from NFPS (includes Section X) (Remainder of data tallied from FPS Stud Books)

X The year passports became compulsory in UK (thus likely fewer unregistered ponies beginning 2004 onwards. This change may at least partially account for the apparent spike in registrations in 2004.)

++Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morland, Mrs. Christine Morton, and the Fell Pony Society for their help in identifying prefixes of semi-feral herds, particularly those that are no longer active.

breed as a whole, particularly when considering hardiness and important other traits which the habitat itself helps to reinforce and preserve. A number of other non-semi-feral herds are also maintained on the rugged fellsides or “upland” hills (> 650 ft. A.S.L.), without direct access to the open fell commons, such as Waverhead and Guards. Such herds are also very valuable in ensuring that hardiness and other traits breed true.

Incentives for Semi-Feral Breeders

So, what else can be done to help preserve these precious herds? Encourage hill breeders and their families to continue, and develop additional economic incentives (when possible) to continue breeding, Upland hill farmers without current fell grazing rights may also be at an economic disadvantage compared to those with access to extensive grazing opportunities (and thus lower feed costs). Thus (ideally) improving or increasing access to those hill farmers with suitable herds, wherever possible, may help maintain or even increase the semi-feral population in the long-term. In addition, perhaps it would be useful, for conservation purposes, for the FPS to identify semi-feral ponies directly via the registration number - e.g., with a suffix “s” (for “ semi-feral”), similar to what is done to identify the semi-feral Welsh Mountain Pony (Sect. A), with this status being cancelled if the pony leaves its native heath. And finally, encourage putting semi-feral ponies to work, while still keeping them semi-feral, which in turn could increase the *demand* for semi-feral Fell ponies. How is that possible? By

encouraging the use of Fell ponies in Conservation Grazing programs.

Conservation Grazing

In recent years, there has been a big push in nature preserves and parks all over the UK and elsewhere for conservation grazing, which is a way of managing the land that encourages desirable plants and wildlife. Grazing animals such as horses/ponies, cattle, and sheep are used to reduce or remove grasses, scrub, and other undesirable plants to benefit wildlife, their habitats and the landscape. To this end, local/native breeds may be favored since they are specially adapted to the local environment and available (often lower quality) feed, are more resilient to climatic stress, and are more resistant to local parasites and diseases. And what could be better-suited than ponies that have grazed there forever? In addition to the Fell Pony, the British Isles is home to a treasure trove of unique pony breeds, all specially adapted and roaming freely in the regions after which they are named, including the Exmoor, the New Forest, and the Welsh Mountain Pony, among others. Unfortunately, despite these ponies’ vast native expertise and credentials, in many parts of the UK, some folks have determined that there are other ponies better-suited for particular local jobs. These ponies include the primitive Polish Konik (imported from Holland), which is essentially a man-made reproduction of the extinct European Tarpan. Better-suited . . .really? If it was so well-suited, then why did the Tarpan go extinct in the first place? And why didn’t these Koniks or other Tarpan-like horses find their own niche

in Britain way back when, when all of these other breeds so perfectly adapted themselves? But these ponies reportedly do effectively and selectively graze the specific plants that are not wanted, which is a primary focus of conservation grazing after all. Still, it is a concern that a “foreign” animal is brought in to do conservation work for which a native breed may be perfectly-adapted, because sometimes if one brings in something foreign, it can become invasive . . . i.e., If they become more popular for use in conservation, could these breeding herds eventually outnumber the local native semi-feral ponies or displace them from their native habitat? In any case, there are now Koniks living freely and grazing in Yorkshire at Blacktoft Sands, (not too far from native Fell herds) and a variety of other preserves in the UK. According to Mr. Pete Short, Humber Reserves Site Manager at the RSPB (Royal Society for Protection of Birds), they chose the Koniks for their program there “because the advantages are that –

- they graze a wide range of fen vegetation,
- do not tend to suffer from laminates [sic] (as they manage their diet),
- have very hard hoofs that require very little trimming (some sites have had no need for foot trimming in seven years),
- will graze into wet areas and reedbeds,
- tend to heal many wounds without treatment,
- are very placid but still retain their distance from people (something



Cold-hardy Fells: Lownthwaite Orange Blossom and Brackenbank Poppy were reared in semi-feral herds in Cumbria, and although they have since lived for many years on an upland farm in Pennsylvania, they do not seem to have lost any of their native hardiness. Each winter, like the rest of the herd, they “grow their own blankets” which are so well-insulated the snow doesn’t easily melt on their backs, and they rarely if ever use available manmade shelters.

even I was amazed at when I first helped at a foot trimming session)

- tend not suffer from worms when grazed extensively
- Are extremely hardy and able to survive down to minus 40 deg. centigrade
- Can be kept on site all year round.”

It is unclear to this author how the above requirements would not be met by a typical hill-bred Fell, which also happens to be quite accustomed to the boggy ground that exists in the Lake District. This is nothing against the Koniks - they seem to be very hardy and useful ponies that merit conservation in their own right, but

shouldn't the rare native breeds be prioritized in conservation?

Meanwhile critically-endangered Eriskay ponies have been added to a Cumbrian Grazing Program just recently as well. In addition, another rare English breed from the south—the Exmoor pony, which is currently classified as “vulnerable”—is being used quite successfully and extensively in conservation grazing. In fact, according to Juliet Rogers of the Moorland Mouse Trust, there are approximately 130 Exmoors currently used in conservation grazing in the north east and Cumbria at more than a dozen sites.¹ That is roughly 5% of the world's population of Exmoors now located in northern England ... where they also may be putting some local Fells out of a potential job! Again, this is nothing against Exmoors which should certainly be a priority in conservation, too. With the “vast, inhospitable fells” and more, there are probably more than enough grazing projects in the UK to go around for all of these rare breeds. But the point is that conservation grazing offers a useful local niche which semi-feral Fell ponies might also readily fill.

