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The Fell Pony Society Guard of Honour for HM The Queen's 90th Birthday at Windsor Castle, July 2016

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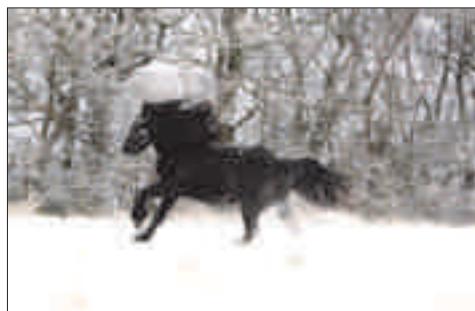
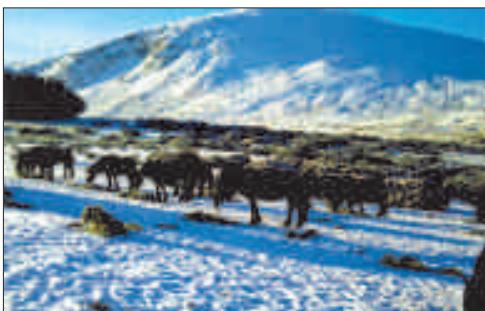


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Advance Notice of Dates for 2016-2017

2016

- 29 Oct—FPS Annual Show and Sale,
NW Auctions, Kendal
13 Nov, 11am—Foal and Youngstock
Show, Newton Rigg, Nr Penrith,
CA11 0AH.

Please check the FPS website for
confirmation of dates.

2017

- 1 Jan—FPS Membership due for
renewal
1 Feb—FPS Magazine deadline
1 April—AGM, Orton
20 May—Stallion Show, Dalemain
11 June—South Cumbria Show
6 August—Breed Show, Dalemain
10 Sept—Southern Show
Sept TBA—Performance Trials
28 Oct—Annual Show and Sale



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Editorial

Only a brief note this time round. My driving gelding Mr T (Tebay Tommy) was PTS this morning at the age of 29. Although he kept condition well up to last winter, he became very stiff behind with arthritis this year and also lost some teeth. Even on good going through the summer in his loan home near Millom he continued to lose weight, so we decided not to make him face another winter.

I am getting this issue of the magazine together in the run-up to an operation to replace my arthritic right hip, so I hope the medical team have taken note that I am not short of either teeth or condition.

Sue



Letters to the Editor

I would like to tell you about our Fell Lass who was officially 40 on 1st May 2016.

Lass, or Greenholme Feather, is still going strong despite the weather and she spends her time with fellow Fells Gypsy of Browedge who is 29 this year and Heltondale Dainty (one of the foundation mares of the Murthwaites), 25 this year. Despite her age Lass is still looking a picture and won the veterans' show at Bury aged 38.

We would love people to meet her, but now distance travel is a bit beyond her and therefore no more Fell shows.



The lovely drawing is by Julia Mitchell from rough sketches.

Best Wishes,

Anthony Stephens & Katharyn McVicker, Tottington, Bury

Patron's Lunch

We were very proud and privileged to represent the Fell Pony Society at the Patron's lunch on the Mall in London on the 12th June. It was a fantastic day, with a lovely hamper full of delightful food and drink, for lunch and afternoon tea. We were very lucky to be seated at the top of the Mall near the stage, where we had a great view of the Queen and all the royal family.

The entertainment for the day was amazing, it was a day to remember despite the torrential rain. Thank you to those responsible for the privilege. We really did have a great time.

Ian and Sue Brunskill, Hynholme Fell Ponies



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Autumn 2016

Our very sincere thanks to H.M. The Queen for so kindly inviting us all to a very special and unique ‘Birthday Party’ at Windsor. My thanks also for so much willing help in organising the event and especially to all of you who brought ponies. They looked lovely and, considering we were all tackling a new venture, behaved remarkably well!

One noticeable point was the fantastic atmosphere of the weekend, positively bubbling with happiness and excitement! A great advert for the Breed and The Fell Pony Society at its very best.

Another event on our calendar is the ‘Auction of Promises and Gifts’ with supper at The Stoneybeck Inn on Saturday October 15th at 7pm. Any gifts and ideas will be really welcome. Tickets (limited to 100) are available from the office, at £12.50. Meanwhile it ‘promises’ to be a really great evening.

See you there.

Mary



Letters to the Editor (continued)

FPS Breeders Award

I was interested to see in the report of the 2015 Drybarrows Breeders Award that 59 different studs took part, which is great. A Breeders trophy is a fantastic idea, but my concern is that the present points structure actually restricts the realistic chance of winning to a mere handful of studs, as it rewards quantity not quality. The studs that are regularly producing the most foals every year are always going to win, irrespective of the quality of these ponies. Is that right? We should reflect on the fact that this trophy was presented in memory of Chris Thompson, with a lifetime’s interest in the breed as a breeder, whose primary focus was to breed quality ponies, many of which have had a lasting influence in the Fell breed. It should be a very prestigious award to compete for.

I would suggest that only in-hand classes for mares, stallions and young stock up to three years old be eligible, and that the FPS Youngstock show held every autumn should be included as a qualifying show for this award. The allocation of the points should reflect quality and be in the region of:

Supreme Champion, 25pts; Reserve Champion, 15pts; Best of, 10pts; Class winner, 8pts; 2nd, 6pts; 3rd, 4pts.

The Breeders Award would then reward the breeding of quality ponies rather than quantity and reflect far better Chris Thomson’s ideas on breeding Fell ponies.

Ian Smith & Alistair Smith, Bracklinn Fell Ponies

Ed: This will be discussed at Council in November



Chairman's Report—September 2016

The Fell Pony Society has had a very busy and successful year following on from the great results at Olympia at the end of 2015. Our ponies have excelled in many equine disciplines and have had splendid coverage in the equine magazines. Also, our happy hackers had the chance to get into the limelight in an experience of a lifetime at the 90th Birthday Guard of Honour Ride at Windsor Castle in July. I believe it has been a truly memorable 2016.

Sadly we have lost several valued members and Fell pony supporters since I wrote my last report. Anne Carslaw, Carol Anne King and Mr Jewitt were all valued members and will be sadly missed; Mr William (Bill) Steadman from Brough, who had reached his 100th birthday shortly before his death, bred ponies under the Low Green and Bullistone prefixes; also Barbara Muller from Germany. We send our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

A great deal of my summer was spent helping our President, Mary Longsdon MBE, arrange the 'Guard of Honour' ride. It all began in March with thoughts of choosing a suitable birthday card for H M The Queen. A North East artist, Shelly Gilson, came to my aid and designed and produced the perfect card which was posted to Buckingham Palace before 21st April. I then deliberated on the type of shirt everyone should wear for the Windsor Castle event and the logo to go on it. GG Gear at Darlington kindly gave me samples of their rugby shirts and Mary and I agreed on a red, white and blue theme. On the 4th attempt the logo was agreed and an order for 273 shirts was placed. Mary took on the responsibility of sourcing and ordering the stables and toilets but both of these had to be increased when Her Majesty gave permission for us to have more than 90 ponies. A generator, for the running of the toilets, was kindly donated by A Plant, Cumbria, and transported to Windsor by the Mallinson family. We were extremely grateful to have the bedding donated by BEDMAX shavings, especially as most people did not have any space to carry anything else in their horseboxes that weekend. Katherine and Carol in the office were very obliging and put all of the rider and guest information onto a spreadsheet for me so that I could select and use the information. The saying 'it'll be all right on the night' kept coming to mind when we suddenly realised the large number of people involved. Mary reminded everyone at the briefing on the morning of 17th July that we could not have a rehearsal so it had to be right first time, and it was. Those of you who attended will never forget the sea of red shirts as we rode up to Windsor Castle and our guests, wearing blue shirts, standing around the paddock when H M The Queen came to meet the ponies. I hope that you have all bought a copy of the DVD covering this event and had the opportunity to read the list of ponies who took part. Seventy-two different prefixes took part which is a valuable record for the future.

The Society shows have all been well attended by exhibitors and spectators. Katie Raine was delighted to win the Stallion Show championship in May with her

stallion Lunesdale Black Ice II. The South Cumbria Show Supreme Champion was Banksgate Eldor owned by Francesca Hoggarth. Margaret Wilson had several ponies in the ribbons at the Breed Show in August but it was Townend Fantasy who was awarded Supreme Champion. The Southern Show in September gave the Supreme Championship to Deborah Vychinski's stallion Boutime Wooster. Well done to everyone involved in running these shows and to all exhibitors for making the effort to take part.

I attended a Rare Breeds meeting at Stoneleigh during July where it was decided to establish a Equine Rare Breeds GB group to form a strong, knowledgeable, single voice to advise Defra on matters regarding the Single Equine Database.

During 2016 the Society introduced a Stallion Grading scheme. In this first year 2yr & 3yr old colts and stallions were eligible to come forward to be graded. In 2017 this scheme will be offered to all colts and stallions 2yrs and above. Full details of dates and venues will be published on our website early next year.

As the nights begin to close in and the annual agricultural shows are over my thoughts turn to weaning foals and our autumn sale at North West Auctions near Kendal on 29th October. I hope prices continue to be buoyant and all breeders are rewarded for their efforts. If you are considering owning another Fell pony then please come along and support our breeders. If you are unsure of how to buy at an auction, then contact North West Auctions before the sale and find out or ask any Council member.

Best Wishes

Eileen



Secretary and Treasurer's Report

As I write this report we are moving into Autumn and it seems a long time since we visited Windsor on a glorious Summer weekend.

It was an extremely busy time for Carol and me, preparing for the Windsor Guard of Honour, but seeing all the ponies and riders together with the Queen's team and her ridden ponies following the carriage and led by Carltonlima Emma on the Sunday, made it all worth while. Well done to our President, Mary and Chairman, Eileen, together with Terry Pendry for getting the event together. It was enjoyed by all and not least by HM The Queen, and it has proved to generate massive publicity for the Fell Pony.

The Stallion Show & Breed Show were well supported by both exhibitors and spectators and The South Cumbria Show also enjoyed continuous success again this year. Thank you to all those who gave sponsorship, and who helped in any way to make these events a success.

Many members have done their best to promote the Fell Pony at events other than shows and our newly formed Promotions Team have been busy promoting the Fell Pony at events throughout Cumbria. Well done to everyone involved.

Thank you to our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, for her donation sent together with warmest wishes for the forthcoming year.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board have advised that our grant for 2017 will be approximately the same level as this year, and we are very grateful for this help. In April 2017 the way the money is collected from the Horserace betting industry will change to include online betting. It is probable that there will still be a grant paid to the rare breeds but not sure how much until after 2017.