The Fell pony is ideally suited for conservation grazing in a wide range of grazing situations. According to the Grazing Advice Partnership Breed Profiles Handbook, the Fell pony has been “hardly used in conservation” programs but is “likely to prove extremely useful”. Exceptionally hardy, thrifty, intelligent, adaptable, and surefooted, it thrives on rough grazing in both lowland and upland, exposed habitats.² But for some reason, many Fell breeders have not been

particularly interested in conservation grazing programs to date.³ Perhaps partly because the fell commons are somewhat of a “giant grazing project” anyway, with these ponies, along with sheep and cattle, helping maintain the fells in their present state? But it is probably more complicated than that, including the logistics of moving semi-feral ponies from site to site. (One must realize that some grazing “jobs” are seasonal or temporary with rotational grazing involving various livestock.) In any case, this is a missed opportunity for these ponies, and it is a little disconcerting to think there could soon be more Exmoor ponies (and Koniks?) roaming northern England than semi-feral Fell ponies ...

Ideally, the various conservation societies of native breeds in the UK, including birds, ponies, etc., will pool



Laurelhighland Athena browsing. Fells readily adapt when their favourite sweet grass is in short supply.

available UK resources and developed a unified conservation plan that would mutually benefit rare and endangered native species. This should include incorporating semi-feral *native* ponies into their own regional conservation grazing programs, and such use should be *prioritized* over other foreign rare or exotic breeds also in need of global conservation. Indeed, no matter what “experts” say, according to Mother Nature the local native ponies are most qualified for the job! Having adequate grazing land also helps to lessen the labor and cost of livestock production, whether ponies are on the fells or in other parks and sanctuaries, and these grazing opportunities may thus also provide a demand for ponies as well as a helpful economic incentive to Fell breeders. Semi-feral ponies may fare better with such projects at public sites (to keep a safe distance from visitors), rather than the tamer, more “cheeky” variety (which might tend to poke their nosey noses too often into visitors’ picnic baskets!) Such conservation projects would also give these ponies a “job” while allowing them to remain semi-feral! In addition, tourists and other nature lovers visiting these parks, even if they came to see birds or other wildlife, would also be able to witness herds of native ponies helping to maintain nesting grounds of native birds, etc. This would be very educational and a great promotion for all the breeds involved—a win-win situation!

Wildest Days Yet To Come

Native Fell ponies, and especially the hill-bred ponies and semi-feral herds, are a national heritage, and an invaluable, core component of the

global Fell population. Hopefully these herds can be maintained and continue to roam freely one way or another -- through the stewardship of native hill breeders, and perhaps through development of opportunities in conservation grazing. With concerted effort, the breed, and the semi-wild ponies we all cherish, can be preserved.

MJG

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Learning with Fells 2012

The 'Learning With Fells' project continued with success in 2011, with those taking part thoroughly enjoying the experience. We are extremely grateful to all those who 'hosted' the various events and also to their families and friends who helped out on these fascinating days, resulting in vital knowledge being passed on to the next generation. We plan to repeat the scheme in 2012; any of our younger members, age 10-18, wishing to take part, please contact the office as soon as possible. To assist with travelling expenses, £50 is payable to participants who have taken part in at least two sessions. This is paid from a fund generously set up by Mary Dodd and Christine Robinson, in memory of Henderson Dodd.

Mary Longsdon

Laura Wilson

Throughout the year I have taken part in Learning with Fells, where I have been given the opportunity to visit Fell pony studs and Fell pony breeders, Tommy Capstick (Murthwaite Stud), Bill Potter (Greenholme Stud), Barry Mallinson (Hardendale Stud) and Colin Roberts (Bybeck Stud).

The first visit was to Murthwaite, on the 25th of June. We got to look around Tommy's mares and foals out in the fields, then he showed us how to serve a mare in hand. After lunch we went up onto the fell, to look for the ponies. Unfortunately the weather wasn't very kind and visibility was low, but we did manage to find a couple of ponies out on the fell, and despite the weather we had a very enjoyable day.

Our next visit was to Bill Potter's, where we got the ponies in from the fields, and watched them be micro-chipped, and helped choose names beginning with the letter 'F' which was harder than it sounds! In the afternoon we went out on to the fell on quads to look for the ponies. We travelled for miles on to the fells, and just as we were giving up hope of finding them, we did. They looked magnificent on such a beautiful day in their natural environment. We also got to look at some of his young stallions which was lovely to see, and Bill told us some very interesting stories about his experiences with Fell ponies.

On the 20th of August I visited the Mallinsons. We were shown around their yard, and introduced to their ponies. We were shown how to long rein and had a go at doing it ourselves which was very helpful, and were talked through the process of breaking pony into ride and drive which was very interesting. We got to look at wide range of tack and talked through the different uses for the different bits. In the afternoon the girls put on a show, and showed us the Fell ponies jumping which I loved to see, and Tracey talked to us about the preparation they do for showing.

Our last visit was to Colin Roberts. We went out on to the fell in the morning to look for the ponies and went for miles looking for them and found them in the bottom of a valley. It was lovely to see them in the native state, untouched. We looked at foals he had bought at the breed sale and he showed and explained to us how he went about halter breaking them which was very useful.

I would like to thank all the breeders and their families for making us very welcome, and taking time out to show us around, and tell us their views and pointers on Fell ponies, and thank you to the Fell Pony Society for organising the days. I really enjoyed it and learnt a lot.

Allie Slack

The reason I applied to 'Learning with Fells' was to experience how the breeders handled and managed a semi-feral herd compared to my domesticated ponies. My first visit in June was to the Murthwaite Stud, while waiting for the rain to ease off, Tommy showed us some old docking and ratchet equipment, which was used before it was made illegal, which I found very interesting. When venturing up the hills in such extreme conditions, I understood how the breeders need to know the fells like the back of their hand, because of the possibility of getting lost. The knowledge of the fells is vital to the Fell pony and the breeder. Horizontal rain and fog couldn't stop the day from being wonderful.

My second visit in July to the Greenholme Stud happened to be sunny, which made the scenery that much more enjoyable. It was amazing to see how the foals were microchipped in a semi-wild herd; I learnt that to manage a herd of this size you need teamwork to move the ponies to the place you want them to end up. When out on the open fell, I noticed that Bill has a keen eye for detail within the landscape; noticing deer, lizards and a leveret - all important to the fell, as the ponies themselves. The scenery from the top of the fell and being able to see over to the Howgills was incredible.