Breyer, the USA company that produces horse models, introduced a new one of the Fell pony "Carltonlima Emma", the pony that HM The Queen rides. Breyer are kindly donating a portion of the sales of this model to the Fell Pony Society.

I would like to thank Eileen Walker and Council for their continued support, and also Carol and Elizabeth who make up our efficient office team.

Best wishes,
Katherine Wilkinson

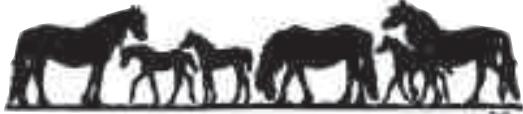


From The Office

- Council have agreed that visitors to the office can only be admitted by appointment. Alternatively any Society business can be carried out by phone, email, or post, or message through the letter box at Bank House. Please do not make a special trip to Appleby without making an appointment first.

- With regard to the EU referendum, DEFRA have reminded Passport Issuing Organisations that the UK is still part of the EU and the laws relating to Horse Passports still apply until the UK actually leaves the EU. Owners must still identify their horses and abide by the medication arrangements. The following rules continue to apply:

- i) a change of ownership should be notified to the Society within 30 days of the change.
 - ii) applications for passports should be received in the office by 31 December in the year of birth.
 - iii) the passport should be returned to the Society when a pony dies. It can of course be returned to you, if requested, after cancellation.
 - iv) Please remember to check your passports, particularly those issued prior to 10 June 2004, as they may not have been updated with a 'Section IX' page (usually the back page). Without this page, the passport is no longer valid and it is illegal to transport or sell a pony without it.
- Service Books / online notifications of coverings must be notified to the Society by 31 December—ie, in the year of covering. If not, then any resulting foal will have to be DNA typed to confirm the sire prior to registration.
 - Just a reminder that new registration forms have been printed for 2016, so please do not use the old ones as they cannot be accepted.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Membership Fees

Membership Type	UK Fee	Overseas Fee
Full	£25	£30
Associate	£15	£20
Junior	£15	£20
Family	£50	£60

The range of overseas membership types has been extended to mirror the UK types, with an additional charge to cover the cost of overseas postage.

An Associate member is unlikely to own a pony and therefore will not wish to take advantage of the pony related privileges of membership.

Family membership may be applied for by married or co-habiting couples and their children under the age of 18 years, all residing at the same address. The two adult members enjoy the rights and privileges of full membership, and the children the rights and privileges of junior membership. Full details are in Section 2 of the Articles of Association.

Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually.

No member is entitled to vote for the election of Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February or to vote at an EGM/AGM if his/her subscription has not been paid by the date of the meeting (1 April 2017).

If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring Magazine, a reminder slip is enclosed. Alternatively, members can arrange to pay their subscription by standing order on 1 January each year.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Fees & Charges

	UK Member	UK Non-Member	Overseas Member	Overseas Non-Member
Registration to 30 November				
Colt	£10	£20	£15	£25
Filly	£15	£30	£20	£35
December				
Colt	£20	£40	£25	£45
Filly	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	£100	£55	£105
Transfer	£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding	Free	Free	Free	Free
Prefix	£40	£50	£60	£70
Stallion Licence	See page 24			
FIS Kit	£40	£50	£45	£55
DNA Kit	£50	£60	£55	£65
Duplicate Passport (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	£60	£55	£65

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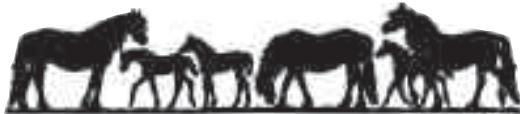
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Mrs S Millard, Mrs K Ellis, Mrs CH Robinson and Miss N Evans.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

The 200 Club: Draw Results 2016

Nos	Name	Prize		
2016			May '16	
Jan '16			1st	288 Mrs F Carradus £25.00
1st	237 Mrs C Jobson	£25.00	2nd	298 Mr B Hope £15.00
2nd	363 Mrs J Blair	£15.00	3rd	238 Mrs R Chadwick £10.00
3rd	435 Mrs G Cockbain	£10.00	4th	327 Miss M G Longsdon £5.00
4th	228 Miss J H Woods	£5.00		
Feb '16			Jun '16	
1st	201 Mrs B Page	£25.00	1st	259 Mrs M Davies £25.00
2nd	261 Mrs JHF Thompson	£15.00	2nd	393 Mrs D Bowles £15.00
3rd	318 Mrs A Higgins	£10.00	3rd	306 Mr D Wilkinson £10.00
4th	294 Mrs H Wenden	£5.00	4th	265 Mrs J A Hill £5.00
Mar '16				
1st	274 Mrs V Morris	£25.00		
2nd	347 Miss J Duffin	£15.00		
3rd	283 Mrs S Clowes	£10.00		
4th	259 Mrs M Davies	£5.00		
Apr '16				
1st	424 Miss C A Pollitt	£25.00		
2nd	241 Miss G A West	£15.00		
3rd	396 Mrs G M Noble	£10.00		
4th	408 Mr J Waples	£5.00		

The 200
CLUB is
CLOSING

Council have decided that the 200 Club will cease at the end of October 2016, as it has been running with fewer than 200 members for some time. The last draw, for September and October, will take place at the 'Promise Auction and Supper' on Sat 15th October. We would like to thank everyone who has given their support over the years. It may be that you have paid for draws beyond October 2016; if you would like a refund please apply either to Tracey Mallinson, email tracykirkby@btinternet.com, or to the FPS office, email secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk. Alternatively any outstanding money will be treated as a donation.



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the FPS, 2016

Held at Orton Market Hall on Saturday 2 April 2016

Mrs Walker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and told members of the friends that the Society had lost over the last twelve months: Mr H Tunstall, Ravenstonedale, Member & Breeder of the Foggy Gill ponies; Mr T B Capstick, Ravenstonedale, Breeder of the Murthwaite ponies; and Mr E Blockley, Yorkshire, FPS judge. She asked members to show respect to them and their families by observing a one minute's silence.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Ms S Albrecht, Mr A Ashcroft, Mrs F & Miss L Awde, Mrs S Barbour, Miss B Bell, Mr M, Mrs S and Sophie Brown, Mr I Brunskill, Mrs S Camp, Mrs L Chamberlain, Miss L Charlton, Mrs S Densham, The Ellis Family, Ms J Fairburn, Miss H Fell, Miss J Glass, Mrs S Hardy, Mrs C Merry, Mrs F Miller, Mr A W Morland, Mrs C Morton, Mr GH Morton, Mrs M Murray, Miss B Potter, Mrs P Randell Mrs J Rawden, Mr J M Rawlinson, Mr W Robinson, Mrs C Ross-Thomson, Miss C Savage, Mrs A Torode, Mrs J Ward and Mrs E Whitley, Mr D & Miss M Wilkinson, Mrs M Wilson.

2 Approval and adoption of EGM & Annual General Meeting Minutes of 28 March 2015

Mrs Morland asked that the minutes be corrected where they stated that Mr Howe was applauded by members to say “by some members” and “certainly not all”, and also in the following paragraph Mrs Morland asked that the minutes be changed where stated that Miss Charlton was applauded by members to add “by some members not all”.

Mrs Walker agreed that the minutes would be corrected and asked if the remainder of the minutes could now be approved. Mrs Ashcroft asked if she could make a point: that Mrs Walker had agreed that the minutes would be corrected but as they have already been published, she suggested that Council should consider that the minutes of the AGM should be circulated to those present so that issues like those raised can be ironed out before they are published. Mrs Walker responded by saying that it could be considered by Council at the May meeting but it hadn't been done in the past. Mrs Ashcroft said that part of the issue was the length of time between the minutes going out to members and the AGM, so she suggested the minutes be circulated shortly after the meeting while matters were fresh in people's minds and issues could be reported back prior to them being published.

Mrs Walker asked for a proposer and seconder for approval of the minutes apart from the issues raised, which would be recorded in the Autumn magazine. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Miss Simpson and seconded by Miss Parker.

Mrs Walker asked for a proposer and seconder for the minutes of the EGM. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Miss Simpson and seconded by Mrs Millard and agreed by members.

3 Matters arising from the minutes of the EGM and the Annual General Meeting held on 28 March 2015

Mrs Morland asked if the matter relating to the publishing of the Council meeting minutes had been discussed as she had not received any feedback on the matter, and if legal advice had been taken. Mrs Walker confirmed the matter had been discussed at Council and that legal advice had been taken advising not to publish the minutes from the Council meetings. Mrs Walker reported that certain points that members need to know about would be displayed on the FPS website, and Mrs Millard confirmed that this is already being done. Mrs Ashcroft asked if she could have a copy of that legal advice.

Mrs Plank asked if the meeting could move on from this matter. She said that the AGM minutes have to be circulated to members prior to approval at the AGM, and it doesn't matter whether it's in the earlier magazine or in the magazine issued immediately before the AGM. The minutes are not approved until the AGM, so are not 'published'. She also said that many people would not understand legal documents and they could be mis-understood. She saw no reason at all why the average member should be entitled to see privileged documents.

Mr Quick said that it was his right to receive answers and that legal documents should be accessible to members if requested. Mrs Walker responded by saying that Council should have access to legal documents but not members. Mrs Walker asked Mr Quick to put his request in writing and it would be dealt with by Council. Mrs Ashcroft said that if a member requested to see the legal document referred to earlier, then unless there was an extremely good reason she could not see why Council could justify withholding it.

Chairman's Report

Mrs Walker began by saying that in her report last year she had talked about all the challenges that she as Chairman, and the Society, had faced during the previous 24 months. Many of those things were out of her control and just had to be dealt with. This year she wanted to be more positive and explain some of the things that she is actively involved with.

When Betty Walker retired, Mrs Walker volunteered to look after the stallion service books and keep records on each licensed stallion in the UK and overseas. She offered to do this important role because of her interest in Fell pony breeding. During December and January each year she updates the database with the service records from that season. Members may be interested to know that at the end of January 2016 there were 432 licensed stallions on Society's records. A total of 456 coverings were recorded for 2015 resulting in 104 of those stallions being used (approx. ¼). This supports the current popularity of showing stallions and proving that many stallions are kept for showing and riding / driving purposes and not for breeding. Mrs Walker hoped that members had all read in their magazine that the Stallion Grading Scheme discussed during 2015 came into practice in January 2016 and is available for all 2yr & 3yr old colts this year. The full details of this scheme and the application form are available on the FPS website under 'Stallion Listings'. She hoped that many members will participate in this scheme. It will be available to all colts and licensed stallions from the beginning of 2017.