On my third visit in August was to Hardendale Stud. First Barry and Tracey showed us the conformation of each pony and the difference between a Welsh, a Dales and a Fell. What I noticed is that every Fell owner looks for different features to suit what they need it to do, whether for a riding, showing or family prospect. Barry and Tracey showed us how they start off young ponies into driving and that its important to work at the pony's speed and to always end on a positive note. I enjoyed long reining, as I had done it before with my own gelding but it was interesting to see the equipment that they used and the methods.

My final visit in October was to Bybeck stud, where we went up onto the fell on the quads to search for the Fell ponies to find they were sheltering wisely in the valley below. Being able to see the Fell ponies in a semi-feral herd was interesting; to watch the behaviour and the noble character they possess to survive in such surroundings. I enjoyed seeing the foals from the sales; I was surprised about the difference in growth, temperament and conformation of foals with different sires.

At home I've noticed the difference in my two that came off the fell that have a natural instinct to paw through the snow and are calmer characters than the others. This project has taught me a lot and has been a wonderful experience, it has taught me a lot about my ponies and their home, The Cumbrian Fells. The Fell pony isn't a Fell pony without the Cumbrian people and the fells; it's what makes these ponies so special. I would urge anyone to take part in this project, as I have found it utterly rewarding and worthwhile. I would like to thank everyone involved for your wonderful hospitality and willingness to give your time towards this project. And please can I do it all again.

Fenella Walsh

In July 2011, I visited the Greenholme Fell Pony Stud in Cumbria as part of the learning with Fells scheme. I was interested in it because I wanted to learn more about how the young Fells were brought up and because my pony, Greenholme Wanderer, had originated from there. I wanted to see where he had spent the first year of his life.

We arrived at the farm in the morning and were introduced to each other, then waited at the back for the Fell ponies to come up from the fields. Bill and his grandson pushed the Fell mothers and their foals up the fields using quad bikes, looking as if they were enjoying themselves. We watched patiently, until a massive stallion came up first followed by 7 or 8 mares and their foals. It was quite spectacular. As soon as they galloped up, 1 or 2 mares were sectioned off and their foals followed into a small enclosed area. The foals were eager to stay near their mothers, but one by one, they were separated into a small dark room to get their injections. They weren't particularly calm but there wasn't any major problem, and the vet got them done very efficiently. We then moved back out and joined with the vet and Bill to sort out the ponies' names. We learnt that every year, the ponies name has to start with a different letter. This year was F and we had a great time going through possible names for the ponies. A few names suggested were 'Fancy That,' 'Fiona,' 'Fuchsia,' and 'Freddie.' We then had a ride around the fells on a quad bike, each with our own guide which was around 1 hour long. We were taught how big the land was that the ponies lived on, how many there were and the seasons that the ponies were born. Behind a hill, we also saw 3 Fell ponies in their natural habitat.

I think this scheme is very useful for the long term good of our Fell ponies because we learn about the possible diseases that could affect them, and also how important it is that they stay in their natural habitat for as long as possible.

Due to school commitments I could only make the one date and I had a lovely time and I am very grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Potter and their family to let me and others have this experience.

Thank you.

Eden-Antony Marshall (Edenmarsh Fell ponies)

I first learnt of the Learning With Fells programme, when talking to Eileen Walker, and quickly put my name on the list. Our first stud visit was at the Murthwaite stud. Due to the adverse weather conditions we were unable to go up on to the fell to see the ponies in their natural habitat. So the day was spent around the yard where Mr Capstick gave us some objects to guess what they were. Some of these items I would not have seen as they are probably unused now. We also got to see some of the ponies that were in the field near the farm. The second visit was at the Greenholme stud. On this visit we got to go up onto the fell. The day was spent rounding up the foals to microchip them as the vet was visiting the same day, and as the only boy I was getting the next pony ready while the girls were naming them for the passports. Oh and we had the job of rounding the runaway goats back into the pen.

The third visit was at the Hardendale stud. Here I got the chance to long rein a pony that was being broken in. We also had a demonstration of how versatile the Fell pony can be from jumping to barrel weaving. We were shown different kinds of bits and tack. I was also told what Mr Mallinson looks for from a judge's perspective in a Fell pony. Whilst there I found out that Mr Mallinson also had a foal by the same stallion as my foal this year.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the last course which was at the Bybeck stud but hopefully I can make that next year if there is space. Overall I have enjoyed the chance to enhance my knowledge of the Fell pony. I would strongly recommend this course to anyone who has the chance to do it. I would definitely do it again if I had the chance. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of it.



Mrs Eileen Walker's Rackwood Amos, Supreme Foal Champion at the NPS Area 4 Foal and Youngstock Show which was held at Selby in November 2011.

Photo, Sally P Coles

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Simone Albrecht took her stallion Townend Valiant to the Bundespferdefestival in September 2011. The Festival included breeding classes for Fell Pony mares and stallions.

Valiant was awarded a Bundes Hengst Praemie, with a grading summary of 8.0.



Overseas Branch News: Fell Pony Society of North America

Members of the Fell Pony Society of North America, Inc. (FPSNA) had another busy year with their Fell Ponies in 2011. FPSNA promotional exhibits included Vermont's Everything Equine 2011, where Chanhassen Farm's Lunesdale Mercury helped to introduce many new people to the breed. In addition, DreamHayven Farm's Littletree Bodini and Lunesdale White Heather returned for a second season at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Wisconsin. Bodini later starred in the month-long production of Nutcracker on Horseback at the Noble Horse Theatre of Chicago, Illinois. And finally, the Equine Affaire in West Springfield, Massachusetts was the site of the largest Fell pony contingent to date at this type of event in North America.