During February Mrs Walker was involved in setting up a pension scheme so that the Fell Pony Society could offer its employees the opportunity to invest in a pension. It is now law that everyone in employment earning 10k or more must be enrolled into a work based pension. She discussed this with the Society accountant and researched several providers on-line before making the decision to enrol with NEST (National Employment Savings Trust). Not quite as enjoyable as the breeding records previously mentioned, but nevertheless, something that had to be done to keep the Fell Pony Society within the law.

Mrs Walker said she was sure that everyone was aware that the Society's Patron, H M The Queen, celebrates her 90th birthday later this month. It was the perfect opportunity to organise something special and as she was not coming up to Cumbria, Mary Longsdon thought it might be a good idea that we should go to her. Mary made a few preliminary enquiries and was given the date of 17th July as a date when H M The Queen would be in residence at Windsor Castle and would be delighted to see a few Fell ponies. So early in March, Mary and Mrs Walker travelled down to Windsor Castle to meet with Terry Pendry, the Head Stud Groom, and discuss the plan. It has developed into providing a 'Guard of Honour' for H M The Queen and Prince Philip as they drive down from Windsor Castle to attend a staff cricket match and BBQ on a Sunday afternoon.

This is a very, very special event and will be run with an extremely high level of security so if you've got a criminal record, do not apply! The Society will be the Queen's guests staying in her private grounds at Windsor Castle. This event will not be available to members of the public and press but we have been given special permission to film and produce a DVD and of course we expect you all to buy a copy before Christmas 2016. Mrs Walker has been told that The Queen is as excited about this event as we are.

The application form is almost complete and will be issued to those who have expressed an interest and sent in a SAE during the coming week. We have set a closing date of 30 April because there is so much red tape and security to get through before 17th July.

Finally, Mrs Walker thanked all members of Council for their continued support and particularly Katherine, Carol and Elizabeth who make up the office team. Team work is what it is all about and members are part of that team, helping out at many events throughout the year and sharing your love and commitment to our beloved Fell ponies.

5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

With the 2015 registrations completed we have been able to get the stud book edited and printed and it's available for sale today, along with the 2016 calendar. Registrations have increased slightly, and we are still seeing a similar number of transfers of ownership. Over 1000 passports were despatched from the office for various reasons, during 2015. The number of Society members remains static at a little over 970 for 2016 to date and over 50 new members have joined the Society so far in 2016.

Schedules and entry forms for the Stallion Show and Breed Show can be downloaded from our website. Paper copies are also available today.

New EU Regulations relating to the identification of Equines and Minimum Operating standards for PIOs came into effect from 1 January 2016.

The main changes are:

- New passport layout and security standards, which apply to all new passports issued from 2016 and mean that the Society has had to purchase a riveting machine to meet these standards.
- The requirement to issue a duplicate passport for pre 2004 passports which have no section IX.

The regulations very much emphasise that the obligation as regards passports is with the keeper who must ensure that the passport is at all times up to date and correct, including ownership and food chain status and notification of death.

With regard to the forthcoming EU referendum members may wish to take into consideration that EU legislation states that the mother stud book should be based in the EU.

The accusations made against Council and the office relating to passport legislation at last year's AGM were totally unfounded. The information provided to members is to help comply with the law, and the Society wouldn't have given it if it was incorrect. Mrs Wilkinson reported that she was pleased to see that the NPS is advising owners and breeders, in their recently issued year book, the same information - and in addition that the maximum penalty for each offence is £5000.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board has issued the 2016 grant. We are very grateful for this and in 2016 to receive an additional £1250. This increase is due to the CEM testing voucher scheme ceasing as of 31 Dec 2015; the sum allocated to the scheme has been distributed to the five societies receiving the lowest grant. Council will discuss how this will be used in accordance with the HBLB Standard Policies and Conditions later in the year.

The Society has recently received information from the HBLB of the government's announcement that their aim is to introduce new funding arrangements for British racing by April 2017. This could affect how and if the grant will be paid in the future. We may know more when Mrs Wilkinson attends a meeting held by the HBLB in July.

The Society has received confirmation from the RBST that The Fell Pony has moved to Vulnerable (Cat 3) for 2016. (from At Risk, Cat 4). They also stated that currently data from 2 years prior to the Watchlist publication year is used, so 2016's list uses 2014's number of filly foal registrations. Ideally, they would like to use the previous year's data, so this may result in a slightly later publication date for the Watchlist in 2017, but they hope this will more accurately reflect the status of the breed.

The Society had made a profit in 2014/15 of £6,482.

It was good to see Subscriptions have remained steady. Over £1400 was raised from sponsorship, thanks to members' generosity. A reduction of £1000 in expenditure was due to a Government subsidy of Employer's NI for small businesses, introduced in April 2014, which has continued for the 2015/16 tax year.

Many of you will be aware of the Fell Pony Breyer model, named for Her Majesty the Queen's Carltonlima Emma. Breyer have very kindly agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds from the sales of the model, the first payment has already been received (almost £800).

Finally, thank you to Carol and Elizabeth who complete the office team, to Eileen who has been a great support and assistance, and to Council for their continued support.

6 Election of Council

Mrs Walker opened the envelope and read out the report provided by scrutineer, Mr Mandelson.

As of midnight on the closing date, 22 March, for receipt of ballot papers, 649 members were eligible to vote, 167 eligible ballot papers had been received, 25.7% of eligible members had voted, and 786 votes had been cast.

Four places for 5 year term on Council went to Mrs CH Robinson, Mr A Thorpe, Mrs E A Walker and Mrs S Millard. A 2 year term to Mr J Potter and the 6th place of 1 year to Miss Rachael Brunskill. Mrs Walker welcomed the 2 new members to Council and thanked the 3 unsuccessful candidates for standing. It had been some time since there had been 9 candidates. Mrs Walker confirmed the next Council meeting as 17 May.

Mrs Ashcroft asked when members would be advised of the numbers of votes each candidate received. Mrs Walker responded by saying that that information is not normally announced but as Mrs Ashcroft was a candidate then she could have that information at the end of the meeting if she wished. Mrs Ashcroft then asked if she could have a copy of Mr Mandelson's report; as she had stood as a candidate she was interested in having a copy. Mrs Walker then reported that Mrs Ashcroft had telephoned the scrutineer at 9.30pm the previous evening. Mrs Walker confirmed that she was willing to give Mrs Ashcroft the number of votes she had received, at the end of the meeting. Mrs Ashcroft responded by saying that she had been obliged to contact Mr Mandelson because of the lack of communication from Council: she had expected some explanation as to how the election would be run, but had received nothing. Mrs Walker responded by saying that if Mrs Ashcroft had attended meetings regularly she would be aware that the election results are always announced at the AGM. Mrs Ashcroft said that she knew that but the thing with the Society is that the absolute minimum information is provided.

Mr Thorpe said Mrs Ashcroft had no right to contact the scrutineer. Mrs Hodgson said that she had stood for Council in the past and would never have considered contacting the scrutineer. She questioned why Mrs Ashcroft could not have waited until the announcement at the meeting. Mrs Robinson, Miss Longsdon and Mrs Brunskill reminded members that a decision was made some time ago that the number of votes for each candidate was a private matter and that it should remain so. Mrs Thorpe said that any queries regarding the Council election should have been submitted to Council and not the scrutineer. After some discussion it was agreed that as in the past the number of votes per candidate would not be disclosed.

7 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 October 2015

There had been no questions received prior to the meeting from members. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mrs Brunskill, seconded by Mrs Cockbain and agreed by members.

8 Resolution to appoint Brosnans Chartered Accountants as Accountants to the Society

The resolution was proposed by Mrs Hill, seconded by Miss Chadwick and agreed by the members.

9 Reports from Sub-Committees

Mrs Robinson, Conservation Sub-Committee, reported that a meeting had been held that morning and that reports had been published in the latest magazines. This will be followed up with articles in wildlife and farming press. There are some conservation grazing opportunities out there, often for short periods and the ponies are usually required to be well handled. Anyone interested needs to be pro-active; these opportunities are often only found by word of mouth and are not necessarily advertised.

Miss Brunskill, Show Sub-Committee, told members that preparations for the Stallion and Breed show were going well but as always anyone willing to help as stewards or helper would be most welcome.

Mrs Millard, Overseas Sub-Committee, reported that she had received feedback in reports from branches in Denmark, FPSNA and Conservancy in the US. Anne Fishburn, from Germany, had written to Mrs Millard thanking her and the Committee for their support. She reported that Fell owners and breeders are still active in Germany, she is still being contacted via the FPS website when someone needs assistance with FPS procedures, and she thanked Mrs Wilkinson for her advice when needed. She also wished the Society a successful AGM.

Libby Robinson from France reported that there was a lot of interest in the Fell Pony but it was still not recognised as a breed; however, the Fell pony was well represented and therefore recognised through events, particularly driving. A small number of people are interested in breeding Fell ponies.

Judges Committee - Mrs Armstrong-Foxton reported that there is a healthy waiting list of those interested in joining the trainee judges scheme. There are 3 new candidates for assessment in October and 2 already on the scheme. This year's assessment will take place on 15 October at Newton Rigg, when as always volunteers willing to bring ponies along will be much appreciated.

Scotland SG - Mrs Cheetham reported that members had taken part in a visit to the RBST and to World Horse Welfare Centre. The new Highland, Fell & Dales Scotland Show to be held on 15th May has affiliated to the Society. Planned events for 2016 include a Dales Pony Stud visit, and Working Pony Day. The presentation of the SEBA Horse/Pony of the Year 2015 awards will take place at the SEBA AGM on 13th April.

NWSG - Mrs Plank reported that events run by the group were well supported. A lunch and talk by Vyv Wood-Gee and lessons by Julie Robinson had already taken place in 2016. Thanks to Cath Wrigley, a camp has been arranged to be held in July at Newton Rigg, and a Beach ride in September. She reminded members about representatives for the Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy, the final to be held at the Southern Show, so anyone interested in representing the NW please say.

MWSG - Miss Longsdon reported that the Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland Show had changed date to 19 June and to a new venue. The judge would be Mrs Ruth Eastwood.

NESG - Miss Parker reported that the group had held a Sunday lunch with speaker and a Beach ride followed by Fish & Chips, and some members had joined in on foot. The camp to be held at the Linnels was oversubscribed. The Native Pony Festival will be held in July and the group is planning a Le Trec event. The Performance Trials at the Linnels is planned for September.

MESG - Mrs Wilkinson read out a report from the group. 2015 finished with a Christmas show at Runington. 2016 began with the points awards dinner on 12 March at Lutterworth. Rosettes were presented and a new trophy, donated by Audrey Spencer in memory of her pony Sleddale Ruth III, was won by Ryden Barratt. The Eileen Davis trophy was this year awarded to Jean Bateson for her hard work running the Sandringham Show. Three Fell & Friends shows will be held at Gotham, the first qualifier for the Boy Blue Championship to be held on 12 June. Other dates - 1 May, Gotham Show; 7 May, Sandringham Show with the 2nd Boy Blue qualifier; 26 June, Blaston Show; 11 September, Southern Show. Further details on the FPS-MESG website or ME facebook page.

SWSG - Mr Goddard reported that Leanne Russell has taken over the running of the SW group; he had run the group for the previous 15 years. The Dorset Show will be held 1 May. Cornwall Show this year to be held on 26 June.

YPG - Mrs Bell reported on behalf of the Secretary. A meeting had been held earlier. In 2015 the group had held a successful Southern Convention, and Greenholme Stud and Ryehouse Stud visits. This year's plans include a Southern Fell pony weekend on 2/3 July and on 21 August, a Lownthwaite Stud visit. She thanked the committee and everyone who has supported the YPG. The group would welcome new members.

Promotions Team - Mrs Brunskill reported that the team would be putting on displays at Country Fest in June, Lowther in August and Black Combe Country Fair August Bank Holiday Monday. A new tent had been purchased for the merchandise and display boards, and its first outing would be at the Stallion Show. £500 had been raised from 'Just Giving' via Facebook enabling the team to purchase polo shirts and hoodies.

10 Approval of Honorary Member

Council proposed Mrs Margaret Murray to become an Honorary member. Mrs Murray has worked hard for the Society endlessly, running shows and organising events, everything possible to help the Society and promote the Fell pony. Members approved this with a show of hands, with effect from 2017.

11 Any Other Business

Miss Longsdon reminded members that a Promise Auction and supper is to be held at Stoneybeck on Saturday 15th October. Promises are welcome and tickets will be available, hopefully by the Breed show.

Miss Hallam advised members that this year celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Beatrix Potter and asked if the Society could be part of these celebrations. She agreed to pass on contact details to the promotions team.

Mrs D Slack reminded those present that she had raffle tickets for sale.

Miss Longsdon thanked Mrs Walker for her hard work as Chairman, and Mrs Walker thanked Miss Longsdon for being a good listener.

Mr David Murray gave a short presentation about his work to protect the 10 Native pony Breeds in the UK. In the last year he has been working on the issue of climate change. Mr Murray reported that climate change has an effect on the breeds. He has been invited to put on a more detailed presentation to the FPBA in the Autumn. He raised concerns that the National Trust advertise the Konik Polish ponies for conservation grazing. Research suggests that there are 1400 ponies being used in conservation grazing schemes across the UK. His research has concluded that the Fell Pony has by far the best genetic diversity and that this must be protected and the suitability for conservation grazing to be promoted.

12 Presentation of Awards

Mrs Robinson apologised for some mistakes in the points results: the 4th placed yearling was in fact a 2-year-old; the Champion Stallion award had been won outright by Heltondale Mountain Mist II; and the Champion Mare award had been

won outright by Wellbrow Carmen and not as reported in the magazine. Mrs Robinson and Miss Brunskill presented the awards and rosettes for the Points Awards.

Mrs Walker presented The Queen's Trophy to The Charlton Family - Sarah, Bob and Jenny were present to receive the trophy.

The Lownthwaite Rob Trophy was to be awarded to Carltonlima Emma, owned by HM The Queen and to be presented at the Windsor event in July.

The Edinburgh Prize was presented to Mrs Libby Robinson, in France, for her pair of ponies, Murthwaite Tonka Toy and Towford Harmarnie.

The Fell Pony Society Breeders Award in memory of Chris Thompson was awarded to the Wellbrow stud, with rosettes to:

2nd Lunesdale;
3rd Greenholme;
4th Bracklinn;
5th Severnvale;
6th Banksgate.

Mrs Walker announced the raffle numbers before closing the meeting and inviting members to have tea.

Parts of the AGM minutes have been withheld because of an ongoing legal dispute.



FPS Stallion Licensing

It is compulsory for a colt/stallion to be FIS tested before a Stallion License can be issued. The fees for a Stallion License application are:

	To include	
	DNA & FIS kits	If already FIS tested*
UK member	£120	£80
UK non member	£240	£200
Overseas member	£125	£85
Overseas non-member	£245	£205

If already FIS tested, proof will be required (either sight of Certificate or confirmation from a relevant laboratory, eg. AHT, that colt/stallion has been tested). If already DNA typed please apply to the office for appropriate fees.



Election of President, 2017

Please note that the term of office of our President Miss M G Longsdon, MBE, ends in 2017. Please could any nominations for the office of President be submitted to the Office before 1 January 2017.

Nominations must be in writing (form available from the office) and accompanied by a signed statement from the person proposed that they are willing to stand for election.

Election will be by a poll held at the Annual General Meeting in 2017.



Council Elections, 2017

The following members retire from the Council in 2017 and are eligible for re-election:

Mr P Boustead, Miss R Brunskill, Mrs S Brunskill, Miss J Glass.

Members wishing to make a nomination for Council should obtain a form from the Office and ensure that it is delivered to the Secretary on or before 1 January 2017.

POSTAL VOTING FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ballot papers will be sent out with their Spring magazine to FPS Members eligible to vote. Completed ballot papers have to be returned to the scrutineer appointed by the Council not less than 10 days before the date of the AGM. No member is entitled to vote if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February 2017.

You will find details on Votes of Members under Section 7 of the Memorandum & Articles of Association; on Election to the Council under Section 8.6; and Notes for Candidates, available as links online from

<http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/regulations.htm>

**PLEASE SEND YOUR BALLOT PAPER TO THE SCRUTINEER BEFORE THE DEADLINE.
DO NOT WASTE YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE IN THE RUNNING OF YOUR SOCIETY.**

The result of the ballot will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.



Obituary: Barbara Müller

The Fell Pony lost a good friend on 12 June when Barbara Müller passed away. In 1991, Barbara and her daughter Sarah founded the Narnia Fell Pony stud in Germany. Many of us know her best, however, for her online presence. First on the Yahoo group and more recently on Facebook, Barbara shared generously from her experience with the breed through pictures, stories, and commentary.

A friend and I got to know Barbara in 2000 after we purchased a son and grandson of her stallion Heltondale Black Prince III.



Roy Wallace (FPS archive)

Prince was of course four times the Stallion & Colt Show Supreme Champion in the ownership of Bill Potter and Thomas Capstick (*above*). In 1992, Barbara went looking for a stallion that looked like a lion but behaved like a lamb. “Bip” was recommended to her, and after spending two years learning more about him, she purchased him. “The decision to buy Prince would turn out to be one of the best decisions we ever made.” She kindly shared pictures of him, as well as stories of his time with her.

More importantly, though, Barbara instilled in me a curiosity about the Fell Pony breed, beyond the ponies on which I placed my hands each day. Her sharing of what she had learned and observed, both about the ponies and about the organizations working on their behalf, contributed immeasurably to my understanding of the context in which the breed exists.

I’m sure I’m not alone in my appreciation for Barbara’s generosity.

We each work on behalf of the Fell Pony in a way that is uniquely our own. Barbara had her critics, but then who doesn’t? I am grateful for the work that she did on behalf of our breed.

Jenifer Morrissey, Willowtrail Fell Ponies



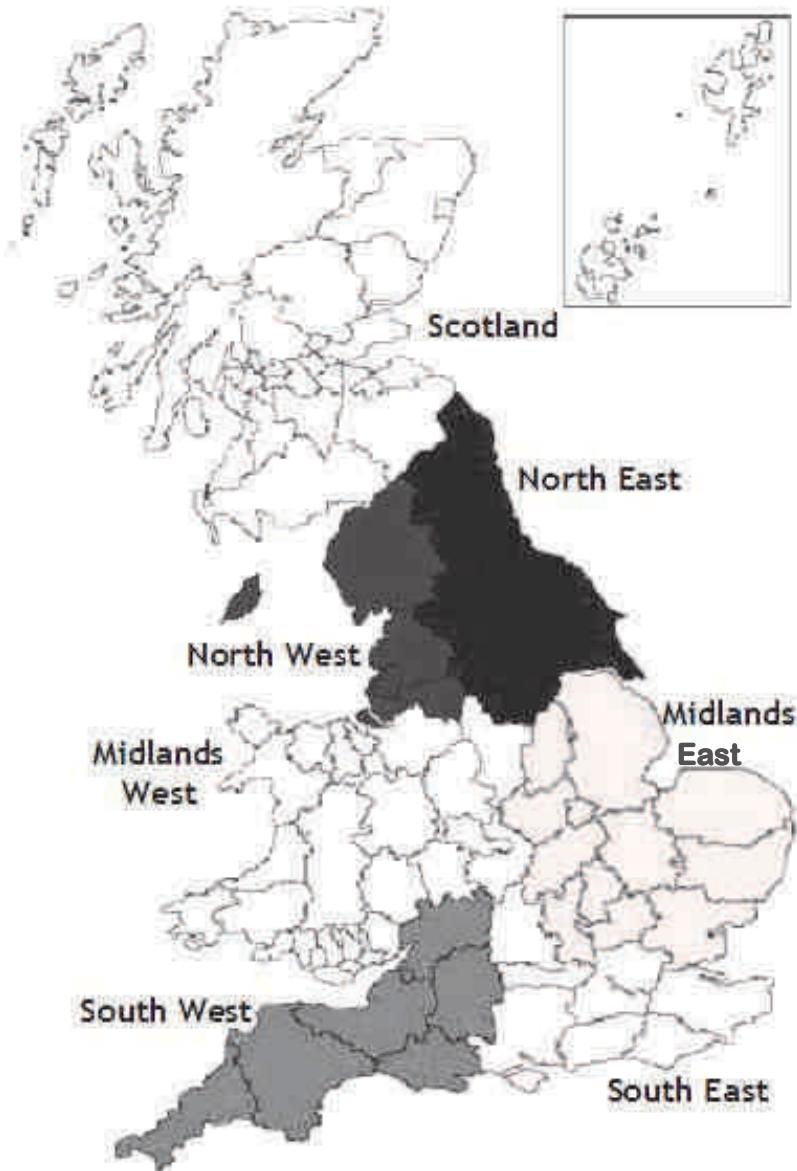
Horserace Betting Levy Board Payment Summary