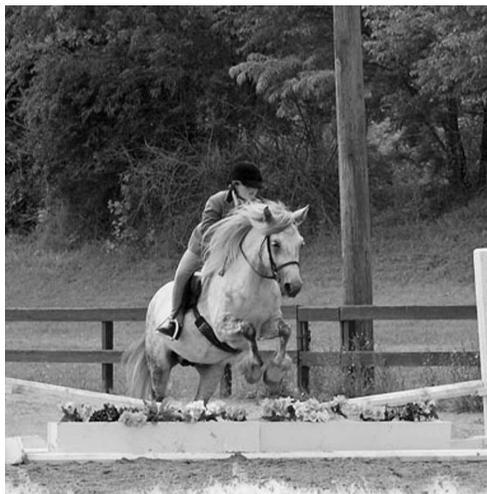
Nine ponies attended and participated in the demo as well as barn and breed exhibits, including Applebyfair Maximus, Brackenbank Romany's Prince, Hinter,



Fell Pony stallion Hinter, performing at Equine Affaire in Massachusetts with Jessica Viveiros Donnell (Photo courtesy of MJ Gould-Earley)

Laurelhighland Blossom, Blossoms Lady Liberty, Laurelhighland Jake, Laurelhighland Rambler, Lunesdale Mountain Heather, and Stonecreek Lily. The ponies were shown under saddle, in harness, and in hand. It takes a great deal of effort (and in some cases long travel distances) to participate in these events, and we sincerely appreciate the efforts of our members to promote this great breed.

Competitions across North America also brought Fell ponies into the limelight with the help of our new FPSNA Performance Premium & Awards Program 2011. This also served as the first ever North American Fell Pony Championships in which most if not all Fell owners in North America could realistically participate (despite great distances between us) if they wished. Our new and improved awards program was off to a great start in 2011, with 15 ponies enrolled across North America. In our Performance Division, many ponies successfully competed in both open and Mountain & Moorland competitions from coast to coast. We also had entries in our Handy Pony Division, earning points both as ambassadors and working ponies. We are pleased to announce the 2011 Supreme Champion is Laurelhighland Sapphire, owned and handled/ridden by 11-year-old Miss Lauren Earley (Laurel Highland Farm). Reserve Supreme Champion went to Lunesdale Rock Rose, owned by Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley and handled/ridden by 9-year-old Miss Janelle Earley (Laurel Highland Farm). Laurelhighland Sapphire also won the Ridden Performance Grand Championship, In-Hand Grand Championship, Born in North America High Point Performance Championship, in



*FPSNA's 2011 Supreme Champion
Laurelhighland Sapphire, owned and
ridden by Miss Lauren Earley (Photo
courtesy of MJ Gould-Earley)*



*Littletree Born Supremacy—Training
Level Champion at National Dressage
Pony Cup—owned and ridden by
Allison Wolff (Photo courtesy of
Allison Wolff)*

addition to other awards. Please see the following for all the results and our North American Fell Ponies of the Year. Congratulations to all.

The USDF All-Breeds Awards Program for Fell Ponies was once again sponsored by FPSNA. This year's winner was Laurelhighland Victor, ridden and owned by Lisa Lindholm, who won the Training Level Fell Pony Championship (see *next page*). Other members' ponies competing this year included Hinter, Laurelhighland Rambler, and Littletree Born Supremacy.

In addition, several Mountain & Moorland competitions with UK judges were sponsored by FPSNA. These included the Pacific Coast Classic in California and the Eastern National Show in New York. The ponies also successfully competed in a variety of other open classes as well, mostly against Welsh and Connemaras in some very tough classes (flat and over fences, and in hand).

FPSNA once again sponsored the National Dressage Pony in Lexington, Kentucky, where Training level Champion and First Level Reserve Champion were awarded to Allison Wolff and Littletree Born Supremacy. In addition, FPSNA sponsored other classes, such as a pony class at Northwoods Dressage in Wisconsin.

Results from all these competitions can be seen in full at :

<http://www.fpsna.org/awards/PPA2011Results.pdf>

FPSNA was pleased to publish in 2011 the 10th volume (10th year) of The Fell Pony Express, FPSNA's biannual news magazine. This is circulated both in North America and abroad and we enjoy hearing from our readers overseas.

We are looking forward to another busy and productive year in 2012.

*Best Wishes,
The FPSNA Council
www.fpsna.org*



Overseas News: Laurelhighland Victor

I would like to share with my FPS friends how much fun I have had with both of my ponies this year. Laurelhighland Victor and I worked hard at Training Level Dressage and hit the show circuit with the goal of winning the All Breeds Award, which we accomplished. Our trainer Keri continued to recuperate over the summer from a broken arm and kept us going with lessons. Due to her injury, we decided to wait to do First Level in summer of 2012. Victor is schooling Second Level now and I will be training First Level for next year. My big goal for next year is to do a First Level Freestyle on Victor. We just recently had Terry Ciotti Gallo choreograph and design our First Level Freestyle test, and we are excited to practice it this winter. Terry did a wonderful job and has choreographed freestyle for the likes of Debbie McDonald and Brentina, as well as, Steffen Peters and Ravel. You can imagine how excited we are to go out and do our dance. The music is really cute for a Fell Pony. It's Celtic and fits Victor's personality to a T.

Laurelhighland Frivolity, a.k.a. Lettie, has been my trail pony this fall and has gained so much confidence as we explore the woods. She is SO brave. We usually have to go out by ourselves, so she has really impressed me by how willing she is to trust me and get through the scary moments. I recently bought an Australian saddle and I absolutely love it. I would recommend it to anyone for trail riding. They are much lighter than western saddles and have a higher cantle. This winter I plan to keep riding her in the snow. She is so much fun and very trustworthy. As I've said before, she is like a loyal dog...follows me everywhere when I do chores and will even walk away from her breakfast to stay with me while I get things done. She is an absolute doll and her personality is the epitome of what we love about Fell Ponies.

I will keep everyone informed on how Victor and I do with our Freestyle this summer.

We wish all of our overseas Fell Pony friends and your lovely Fell Ponies a blessed and happy New Year.



Lisa, Victor and Lettie



Overseas Branch News: Belgium

Like 2010 also 2011 proved to be a year that made it very difficult to get any activities going. I spent more time on building a network that hopefully makes it possible to lead the way for organising a show in 2012 or 2013. I have at the moment some difficulty in keeping track where the Fells all went and who are the people who still own one or two Fells. My list keeps getting shorter.

I visited the Dutch shows in an effort to meet as much breeders as possible. Sadly the numbers are decreasing.

I keep hoping that in the near future things will get better, and it will be possible to have a show again.