Mare Premium (Semi Feral) Foals born 2013		Endurance		
Number of Breeders	25	Owner		£50.00
Number of Mares (£15 per mare)	93	Breeder		£50.00
Payment Total	£1,395	Dressage		
Fell Pony Society Points Scheme 2014 - Payments awarded 2015		Owner		£50.00
4 Year Old+ Performance		Breeder		£50.00
Owner	£100.00	Driving		
Breeder	£100.00	Owner		£50.00
Dam Breeder	£50.00	Breeder		£50.00
Sire Breeder	£50.00	Stallion Premium		
4 Year Old+ In Hand		Owner		£100.00
Owner	£50.00	Breeder		£100.00
Breeder	£50.00	Mare Premium		
Dam Breeder	£50.00	Owner		£100.00
Sire Breeder	£50.00	Breeder		£100.00
3 Year Old		2014 Yearling Colts - Stallion Show		
Owner	£50.00	6 x £25		£150.00
Breeder	£50.00	2014 2 Year Old Colts - Stallion Show		
Dam Breeder	£50.00	2 x £25		£50.00
Sire Breeder	£50.00	2014 Mare premiums - Breed Show		
2 Year Old		1st	Owner & breeder	£100.00
Owner	£50.00	2nd	Owner & breeder	£50.00
Breeder	£50.00	3rd	Owner & breeder	£25.00
Dam Breeder	£50.00	2014 Stallion premiums - Breed Show		
Sire Breeder	£50.00	1st	Owner & breeder	£100.00
Yearling		2nd	Owner & breeder	£50.00
Owner	£50.00	3rd	Breeder	£12.50
Breeder	£50.00	Printing of stud book, contribution		
Dam Breeder	£50.00	Owner		£160.00
Sire Breeder	£50.00	Breeder		
Foal		TOTAL		£4,093
Owner	£50.00			
Breeder	£50.00			
Dam Breeder	£50.00			
Sire Breeder	£50.00			



FPS Area Support Groups

Contact details are given at the end of each Group's report and can also be consulted on the FPS web site, <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UKAreaSupportGroups.htm>





Scotland FPS Area Support Group

The FPS North Scotland group spent an afternoon with Mark and Helen Snowdon and their Essiecroft Dales ponies at Rhynie near Huntly in Aberdeenshire.

The group heard how the herd was set up seven years ago with the purchase of the grey Dales mare Byersgreen Willow. So taken were the couple by the breed that they subsequently purchased several more ponies, including the stallion Westwick William, and began breeding four years ago. Mark and Helen are actively involved in showing and riding and Mark is also learning to drive.

In spite of inclement weather the FPS group turned out in force to appreciate



the ponies, discuss similarities and differences between the Fell and Dales breeds and partake of the wonderful hospitality shown by the Snowdon family. FPS North Scotland Area Representative Jacqueline Cheetham gave a vote of thanks for a lovely afternoon.

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http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UK_Area_Groups/Scotland/index.htm



North East FPS Area Support Group

The North East FPS Group has had a fun year holding two new events to get our non showing members involved. We began 2016 with our annual Sunday Lunch event in February which included an informative talk on equine worming given by Westgate Laboratories, Newcastle. During March we had our first beach ride at Seaton Carew followed by real seaside 'Fish'n'Chips'. The sun shone and everyone was kept safe under the watchful eye of Anneli Ferrier. It was wonderful to have some of our non riding members come along to support this event.



The Highland and Fell Pony Camp or 'Hairy Camp' as it's more lovingly known, was the next event in our calendar which took place over the bank holiday weekend early in May. It's becoming a great annual get together of like minded people wanting to try something different. When I left home late on the Friday morning the weather was dreadful. We had a real April lambing storm with lots of snow and whilst travelling through Tow Law, I really questioned my sanity. The weather soon improved so the remainder of the weekend was good. We are very grateful to the Charlton family for allowing us to hold this event at Linnel Wood and on this occasion for allowing everyone into their home on the Friday evening for supper and the quiz, to escape the snow and icy conditions.

In July several North East members travelled down to Windsor to take part in the 'Guard of Honour' birthday present for our Patron, H M The Queen. The atmosphere was very friendly and exciting and many new friendships were made. Everyone had a marvellous weekend and all the ponies were a credit to their owners and riders. I hope you've all bought the DVD as a keepsake and a constant reminder of being part of this historical event

In August we tried another new event in the form of 'A Handy Pony Fun Activity Day'. A course consisting of 15 obstacles had to be completed in the shortest time. There was a mixture of 'Le Trec' type activities together with handy pony

things including an ‘egg and spoon’ section. The feedback from participants was excellent and the competitive spirit definitely came into play by the afternoon competition so we will definitely repeat this next year. I would like to thank those members who brought bending poles, cones, barrels and rustic poles to make the course possible and my husband who used the lawn mower to mark out a track across the middle of the field for us to do the controlled paces section.

The North East Group has this year taken over the planning of the Native Pony Performance Trials held at Linnel Wood, near Hexham. Vicky Parker has developed a new schedule and application form which have appeared on our website and on a new Facebook page. I believe entries have been coming in thick and fast and are already close to capacity. This event is very much reliant on volunteers, especially the Brunskill family who spend the whole weekend at Linnel Wood and keep everything in order. Good luck to all participants.

The North East Group is always trying to do its bit for the planet so could we request that if you've not already done so or have changed your email address that you send your details to me at the following address: eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk

If any of our members would like to receive a paper copy of our newsletter in the New Year then please send an SAE to Eileen Walker at Abbots Close Farm, Fir Tree, Crook, Co Durham DL15 8DL

Finally, thank you all for your support during 2016 and please let us know if you want us to consider a new event during 2017. All 2017 events will be advertised on the FPS Website and on the North East Support Group Facebook page next January.

Eileen A Walker

FPS Member Directory

Listing in the Member Directory on the website is purely voluntary. The Directory page is http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/member_dir.htm

If you wish your details to be added please complete the form online or send your information by email to the FPS Office, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate.

Listings will be removed if current FPS membership lapses.



North West FPS Area Support Group

This year's events have been well supported and enjoyed by all who took part.

We started with lunch and Vvv Wood-Gee's amazing talk about the Coast to Coast trail - some of the routes over the Lake District fells would be difficult even to walk but her Fell ponies lived up to their reputation for hardiness and sure-footedness and got through.

Julie Robinson's clinic in March was a good practice for the show season for many ponies and riders in flatwork and in jumping. Julie always gets the best out of those who take part.

Then came our super camp in July at Newton Rigg College attended by 20 ponies and riders. Excellent stabling, good camping area and even the weather co-operated. There were experienced combinations and others just starting out but Cath Wrigley had arranged groups of equal ability (or optimism) so it worked well. We had training in flatwork with Vicki Brown, jumping with Julie Robinson and Monty Roberts-inspired groundwork with Jo Birkbeck. We also had gymkhana games (great fun), clear round jumping and dressage tests for those who wanted them. There was a quiz one evening and a barbecue the next followed by a judging session with Paul Metcalfe with commentary and tips from Julie Robinson. Rosettes for all at the end. Thanks to Cath, Emma, Amanda and Ben for all their hard work to make this camp a success. Newton Rigg has already been booked for 21st to 23rd July 2017 for our next camp so keep that weekend clear to come.

Our next event is the beach ride on Saturday 24th September (note the change of date) at Silecroft beach. Six miles of safe sand to have a gallop on. See the NWASG website for details and booking form.

The Annual Foal and Youngstock Show will be held at Newton Rigg College on Sunday 13th November starting at 11 a.m. There are two foal classes, and yearling, 2 year old and 3 year old classes. Judge to be confirmed. This is a lovely big light arena for youngsters where they settle well. Plenty of parking. For more information contact Amanda Bridges. The booking form will be available shortly.

Any FPS member can take part in our events - we would like to see you there.

Margaret Plank, Chairman

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http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UK_Area_Groups/Northwest/index.htm
<https://www.facebook.com/nwasg>



North West ASG Fell Pony Camp 2016

The weekend of 22-24 July saw the inaugural Fell Pony Camp for the North West Area Group. This was held at Newton Rigg College in Penrith, who have fabulous facilities - enormous stables for the ponies with bedding provided, newly refurbished indoor arena, 60 x 20 outdoor arena, camping area and showers. 20 Fell Ponies and their riders came along to join in the two days of education and fun.



The weekend started on the Friday evening with a fun quiz and pizza which provided a great opportunity for everybody to get to know each other.

Saturday was training day—campers were split into groups and took part in flatwork, jumping and groundwork lessons. Our great coaches -Vicki Brown, Julie Robinson & Jo Birkbeck—provided encouragement and informative tuition which everybody enjoyed. The day was rounded off with an entertaining and helpful evening talk and demo thanks to Paul Metcalfe and Julie Robinson from Ryehouse Show Team. They gave a great presentation of what judges look for in both in hand and ridden classes, breed standard information and some ring craft tips for everyone. A BBQ and campfire (complete with toasted marshmallows) provided the ideal finish to a lovely day.

Sunday was competition day. We started the morning off with some gymkhana games which allowed us all to relive our youth with egg & spoon and sack races. Lots of cheering, laughter and encouragement was the name of the game!

After a relaxing lunch there was a dressage competition and clear round show jumping for anyone who wanted to have a go.



The weekend was finished off with a presentation of rosettes and prizes. Everybody left with an armful of rosettes and a big smile!

I think we can safely say that the first North West camp was a resounding success. We have had so much positive feedback—and everyone wants to come back next year!

Cath Wrigley

(now I want one of those cup cakes! Ed.)





Midlands West FPS Area Support Group

Group events began in April with our now customary Spring Festival of Fells Show at Oswestry. Following the successful change of venue last year to Radford Equestrian Centre, Llanymynech just on the Shropshire border, we had a good turnout of quality Fells judged by Mr Paul Saunders. Competitors once again travelled good distances from around the MWSG Area and beyond to attend the show where there was a good selection of classes including new for this year, working hunter classes

In early June, several members of the Group met at the home of Diane Key and Barry Stamp where Tom Bowyer, an equine podiatrist, gave a very interesting lecture on hoof anatomy followed by a partial leg and hoof dissection. While this event did not appeal to all, everyone in attendance found it thoroughly fascinating and it gave us a real insight into hoof structure and movement. It was not at all gory or unpleasant and Tom was extremely professional in his presentation. We are hoping to repeat this event at a later date.



The annual Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland Pony Show was held in June at Barleyfields Equestrian Centre, Etwall, Derbyshire, a new venue for this year. The Fell Pony section was judged by the ever popular Ruth Eastwood who made the long trip down from Stranraer to be with us.

Full results are available on the FPS web site and will also be published in our next Group Newsletter.

We would welcome any sponsorship (no matter how small) and encourage ALL Midlands West Fell Pony owners to attend and support both the next Spring Show at Oswestry and the Fell classes at the Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland Show. There are classes for everyone and useful points can be gained for the annual performance awards!

Also in June, Stephanie and John Adams kindly hosted a picnic ride weekend for the Group in Mid Wales at their Bunkhouse Tipi and Camping venue. Rides were organised for both the Saturday and Sunday with a barbecue included and rosettes for all. There will be a full report with photographs on this event in the forthcoming Group Newsletter. Many thanks to John and Stephanie for organising such a fun event.

July 17th Official Guard of Honour for HM The Queen At Windsor. Our report would not be complete without mentioning this truly wonderful event. It was great to see so many Midlands West members taking part with their ponies and guests, and we are indebted to the Fell Pony Society for organising this special weekend at the kind permission of HM the Queen.

Future Events

Sunday 18th September Beach Ride at Aberdovey, Wales. There will be a full report and photographs available in the next Group Newsletter.

October Date TBA Pleasure Ride in Derbyshire. This event is kindly being organised by Kate White and riders and ponies will meet at Eland Lodge Equestrian Centre. There will be group rosettes for all our members taking part.

Sunday 30th October - Annual Group Luncheon at the home of Elizabeth Marshall at Merefild, Oaks Green, Sudbury, (Near Uttoxeter), Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5HX.

Please meet for 12.30pm. The lunch will be followed by a guest speaker (details to be confirmed). There will also be the usual Fell Pony Photo Show, Pudding Competition, Newsletter Caption Competition, Raffle and Fell Pony Society merchandise for sale.

If you would like to attend this highly popular event please telephone Elizabeth Marshall on 01283 585358 or Diane Key 01785 282922. Please book at least one week before as places are limited.

Towards the end of November ~ Performance Awards and Happy Hacker Presentation.

For some time now we have been considering having a stand alone event for the presentation of awards. Given the current interest in the performance and happy hacker awards and, given that we have added a new driving class for this year, we thought it might be nice to present rosettes and trophies during a meal. We will try to select a central venue and are open to suggestions as to what time of day and the date. Results of this year's awards will be published in the Group Newsletter.

Christmas Social

Following another successful pre-Christmas social get together, organised by Debbie Roberts-Jones, Debbie is hoping to arrange a similar event this December probably on the first Saturday at The Dragon, Montgomery. Details of this will be available in our next group newsletter or from Facebook. Alternatively please contact Debbie Roberts-Jones on 01691 652843.

January 2017 Open Group Meeting

Venue to be arranged. Fully paid up members will be advised of the agenda. If you have not paid your £5 subs for this year, you can always pay on the day and attend. Your input is greatly valued!!

Debbie Roberts Jones will keep Facebook users up to date with all of our events and details also can be found on our Group website. The Midlands West Group newsletter will be available after the January meeting, if you have any sales or wants to be advertised FREE OF CHARGE please contact Diane Key on 01785 282922 or email diane@fellpony.me.uk or write to her at Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ.

If you would like to join the Midlands West Fell Pony Support Group please contact Mr B Stamp also at Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ, telephone number 01785 282922. A membership form is available to download from our web site. Please send a £5 cheque made payable to the Fell Pony Society Midlands West with your name and address and if applicable email address details. If you would like a receipt please include a SAE. Standing order forms are also now available (please send your completed standing order form to your bank, not to us - many thanks). We are sorry but are not yet set up to take membership subscription on line through our web site.

As always we thank you for your support ~ new members with or without ponies are always very welcome.

Diane

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Midlands East FPS Area Support Group

Midlands East Support Group covers Lincoln, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Oxfordshire, Suffolk and Norfolk.

We have already had three Fell and Friends Shows at Gotham. These are small grass roots shows but they pull in a lot of Fells. This year there have been more Fell entries than usual, some of them travelling long distances. As all entries need to be members of MESG our membership numbers this year have nearly doubled. This has enabled us to subsidise some of our activities.

Sandringham Show had good quality ponies forward this year. On July 4th we had a very enjoyable BBQ and Children's ride at the Shepparton Stud in Bitteswell.

On 28th August we had our own Queen's Birthday Celebration Ride with the Highland Society in Northamptonshire, at the Park Farm Chasers course. Tracey Cockburn and Huntsman Guiness, Rachel Barratt and Drybarrows Boxer, Sarah Bartlett and Waverhead Bombadere, Nic Brierley and Dalewin Kingpin, Katie Howarth and Lunesdale Cragsman, Kate Merry and Baronhill Briar Rose, and Gill Collins with Highland Silver Domino all had a great ride round the grassy tracks, and we finished with a picnic.

Our Eileen Davis Award 2016 was presented to Jean Bateson for all her hard work for Sandringham Show. Our new Children's Award in memory of Sleddale Ruth III was given to Ryden Barratt and Boxer.

Coming up—Christmas Show in December. Please check FPS-MESG website and Midlands East Facebook site for more dates and details.

Kate Merry

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There is also a Midlands East website: FPS-MESG.co.uk



FPS Young Persons Group

The Fell Pony Society Young Persons Group has now been running since 2014, providing educational events on Fell pony conformation and breed type, and to promote and gain a greater understanding of the semi-feral herds.

2016 has been a quieter year for us, with just the one event. Our Lownthwaite open day was held in August in Gamblesby, Penrith, where we seemed to be very fortunate that the day started with a lovely dry morning, as the day before had been treacherous weather wise.

Christine Morton and Alison Bell gave a fabulous talk in the morning asking us to think about what a Fell pony is. A Shetland graciously helped us define our breed standard and to question it. The talk was thought provoking and insightful talk that engaged everybody into talking about the breed, and a lot of entertainment factor with three kittens running round. Later in the morning we were able to translate our discussion onto a Fell pony and see the foals in the field. In the afternoon we travelled in convoy up to the fell to see the ponies in their natural environment. What a sight as we trundled up the track in our cars—we stepped out to be greeted by a group of ponies with stunning panorama views over Cumbria. It was a pleasure to meet new and old enthusiasts to see the ponies on the fell, with attendees coming from Aberdeen, Northumberland and Devon. Members' support is greatly appreciated by the Young Persons Group Committee.



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19th March. Somerford Park: Fell Pony Fun Ride. Somerford offers up to 7 miles of off road riding with optional cross-country jumps for everyone to come and get involved. It really is a fabulous venue for winter and would be great for all ages of pony. Arrival time commence at 10:30am. The cost to cover access to the course



for the day will be £13.50. This is a special offer for Fell pony members to attend; normal price is £17. Pre-booking is essential for this event. 10 minutes from JCT 18 on M6.

ADDRESS: Somerford Park Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 4SW

20th August 2017. We have been fortunate to be invited to Bybeck Stud by Colin and Heather Roberts to see their ponies at home in August, where members will be able to see stallions, mares and foals from a semi-feral herd who run on their natural environment in the Howgills. There will be no cost; however, booking in with us will be necessary to take care of logistics for the day, as refreshments will be provided for members. So please contact us, if you thinking of attending the event. The morning will start at 11am for tea and coffee.

ADDRESS: Bybeck, Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3ZS

Full details of all events, including booking forms, will be available on the FPS website Young Persons Group page, and on our Facebook page: 'The Fell pony Society Young Persons Group'.

If you have any queries please contact us via the details below.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED: The Young Persons Group is looking to recruit new committee members, so if you know anyone who is under 35 and is a member of the FPS and wants to join in sharing their enthusiasm for the breed, then please do get in contact.

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Above: Supreme Champion, Mr A Smith's grey filly, Drybarrows Authentic.
Below, Reserve Supreme and Ridden Champion, Raisbeck Calico owned by Di Slack, and
ridden by Anna Metcalfe; Judge Michael Goddard; and Reserve Ridden Champion
Darrenvale Chancer ridden by his owner Courtney Read.





Matt Hodgson Photography

Above: Working Hunter Judges Sue Mallinson and Johnny Alderson with their Fell and Dales WHP Champion, Lunesdale War Dance ridden by Sophie Jones; and Reserve, Hades Hill Perry ridden by Charlotte Wilson.

Below: Greenholme Waterloo, Diane Key and judge Ruth Eastwood. Waterloo was second in the class for Geldings, 4 years and over at the Derbyshire Fell, Dales & Highland Show



Sarah Davison



FPS Promotions Team—Summer Displays 2016

The FPS Promotions team has been in action throughout the summer. We did 2 days in June at Countryfest on the Westmorland County Showground; 2 days in August at Lowther Show near Penrith; and August Bank Holiday Monday at Bootle for Blackcombe Country Fair. The new tent for merchandise and educational material has been out at the FPS Stallion Show, the FPS Breed Show, Skelton Show and Westmorland County and has proved bright, attractive and good to work in.

The script we've stuck to in 2016 is the 2015 one about the history of the ponies and their present uses. It's easy to adapt for each show in case any equine or human "actors" have to drop out, or if we gain some (I always like that).

Countryfest was remarkable for the large numbers of kites, feather banners, flying octopuses and other scary objects which had to be passed to reach the arena. At Lowther the arrival on Saturday of the Air Ambulance helicopter meant the team had to detour back to the horseboxes, making a long trip even longer: Myles Ellis hopped a lift to ride double behind Rachael Brunskill on Hynholme Amber. Who needs 4 x 4s for an "Off Road Experience"? The ponies seemed to take all the excitement in their stride.

On Sunday at Lowther our two display times were very close together, so the ponies waited beside the merchandise tent where they were constantly visited by both adults and children wanting to stroke them. They drew visitors away from buying in the sales tent, but it was great for publicity - and as we were very close to the stables of the Devil's Horsemen, of course someone had to sweet-talk the stunt team into riding our Fells for a photo shoot. See our *centre-fold picture!*

The Battle of the Bending Poles between Jack Halbert and Georgia Ellis has become more fiercely contested with each performance and has expanded from

Simon Ellis



one short set of poles to two long ones—and judging by the ponies' prancing, they thoroughly enjoy it!

Next year the team will fly the flags of Cumberland and Westmorland, which we trialled at Blackcombe. We're also considering a musical ride.

We have already been booked by 4 venues with another pending. If you are a member with a pony and you could commit to demonstrating Handy Pony, Le Trec, or Working Hunter for us or you could "understudy" for other roles, Susan Brunskill (see page 5) would love to hear from you.

Sue Millard



Simon Ellis

The Promotions Team at Countryfest included Alison Bell and Susan Brunskill who looked after both the FPS stand and Mary Bell in her FPS "MASCOT" shirt. Below: Paul Metcalfe and Greenholme Dec arrive to demonstrate carriage driving.



Simon Ellis



“Hunter” Christine Robinson leads the way into the arena at Countryfest on Kerbeck Night Whisper, followed by Lisa Halbert as a Roman soldier with Kerbeck Night Shadow, Georgia Ellis as a Pony Club rider with Harthouse Hillman, and Rachael Brunskill in show attire on Hynholme Amber.

Below, Nicola Evans and Gamblesmire Joey portray a pack pony and handler at Lowther Show.





A pause for daftness between displays at Lowther. Rachael Brunskill "caps" Hynholme Amber; behind, Nicola Evans and Ben Wiggan with pack pony Gamblesmire Joey.