*Kind Regards,
Mia Aerdt*



Overseas Branch News: Dansk Fell Pony Forening

The first weekend in September, we attended the biggest national equestrian event. The event is from Friday to Sunday and all kind of breeds attended. There were 24 Fell ponies judged that weekend, and the Danish Fell Pony Forening had a show with 20 riding and driving ponies. The theme of the show was "Sherlock Holmes." The Fell Pony got lot of attention in the stables from people passing by, and there was always a Fell Pony person around to tell about the breed.

The second weekend in October, we had the pleasure of having FPS Judge Penny Randell judging our annual Show for the Dansk Fell Pony Forening. There were 18 Fell Ponies at the show, and 35 people having a great time the whole weekend. As the year before, we had both breeding and riding classes; both were exciting and lots of fun.

Coming up is the winter Mountain and Moorland show in March and we hope, as in the previous M&M shows, that the Fell Pony will be well represented there.

Best regards, Iben T Simonsen, Member of the show committee of the Dansk Fell Pony Forening.



Going Native—Long Rides for Charity in 2012

Over the years, numerous people have asked if they could join me on a long ride. I've never understood why anyone would want to (they obviously don't know me well enough!), but prompted by the death this January of Sue Gill, former secretary of Cumbria Bridleways Society, who cared as passionately as I do about Fell ponies and historic routes, I've decided it's time to give it a go.

Between May and September 2012 I'm organising a series of rides around Cumbria. One will be the week after the international convention, and dates for others to be confirmed soon. Anyone on a Fell pony is welcome to join me, in return for a donation to Cancer Research. As well as raising money for charity, the idea is to have fun riding the packhorse trails, Roman roads, drove routes and passes which Fell ponies have used for many centuries. By using these routes, we can help keep them open, and what better way to enjoy Fell ponies than doing with them precisely what they were born and bred to do, in their native area?



Routes will vary between one and five days, with overnight accommodation (which you will have to pay for) usually at farmhouse B&Bs. Anyone who wants to join in can do so for however long they want - a day, or several days, depending what takes your fancy. Numbers will be limited to a maximum of 4 riders/day. I have spare ponies which I'm happy to lend to competent riders if you don't have one fit for the job. Anyone who'd like to be involved or join in but doesn't want to ride is welcome to meet us for a picnic lunch or at the pub in the evening.

Think fun, congenial company (others', not mine!), and a memorable experience for a worthwhile cause riding through spectacular countryside at a leisurely pace. For further details see the Going Native section of www.ride-for-research.org, ring Vyv Wood-Gee on 01576 300485, or email vyv.wood-gee@virgin.net.

Vyv Wood-Gee



Peers Clough Sponsored Ride

Mary Towneley Loop 10th Anniversary Weds 25th July - Sunday 29th July 2012

2012 sees the 10th anniversary of the Mary Towneley Loop, the first section of the Pennine Bridleway to be opened for riders, cyclists and walkers. To commemorate this milestone Peers Clough Packhorses and Peers Clough Farm are organising a sponsored charity ride around the 48 miles of the Loop. Those who have experienced this trail will understand the vision and commitment of Mary, Lady Towneley, in whose honour it is named, and the affection we at Peers Clough Farm feel for our stunning landscape and the visitors it has brought us. Using our wonderful locally bred Wellbrow Fell ponies we are offering riding slots for riders to come and join us for a length of time that they feel comfortable with e.g. from 1 to 3 hours.

We are riding over 5 days. So far we have 25 riders booked to join us on the ride, with just a few slots left. Everyone will be riding for approx 2 hours, varying between experienced riders and novices, so it will be lovely to share the MTL with them. We are now taking 4 of our Wellbrow fells, and Chris, Cia and Suzy will be walking, so we are in training for that, and will get our own sponsors too, raising money for 5 designated charities: Rossendale Hospice, Rossendale Rubicon, World Horse Welfare, Rossendale and Pendle Search and Rescue, Children in Need.

We invite riders to raise their own sponsorship to be divided between the above charities, or alternatively, if unable to ride, you can sponsor one of the ponies. There will be a £10 booking fee per rider to cover the ponies' expenses for the ride, drinks and picnics as appropriate.

All riders must be over the age of 13, and be realistic about their riding ability and fitness. Riders will be responsible for getting to and from pick-up/ drop-off points at the correct times, and for the comfort, safety and appropriateness of their clothing. We will follow our normal code of practice which is available on our website www.peerscloughpackhorses.co.uk

Riders will be accompanied at all times by qualified and friendly guides. Come and have fun and celebrate with us!

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People and Ponies: Lunesdale Oberon

Susan Don has had a terrific season with her 12 year old ride and drive Fell pony Lunesdale Oberon (S. Lunesdale Mountain Mist, D. Lunesdale Fey), also known as Henry after his grand sire Lunesdale Henry.

In 2003 Susan was asked if she would be interested in taking Henry on a 3 year loan by his owners, Deb & Brian De La Haye, who had bought him as a foal at the annual Fell pony and M&M sale at Penrith, but were moving to America due to work commitments.

Susan went to see Henry, who had just been lightly broken to drive by Andrew May, so he knew the basics but needed miles on the clock. Susan started slowly with local drives and grass roots events, followed by some indoor events before tackling the Newcomers class at Scottish Carriage Driving Association events.

With three years experience behind them the pair progressed to their first national driving event at Castle Kennedy. Susan was conscious that she only had Henry on a three year loan, and was dreading the time that she would have to give him up, but the owners had been keeping a close eye on the results pages of the driving websites and decided Henry would be better staying with Susan, as they didn't have time to drive him and Deb wanted a larger horse to ride.

The parties came to an agreement that Susan would find Deb a suitable horse to replace Henry and they would do a swap, so this is what happened and the ownership of Henry was turned over to Susan in 2006.

This season the pair has finished 2nd in the open pony SCDA points league and 3rd in the BHDTA (British Horse Driving Trials) points league. They also qualified for and competed at the National Carriage Driving Trials at Windsor Park where they were thrilled to finish 6th in the Open pony class.

Susan is very grateful to friends who were able to offer accommodation in their caravan at Windsor so that they didn't have to take 2 vehicles on the very long journey from Fife, enabling Susan and her husband and groom Brian to share the driving.

Photo in Colour Section



National Horse Driving Trials

We never set out during the driving season to qualify for the National Horse Driving Trials championships at Windsor, so there was nobody more surprised than us when we actually did.