Quick change artists: in the ring during the Countryfest display, Lownthwaite Finger Print has bandages applied (below) and a white cloth fitted under the saddle ready for her second appearance, as a dressage pony (above).



The FPS Display Team cast list this year included: In-hand pony—Greenhead Flo, handled by Myles Ellis; Soldier, Lisa Halbert—Kerbeck Night Shadow; Shepherd, Charlotte Holliday—Lownthwaite Honnington, and Ellie Mitchell—Greenholme Fiona; Pack pony, Nicola Evans—Gamblesmire Joey, and Ben Wiggan—Birkettbank Maisie; Sledge, Ian Brunskill—Townend Jasmine; Hunting, Christine Robinson—Kerbeck Night Whisper; Pony club, Georgia Ellis—Harthouse Hillman, and Jack Halbert—Kerbeck Night Shadow; Driving, Paul Metcalfe—Greenholme Dec; Endurance, Emma Garnett—Lownthwaite Lotto; Show pony, Rachael Brunskill—Hynholme Amber, and Cath Wrigley—Murthwaite Ripley; Dressage, Amanda Bridges—Kerbeck Night Whisper / Lownthwaite Finger Print.

*Harthouse Hillman (Georgia Ellis) and Murthwaite Ripley (Cath Wrigley)
leave the arena at the gallop at the Blackcombe Country Fair.*





Simon Ellis

Above: Ian Brunskill demonstrates sledging with Townend Jasmine at Blackcombe Country Fair.

Below: the FPS Promotions Team at Lowther Show with some of The Devil's Horsemen mounted on Fell ponies. Left to right: Sue Millard, Kath Ellis, Georgia Ellis, Sally Anne

(Continued opposite on page 49)



Simon Ellis



Simon Ellis

Above: Amanda Bridges and Kerbeck Night Whisper leave the arena with the Westmorland flag at Blackcombe Country Fair.

Oultram (T.D.H.) and Harthouse Hillman, Myles Ellis, Ben Wiggan, Daniel Gannon (T.D.H.) and Hynholme Amber, Rachael Brunskill, Amanda Bridges, Robert Martinkevic (T.D.H.) and Kerbeck Night Whisper, Christine Robinson, Emma Thorley (T.D.H.) and Kerbeck Night Shadow, Lisa Halbert, Ian Brunskill, Karis McCabe (T.D.H.) and Townend Jasmine, Jack Halbert, Gamblesmire Joey with Nicola Evans, Susan Brunskill.





A Greenholme filly foal against a backdrop of the Howgill Fells. She is out of the late Greenholme Bethany, and is evidently being 'done well' by her cob foster mother.

Below, Lownthwaite Ponies seen during the YPG stud visit.





Fell Pony Society 'Guard of Honour' at Windsor Castle

Under the 'Any Other Business' slot at a Fell Pony Society Council meeting, FPS President Mary Longsdon MBE announced, 'I thought we might take 90 ponies to Windsor to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday.'

A few eyebrows went up! But the astonishment turned to smiles as everyone realised what a spectacular sight it would be. The suggestion was quickly agreed and Mary began to outline the planning that would be necessary.



E. Zielinska-Millar

The 'Guard of Honour' lined the route from Windsor Castle to the sports ground as Her Majesty drove past.

The procession was led by Carltonlima Emma. The carriage was pulled by four Fell ponies, Balmoral Nevis, Balmoral Test, Notlaw Storm and Heltondale Magic XI.

The Fell ponies owned by the Royal family and stabled at Windsor were ridden immediately behind. They were Balmoral Lewis, Balmoral Phantom, Murthwaite Taylor Maid, Murthwaite Dawn Chorus and Murthwaite Sarah.

The rest of the ponies fell in behind in ranks of 4 as the carriage and procession went by. Riders wore red shirts, and helpers wore blue. The list of those who attended is shown in full on pages 54 and 55.



E. Zielinska-Millar

HM The Queen is presented with the Lownthwaite Rob Trophy by FPS Chairman Eileen Walker, for her Fell mare Carltonlima Emma.

A date was agreed with Windsor Castle: Sunday 17th July. Fell Pony Society members were then invited to apply for places in a ‘Guard of Honour’ to pay tribute to Her Majesty as our Patron. Although the original plan had been to take 90 ponies to Windsor, many more owners applied to attend. When HM The Queen was given this information and asked how many could be accommodated, she replied that she wanted to see ALL of the ponies who wanted to come—much to the delight of the Society. Everyone was bursting to publicise the event, but it had to remain private, and security was tight: background checks had to be completed before the list of those attending was finalised.

The FPS members and ponies would be allowed to enter the private grounds at Windsor Castle and camp in the beautiful parkland under the Castle. Temporary stabling would be erected for the ponies and the human guests could stay overnight in their horseboxes, trailers and tents. A generator, for the running of the toilets, was kindly donated by A Plant, Cumbria, and transported to Windsor by the Mallinson family. BEDMAX bedding was kindly provided for all the ponies to make their stay more comfortable.

Members travelled from far and wide within the UK, and many from Cumbria, but the people who travelled the furthest were Fiona Kramer who came from Germany with Wildhoeve Napoleon and the Cheetham family who

came from Aberdeenshire with their two ponies Greenholme Kirstie and Boyndlie Black Rose.

The event itself took place on Sunday 17th July, when Eileen Walker, the Fell Pony Society Chairman, led 125 Fell ponies to form the Guard of Honour lining the route from Windsor Castle to the cricket ground. It had been decided that riders would wear red rugby shirts, with a specially designed logo incorporating Windsor Castle and 'The Fell Pony Society Guard of Honour'; guests would wear blue rugby shirts. Combined with the impressive number of ponies, all of similar stamp, the result was a unique and fabulous display described by the Queen's Stud Groom, Terry Pendry, as 'making history'.

Her Majesty drove along the avenue in a carriage pulled by four Fell ponies, preceded by her mare Carltonlima Emma and followed by the Fell ponies owned by the Royal family and stabled at Windsor. As Her Majesty and her escort passed by, the members and their Fell ponies joined the procession in ranks of four.

At the paddock H M The Queen was delighted to inspect the large number of ponies and learn where they had all travelled from. She commented that she thought Fell ponies were a rare breed, so seeing so many together was a wonderful sight and one of her best birthday presents. Terry Pendry introduced FPS President, Mary Longsdon and FPS Chairman, Eileen Walker to Her Majesty, who asked Eileen about her own pony which was a homebred 4 year old gelding called Rackwood Hugo. Shelly Gilson, riding Rackwood Bonnie, was next in line. Shelly had made a special birthday card for Her Majesty on behalf of the FPS.

Eileen escorted Her Majesty around the paddock to look at the other Fell ponies assembled. Her Majesty spoke to Heather Mawrey about her bay pony, Wansfell Tobias, and said that she used to have a bay. She commented on the large moustache on Stannerskeugh Smoke and then asked Victoria Parker about the age of her grey pony, Thornbeck Andrew.

Eileen Walker presented Her Majesty with the Lownthwaite Rob Trophy, for Carltonlima Emma's achievement in raising awareness of the Fell breed during the last twelve months. Terry Pendry then escorted Her Majesty to look at the Fell stallions which were assembled outside of the paddock.

Everyone enjoyed the marvellous surroundings and appreciated how special this event was to all who attended in honour of HM The Queen. It was a once in a lifetime experience.

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90th Birthday 'Guard of Honour' Ride

Lead Pony

Carltonlima Emma

Dalefoot Sinbad

Dalehead Navigator

Darrenvale Warrior

Deepghyll Lucky Touch

Drybarrows Ruler

Drybarrows Will

Eastcote Jenny Wren

Farleton Fern

Graceland Carly

Greenbeck Candy

Greenholme Bella

Greenholme Bimbo

Greenholme Cheryl

Greenholme Chloe

Greenholme Dillon

Greenholme Kirstie

Greenholme Yabadabadoo

Royal Team

Balmoral Nevis

Balmoral Test

Heltondale Magic XI

Notlaw Storm

Drybarrows Ruler

Drybarrows Will

Eastcote Jenny Wren

Farleton Fern

Graceland Carly

Greenbeck Candy

Greenholme Bella

Greenholme Bimbo

Greenholme Cheryl

Greenholme Chloe

Greenholme Dillon

Greenholme Kirstie

Greenholme Yabadabadoo

Royal Ridden

Balmoral Lewis

Balmoral Phantom

Murthwaite Taylor Maid

Murthwaite Dawn Chorus

Murthwaite Sarah

Guards Jester

Hardendale Ray

Harthouse Hillman

Harthouse Honey

Heltondale Bonny Lass VI

Heltondale Prince IV

Hillhead Emma II

Hillhead Horace

Holling Jamie

Huntsman Guinness

Hynholme Amber

Inglegarth Celeritas

Inholmes Bilberry

Kerbeck Fire Quest

Kerbeck Night Whisper

Linnel Dainty

Linnel Frostie

Linnel Hope

Linnel Mouse

FPS Members

Ambrock Bryher

Ashness Black Rupert

Aylestone Chamelee

Bewcastle Blossom

Boutime Wooster

Bowthorne Rose Marie

Boyndlie Black Rose

Brackenbank Oscar

Brackenbank Rosebud

Brocklebank Hendricks

Brocklebeck Brilliant

Broughs Bee

Bybeck Eboneezer

Bybeck Homer

Cargenwater Jane

Clarmount Prince

Cringlemire Sonny

Dalefoot Ripple

Linnel Rapunzel	Severnvale June
Llancloudy Gabriel	Shadowcroft Moonlight
Lownthwaite Finger Print	Stannerskeugh Harry
Lownthwaite Honnington	Stannerskeugh Smoke
Lownthwaite Lotto	Sunnybrowe Prince
Lownthwaite Ottoman	Summerhouse Soldier Blue
Ludworth Albion	Thornbeck Andrew
Ludworth Donna	Thornbeck Carol
Lunesdale Cragsman	Townend Beth
Lunesdale Jackdaw	Townend Dream
Lydvale Jet	Townend Glenwelt
Marshouse Lily	Townend Glory
Meadowvalley Freespirit	Townend Lib III
Meres Just-A-Mo	Townend Libby
Midtown Jo Jo	Townend Mayblossom
Murthwaite Barney Rubble	Townend Pippin
Murthwaite Black Adder	Townend Rocky
Murthwaite Bonny Girl	Tredellans Miss Muffet
Murthwaite Diamond	Underwoods Tom-Tom
Murthwaite Gurkha	Wansfell Tobias
Murthwaite Looks Promising	Wansfell Wandaran
Murthwaite Ripley	Waverhead Bombadere
Newtimes Silver Ghost	Waverhead Copper
Oldmill Mystique	Waverhead Ebony
Oldmill Raven	Waverhead Ted
Peahill Basil	Wellbrow Bobtail
Pikestone Linnet	Wellbrow Duke
Rackwood Annie	Wellbrow Fury
Rackwood Bonnie	Wellbrow Jacko
Rackwood Duke	Wildhoeve Napoleon
Rackwood Hugo	Wolds Jenny Wren II
Rackwood Jubilee Joy	Wolds Red Kite
Rackwood Princess	Total = 135 Registered Fell Ponies
Ralfland Gillie	Eileen A Walker
Ravenscairn Sonny	FPS Chairman 2016
Roddlesworth Nancy	
Rundale Ally	
Rundale O'The Hill	
Severnvale Grace	



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Above—Loweswater Show 1990: riders watching another competitor's show are Helen Williamson, Christine Robinson, Georgina Callister, Barbara Bell, and Ruth Ward; who are the ponies? Below—the winner of the 3 and 4 year old class at the 1992 Stallion Show at Dalemain: Mr J Gibson's Rackwood Prince (Townend Henry x Rackwood Dewdrop).