The next question was, did we really want to take Mouse (Tynebank Danny Boy) and Pudding (unregistered) all the way down there when in reality we weren't experienced enough to give it a really good shot?

We discussed the finances and the logistics of getting there from Cumbria, and after pleading for some unpaid leave from work it was settled: we were Windsor bound!

The next problem was that my two beautiful Fell ponies were already starting to turn their coats, and I'd been reliably informed that it could be as much as 10 degrees warmer down in Berkshire, and so I decided that I'd better clip them a bib each to try and keep them cooler, as there would be two vet checks on the marathon, the usual half way check and an additional finish check, and I didn't want them to fail either!

We set off at 3am on Wednesday morning, and arrived at 10am. We stopped twice for coffees and water, and the boys travelled no problem at all. We got there and got set up, no mean task: caravan awning put up, wagon unloaded, boys settled. The sun was shining and it was lovely and warm. The next day we drove on the exercise route, through Windsor park, and it was absolutely stunning. It was so beautiful with the deer running wild, the big stags with their massive antlers, and the trees were full of cockatiels. Someone said they breed from ones that have escaped in the past. The sun was so warm we felt like we were in another country, and we said if that was the end of the weekend there and then it would have still been worth it!

Friday was dressage day, well I was just so pleased to be there, I felt like I'd already won. I wanted to gallop them into the arena, come to a sliding halt at X and shout at the top of my voice, "These are my two Fells Pudding and Mouse and we are so happy to be here!" However I thought better of it and instead did my test with a stupid grin on my face. I was amazed at how well we did, 4th. Everyone else in our class had Welsh or Welsh crosses. It was like being at a Welsh pony show.

We spent the afternoon walking the hazards, all eight, and all very similar, apart from one with a wooden humpback bridge that you crossed several times. I said to Dug, "I really can't wait to do this hazard as I think my two will just gallop over it, especially Pudding as he is so brave. He will go anywhere and do anything, and he'll just pull Mouse over with him, not a problem."

There was a champagne reception that night and we had great fun, seeing all the professionals, but no one told us there was a briefing so we missed it! Things went from bad to worse. We slept in the next morning (I blame the champers),

and didn't realise the hazards closed early, and so we couldn't walk them again. AARRGGHHH disaster. Neither of us knew where we were going. Oh well we could just enjoy the scenery. The hazards were awful but I was still looking forward to the bridge. Pudding took one look at the bridge and was like, "You must be joking!" I could not believe it – Mouse, bless his heart, was trying to drag Pudding over! We had to walk virtually the whole hazard and then to top it off in the last hazard I hit it with my carriage-pole and bent the end!

We passed the vetting but he did say Mouse's heart-rate was up quite a bit, so we had to wait 10 minutes. It was tested again and was fine. On the way back to the wagon we got the giggles and could not stop laughing at our day's antics. We hosed the boys down and let them dry in the sun, had a few pear ciders with some friends who had come to support us and then disaster struck again. We came to put Mouse in the wagon and he could hardly walk! It took a while to find anything wrong but when I moved his feather on his near side back leg I saw it – about an inch wide right around the top of his heel, he'd rubbed all the skin off and it was raw and weeping. Oh I felt so bad. I'd put some new boots on him and they'd rubbed him red raw. I got the vet immediately, who gave him pain killers and some cream to rub on and said that, thankfully, it was only cosmetic, and probably his heart rate had been high because of the pain.

We couldn't finish the competition the next day which would have been the cone driving, but we had the most amazing time at Windsor and learned such a lot. We had great fun and most importantly I was so very proud of my Fell ponies flying the flag for their breed.

Jackie and Dug Parkinson, Melmerby, Cumbria

Below, Vyv Wood-Gee's late Linnel Lancer "taking a rare breather on top of the Devil's Beef Tub, above Moffat, when we were moving house by horsepower."





Windsor Horse Rangers

Windsor Horse Rangers is a children's charity which caters for approximately 160 children over the course of the weekend. The children are aged between eight and eighteen. There are four sessions over the weekend, the seniors (aged 10 - 18) start at 8.30 am until 1 pm then the juniors (aged 8 - 10) come in from 1.30 pm until 4.30 pm, both Saturday and Sunday. The children pay a donation each month which just covers our costs for running the farm, feed, hay/straw, farrier, vets and so on. We are a uniformed organisation and run on a military ranking basis. All of the adults that come along and teach at the weekend are volunteers, giving their time and expertise.

The children are taught all about looking after the horses and ponies. They have to go to the field and catch their mount, they have to groom and tack up, they have to muck out, poo pick the fields and do all of the other jobs that need doing with a yard full of horses. Most of the children love it, and only a few do not. This is why we offer a four week trial, the children will know by then if they are going to like being out in the cold and up to their knees in mud! After the four weeks they are enrolled and put into a company. There are four in each section. Then they ride every other week. The week they are not riding they will be doing their theory.

Every child works to a syllabus. The juniors have their junior tenderfoot, then there is the senior tenderfoot, bronze, silver and golden spur. The latter is very advanced. Each section is in three parts which are stable management, the practical part; riding; and theory. Once completed the children earn a badge for their uniform which is presented to them on our Awards Day in the summer. We also offer the children to attend various camps in the school holidays.

We own our own farm of fourteen and a half acres. At the moment we have eighteen horses/ponies and Frank the donkey. Our animals range from the ancient Shetland (40+) to the 17.3 hh shire cross, with several different shapes and sizes in between.

In the past we have been lucky enough to have two Fell ponies donated to us by none other than H M The Queen. They have been good to us, always honest and reliable with huge personalities. The oldest, Peter, is still going strong and a very firm favourite with everyone. Recently we have found that as our herd are mainly old timers we are in desperate need of some new horses and ponies to help our oldies with their work load, ideally a pony that has seen a bit of life. They do most of their work at the weekend, so it is almost like a semi retirement for them.

We are always at a full capacity and have a waiting list of approximately three years. If you think you could help please do contact me at giddyup.yeeha@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07970816397. We offer a lifelong good home. All of our animals are vaccinated, regularly wormed; we have an excellent vet, farrier and dentist. Have a look at our website www.windsor-horse-rangers.org.uk We think we offer a completely unique service to all sorts of children who do not otherwise have the chance of the 'horsy' experience.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our work.

Major Sue Denham-Gallagher
giddyup.yeeha@yahoo.co.uk



Horse Agility

Being non-competitive by nature, I am always looking for enjoyable things to do with my Fell ponies.

The spring/summer of 2011 was spent doing horse agility with Midtown Monty and Murthwaite Jethro - there are competitions, even one every month on-line, (thehorseagilityclub.com) - but I go to the training days mostly for the fun, food and chatter. It does however give you a very good relationship with your pony on the ground. It gets them listening to you and used to all manner of scary things, which can only be of benefit when it comes to riding/driving.



Then, being of an age when 'Champion the Wonderhorse' was the best television ever, I couldn't resist the 'Trick Training' week-end, held at our local Agricultural College.

Canadian Jackie Johnson (www.stunthorse.com) flew over to the UK, having started teaching her horses to do tricks during the long, cold, snowy winters at home, when riding them was not an option. Horses of every shape and size attended, and there were even some fatter than Jethro.

We learnt tricks, such as the bow, lie down, sit up, yes/no, smile, all at our own pace, firstly from the ground and then mounted. Having my Fell pony doing a crude Spanish walk, still makes me smile inside and out.

Jethro wasn't keen to learn the rear. It takes far too much energy, and I have no intention of executing it mounted!

Adele Norman, Devon

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Llancloudy Gabriel

Jules Jordan is looking forward to campaigning her ten year old stallion, Llancloudy Gabriel (s. Castle Hill Prince II, d. Heltondale Daisy IV), in HOYS and Olympia classes this year. Jules bought Gabriel at seven months old from the Feakins family to become her foundation Fell stallion and he has had an exceptional showing career over the years; including taking the ridden championship and reserve supreme at the Dorset Fell Pony Show; and qualifying for the NPS Peasedown Intermediate and Horsequest Grand Prix in very few outings last season.

For a change of routine Jules has taken Gabriel out hunting with the South Downs Bloodhounds this winter. She reports that Gabriel has thoroughly enjoyed it and has really found his gallop, travelling faster than he ever has before...and he has been so well behaved that the Huntsman asked why Jules hadn't brought her stallion!

Gabriel has four foals due this year in addition to progeny standing at stud in the US and Australia.

It's lovely to see a stallion out enjoying life and showing the versatility of the breed. Good Luck to Jules and Gabriel in their 2012 campaign.



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Ponies Past : Linnel Lancer, May 1986 – April 2011



Lancer, affectionately known as PB (Pea Brain) was in many ways the less than perfect Fell pony. He had sweet itch, until the age of five he was a rig, he never outgrew the habit of rearing in company or when he got excited, and by maturity he'd grown over height. But his tremendous presence, stamina, character and good looks impressed upon everyone just how remarkable Fell ponies are. What Lancer and I loved best was riding over the hills and far away, each year exploring a different part of Britain together, clocking up many thousands of miles and even more happy memories. At 20 Lancer rode with me from John O'Groats to Lands End. At the end of any ride he could always be relied upon to be just as fresh and keen as at the beginning. We broke Lancer to drive at 9. Admittedly timing going through traffic

lights and level crossings always presented challenges, but how many other Fell ponies have pulled a gypsy caravan from Lancashire to Lanark, driven right through the middle of Carlisle in rush-hour or moved house for a family of four? During his stints at RDA, Lancer brought great pleasure to the disabled children and adults for whom he behaved impeccably. I never, ever, regret having bought him. How privileged I am to have shared 23 years with him. And how grateful I am that when his huge heart eventually failed last year, the end of his life was mercifully swift. His body is buried in the corner of the field, but his spirit will ride with me forever, over the hills and far away.

Vyv Wood-Gee



Ponies Past: Heltondale Sparkler IV 1988—2011



Bred by the late Sarge Noble of Heltondale Stud's "Sparkler" bloodline (Heltondale Black Prince III x Heltondale Sparkler II) and born semi-wild on the fells of Cumbria, Sparkler was exported as a proven mare to Canada. There for a time Sparkler enjoyed life in the company of Raiseburn Lettie II, her second daughter, before being resold to American breeder Victoria Tollman in 1999. Sparkler was the lead mare and undisputed "boss" at BroughHill. Though a bit coarse in head, she had lots of bone, brawn and bold trot,

coupled with a very sensible and kind temperament. She consistently produced better than herself and all told she produced five fillies and one colt - four under the BroughHill prefix - before retiring and spending the rest of her days freely in the hill pastures. Sparkler did later mother an orphan warmblood colt for a neighbor who lost the dam during foaling. The well-bred colt, at one month, was nearly as big as she, but Sparkler had no trouble keeping the rowdy youngster in line. Sparkler is buried on the highest hill in the largest pasture on our farm with a magnificent view of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina. She and her filly foal BroughHill Rebecca are featured in a photo made into the Equus Survival Trust's logo, (www.Equus-Survival-Trust.org) ... and so Sparkler will inspire the conservation of the endangered breeds for years to come.

Victoria Tollman, BroughHill Fell Ponies, North Carolina, USA



Fell Pony Demonstrations at the World Sheepdog Trials



Above: Christine Robinson with Linnel Doublet as a pack pony; below, Kath Savage and Thomas Capstick with Murthwaite Sako .308 ready to demonstrate the use of a drag cart.



The World Sheepdog Trials were held at Lowther Park, near Penrith, Cumbria in September 2011 and the Fell Pony Society was invited to provide a display. It demonstrated the use and versatility of Fell ponies throughout the ages, from military use, and the work of the farmers and tradesmen of Cumberland and Westmorland, to the present day ride and drive pony.

The commentary was written by Clive Richardson, a past honorary secretary/treasurer of the Fell Pony Society and a successful exhibitor of native ponies and Jacob sheep. He is on a number of judges' panels and has written three previous books on Fell ponies and many magazine articles on native breeds.

Unfortunately the weather conditions were awful in the lead up to the event, and torrential rain and strong winds reduced the County Festival side of the Trials to the 2 days of the weekend instead of the planned 4 days. The original marquee blew down and was so badly damaged it had to be replaced! At the request of the organisers due to the condition of the ground the number of ponies taking part also had to be reduced. Stabling was provided by the organisers next to the on-site TV studio so the ponies had to be quiet whilst the programme was broadcast live.

The following people and ponies braved the elements to put on an impressive display:

Mike Rawlinson and Greenholme Morning Mist - Private Driving

Thomas Capstick, Kathryn Savage and Murthwaite Sako.308 - Drag cart

David Wilkinson and Brackenbank Romany - Shepherd

Megan Wilkinson and Wellbrow Abby - Roman Soldier

Courtney Savage and Bracklinn Bertie - Modern ridden pony

Melissa Brennand and Brackenbank Rosanna - Modern ridden pony

Hilary Fell and Hadrian - Dorothy Wordsworth

Christine Robinson and Linnel Doublet - Pack Pony

Commemorative rosettes were kindly presented to all those who took part, and to those who offered to but couldn't.

Mary Longsdon, Jane Glass and the Brunskill family manned the sales and publicity stand which despite the weather was busy with visitors; they were accompanied in the marquee by a mare & foal owned by Mike Rawlinson.

Katherine Wilkinson

'In early summer when the sheep clipping season was at its height, long strings of Fell ponies laden with bulky wool sacks would have been a common sight as they traversed the green roads or 'trods' across the fells.

'When not required for shepherding many ponies were used for carting manure out to the fields, or for hay-timing, ploughing and other tasks around the farm, and it was said that there was no job that a good Fell could not do.'

Right: David Wilkinson and

and Brackenbank Romany. 'In snowy weather the shepherd would often carry a shovel strapped to the back of the saddle to dig marooned sheep out of snow drifts, and sometimes the pony might be required to carry a sheep down from the fell on the front of the saddle so a calm sensible temperament was essential.'

Below: Megan Wilkinson and Wellbrow Abby, as Roman soldier; Hilary Fell and Hadrian, as Dorothy Wordsworth.





The FPS Sales List

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The Sales list has 5 sections:

Section 1—Foals, Yearlings and Two Year Olds.

Section 2—Three and Four Year Olds

Section 3—Five Years and Over

Section 4—Stud adverts (may not contain listings of individual ponies for sale)

Section 5—Ponies Wanted

Please forward the completed form together with a cheque payable to 'The Fell Pony Society' to:

FPS Sales List

FPS Office

Ion House

Great Asby

Appleby

Cumbria

CA16 6HD

To advertise Ponies

The application form for listing ponies for sale is available on the FPS web site:

<http://www.fellponysociety.org/forms/SalesListApplicationForm.htm>

A payment of £10 per listing/pony is required. Details will be included and remain on the list for a maximum period of three months.

There is a special rate for studs who wish to advertise for a whole year - reducing the cost from £40 (4 x three-month adverts at £10 each) to just £30 for the whole year if the ad is paid for in one go.

Advertisements over 3 months old (12 in the case of special-rate stud ads) will be removed and archived if not renewed.

Photos may be included in posted listings in the sales list by emailing JPG/JPEG to the FPS Office.

Please let the Office know when a pony is sold and its listing can be removed.

On the Web or in print

The Sales List can be accessed on the Fell Pony Society's Web Site (www.fellponysociety.org/sales_list.htm). The list is updated on a regular basis, so the online version is the most current one; if you don't have access to the Web at home, you could use a computer at the local library.

A printed copy is available on receipt of £3 + SAE but remember, it is only a snapshot of the list at the time it is posted out to you.

Enquiries to FPS Office: Tel 01768 353100, address as above.

e-mail: fellponysocietysecretary@hotmail.co.uk



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Submissions for the Magazine

Photographs

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Text

We would like informative articles to be around 1500 words. If your article will be longer than this please get in touch and discuss it before sending. We can be flexible, but your submission may have to be cut to fit the Magazine's content into 100 pages or less. Pony news pieces should be about 400 words, usually with one good photo, and obituaries are likely to be limited to half a page.

Please double-check facts before sending, especially names.

There are very specific settings for the Magazine text which keep its "look" consistent, so please don't spend time on special layouts or fonts, because they won't fit and I will just remove them.

In particular, don't use tabs to create columns of show results, because they do not translate into the Magazine's shape and size. Simply list the items, one entry per line, in a normal page of text. I will apply column formatting, if it's needed. An Excel spreadsheet is equally acceptable. Don't include show entry numbers; they are meaningless in the Magazine. Show results often have to be curtailed to the first four placings.

If your copy is important, please SEND IT TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE DEADLINE: 1st September and 1st February. The Magazine must be put together, which can be 5 or more days' work, and then proof-read and any amendments made before it goes to the printers, and their turnaround also has to be factored in before the Office can envelope and post the Magazine in time for you to receive your Notice and Agenda three weeks before any FPS General Meeting. Copy that delays this timetable will not be included. Our regular Magazine contributors, fortunately, are very good—thank you!

Submissions for the Web

Small images are all that are needed for the FPS Photo Gallery or the Sales List. Maximum size 800 pixels wide.

Please indicate whether photos are meant for the Magazine or the web site—they are unlikely to be used in both.

Sue Millard
Magazine and Web site Editor
(contact details on page 3)

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CLOTHING (with FPS logo)

	PRICE	P&P	TOTAL
Reversible Showerproof Fleece Lined Jacket	£26.00	£3.00	£29.00
Reversible Waterproof Waistcoat	£24.00	£3.00	£27.00
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Hoody	£22.00	£2.50	£24.50
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Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Child)	£14.00	£2.50	£16.50
Polo Shirt (Adult)	£15.00	£2.50	£17.50
Polo Shirt (Child)	£12.00	£2.50	£14.50
T Shirt (Child)	£10.00	£2.50	£12.50
Fleece Waistcoat (Adult)	£22.00	£2.50	£24.50
Fleece Waistcoat (Child)	£16.00	£2.50	£18.50
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The Fell Pony (by Clive Richardson)	£7.50	£2.00	£9.50
British Horse & Pony Breeds	£18.99	£3.01	£22.00
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Spirit of the Fell Pony	£4.99	£1.01	£6.00
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Cutlery Sets	£3.00	£1.00	£4.00

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