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FPS Stallion & Colt Show 14 May 2016

The Stallion & Colt Show was held in the beautiful setting of Dalemain, near Ullswater, by kind permission of the McCosh family. The sun shone and Judge Barry Mallinson thoroughly enjoyed placing the quality ponies, but was disappointed that so few were shown in the traditional stallion harness which seems to be a rare sight these days.



Claire Simpson

Supreme Champion Lunesdale Black Ice II with Katie Raine.

The overall supreme champion stallion and winner of the class for ridden stallions was the eight year old Lunesdale Black Ice bred by Bert and Carole Morland and now owned by Katie Raine. Katie's uncle, John Brougham, bought Black Ice when he was a yearling and Katie helped to care for him and handled him on a regular basis before breaking him to ride and drive. Katie's parents then bought Black Ice as a present for Katie's 18th birthday in 2015. Barry Mallinson explained that he had been following the pony's progress over the years and he felt that he had matured into a very good type and was outstanding on the day. He was also impressed by his good manners and how well he behaved for his young owner. The ridden class was particularly strong, with some exceptional ponies, and several experienced combinations producing polished performances, so all the more impressive that young Katie and her lovely pony headed the class.

Glenis Cockbain won the two year old class, the youngstock championship and reserve supreme with her homebred Carrock Stride The Nite shown by John Cockbain (*over page*). This super colt does indeed stride out very well and was tipped by the judge as 'one for the future'.

John Cockbain with Reserve Champion Carrock Stride the Nite



Claire Simpson

Bill Potter won the yearling class with the exuberant Salisbury McCoy, who was sired by the supreme champion and shown by John Potter.

Bert and Carole Morland won the class for geldings two and three years old with Lunesdale Captain, who had come off the fell only three weeks before, shown by Vicki Kenyon.

Hannah Lancaster won the class for three and four year old stallions with the four year old Murthwaite Mo Farah. 'Mo-Jo' was bought as a yearling from Tommy Capstick as a 21st birthday present for Hannah and Mum Donna says that he is a very special pony to the family. (Birthday presents have obviously improved since my 18th and 21st!) Mo-Jo has been lightly backed and Hannah hopes to bring him out under saddle next year when she has completed her studies.

Juliet Huddleston won the class for geldings four years and over and went on to win the championship for geldings in hand with Rosefell T Reg. Paul Metcalfe's Greenholme Dec was second and took the reserve championship; Dec then went onto win the class for ridden geldings with Bethan Lewis in the saddle.

Another young jockey in the ridden gelding class was ten year old Scarlett Marshall who did a superb job of showing Wellbrow Victor, both in hand and ridden; so much so that she was awarded a round of applause when the pair completed their individual ridden show. I think we will be seeing a lot more of this talented youngster in the future.

There were three grey ponies entered in the driving class, but unfortunately only two forward due to the fact that Greenholme Dec's traces had been accidentally left at home. Gilly Chippendale's very smart country turnout with Skennerskeugh Smoke took the class from Courtney Savage in second place with Murthwaite Icicle.

Many thanks to the FPS Show Committee; those who generously sponsor the event and those who give their time to make these events a success.



Cumbria Fell & Dales Show, 4 June 2016

Cumbria Fell & Dales Pony Show were delighted to be back at Jenkinsons Field on Sunday, 5th June for the 9th holding of their Show. The day turned out to be a bit of a heat-wave so competitors were advised to remove jackets in all classes.

Online entries and entries taken on the day were new to the Show this year and both well received and supported. Fell entries were as strong as usual and Driving and Working hunter entries were increased slightly, which was pleasing.

Michael Goddard from Devon judged all Fell Pony In Hand Classes and found much quality in the Youngstock entry. This was borne out by yearling Drybarrows Authentic going right through the card, winning all before her to go Youngstock Champion, then In Hand Champion, and then retaining her sparkle at the end of a long hot day to go Supreme Fell Pony Champion.

Raisbeck Calico, owned and bred by Di Slack of Kaber, filled the Reserve Supreme Fell Pony spot with Anna Metcalfe riding. Calico won the Young Open and Intermediate on the way to the Ridden Championship prior to getting the Reserve Supreme Sash. Courtney Read was Reserve Ridden Champion with her own Darrenvale Chancer. This Young Pony won two well filled Novice Classes on the way to the Ridden Championship. Barbara Bell from the Waverhead Stud of Fell Ponies judged the Ridden Classes.

Working Hunter Judges Sue Mallinson and Johnny Alderson found the Fell Pony Working Hunter Pony Champion in Ellen Jones's Lunesdale War Dance ridden by daughter, Sophie Jones. This is the third year this combination has won this Championship, so a very consistent partnership. Reserve to War Dance was Charlotte Wilson from Hexhamshire on Hades Hill Perry.

Next year's Cumbria Fell & Dales Pony Show will be very much in the same format, with the addition of Stallion Classes.

The Show would not go ahead without the generosity of the Jenkinson Family who kindly offer their field for the Show, and Show Sponsors CARRS Agriculture of Penrith and PARAGON Veterinary Group. Show Organisers Hilary Fawcett and Ellen Jones are very grateful for this support.

Ellen Jones



Learning with Fells 2017

The Society will run LWF again in 2017 if there is sufficient interest. Places are open to all FPS members, with preference given to those under 18 years of age. Please contact the FPS Office, Bank House, Boroughgate, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6XF, Tel/fax: 01768 353100, E-mail: secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk



Sandringham Fell, Dales & Friends Show, 7 May 2016

The morning dawned bright and sunny as once again the MESG show was held in the beautiful setting of the Royal Estate at Sandringham by kind permission of HM The Queen. Lorries and trailers began to arrive early and soon became apparent that there would be a bumper entry.

Fell and Friends judge Sarah Prior awarded the first red rosette of the day to Jane Rawden and Samatha Audley's two year old Bracklinn Glayva, who also went on the be Overall Youngstock Champion.

There were no stallions forward this year, so the adult pony in hand classes started with the mares. The mare class was taken by Jenny Crane's Greenholme Caitlin and the gelding class winner was Tom Webster's Llancloudy Jackson.

The top two places in the Child Handler class which was open to all breeds were taken by Fell ponies. Louise Bowles' Linnel Primrose was first and Kim Osborne's Bybeck Northern Dancer second.

In hand Champion was Greenholme Caitlin with Llancloudy Jackson standing Reserve. Greenholme Caitlin will be one of the MESG representatives at the Bewcastle Boy Blue inter area final at the Southern show in September.

The afternoon saw the ridden classes take place with Greenholme Caitlin once again taking top spot in the adult class. Amelia Hill took a well deserved red ribbon for the best child rider on Shepparton Lucy-Victoria.

The traditional ridden and family equine classes were won by Fells, with Nicola Clarke's Lunesdale Spirit getting first place in the traditional class and Catriona Paterson's Meres Just-a-Mo taking family equine. The ridden Champion was Greenholme Caitlin, with Lunesdale Spirit standing Reserve. Greenholme Caitlin was also Supreme Fell Champion.

There were Fell winners in the dressage with a third place for Lisa Dunger's Shepparton Tara in Intro C, and Meres Just-a-Mo winning both Prelim 2 and Novice 27. First time ridden combination was won by Nicola Clark and Lunesdale Spirit in an all breeds class.

Julia Prentice's New Times Silver Ghost took third place in the open long reining, second in best trimmed feet and first in the Very Novice WHP.

The Novice WHP winner was Lunesdale Spirit, with Meres Just-a-Mo coming third. Eventual WHP Champion was Lunesdale Spirit.

The end of the day saw the Champion of Champions showdown with the Supreme Champions from all rings forward under the Fell and Friends judge Sarah Prior and her Dales and WHP counterpart Lorayne Ahmet.

After much deliberation the Champion of Champions sash was awarded to Greenholme Caitlin making it a clean sweep for Jenny Crane's superb mare. Reserve was Tamsyn Bell-Heather's Banroc Bluebelle (Welsh C) who was the Friends Supreme Champion.

Huge congratulations go to all the winners of the day.

We are very aware that we are out on a limb in West Norfolk so would like say a big thank you to everyone who made the journey to join us. We hope you enjoyed your day and will consider coming again. We can't promise a repeat of the glorious weather but can offer a lovely friendly show suitable for all levels of competitor and every pony in a near perfect setting.

Our grateful thanks go as always to everyone who helped in the planning and on the day, our hard working secretaries, stewards and judges, our sponsors and of course the competitors-without any of you there would be no show.

If you feel you could be of any help to us in any way please get in touch.

See you all next year.

Jean Bateson



Jean Bateson

In hand champion, ridden champion and Supreme Champion was Jenny Crane's Greenholme Caitlin. Caitlin will be one of the MESG representatives at the Bewcastle Boy Blue inter area final at the Southern show



Derbyshire Fell, Dales & Highland Show 2016

A pony bought at the sale of the late Tommy Capstick's Murthwaite ponies took the overall Fell championship. Murthwaite Magic Moment, a fourteen year old mare, had lived most of her life on the Howgill fells but had been supreme champion at the Breed Show in 2009. Jenny Crane had always liked the mare and was determined that she would be going home from the auction with her.

The results show the very high standard of the ponies present on the day with many multi-champions in the ribbons. Reserve overall was Lunesdale Aurora, ridden by Julie Robinson, who had won the Traditional and Open Ridden Fell classes and Champion Fell Ridden.

Reserve champion ridden Fell was Murthwaite Alfie, who is also owned by Jenny Crane with Steph Peto who was in the saddle. Reserve champion in hand was Deb Vychinski's stallion Boutime Wooster, a previous supreme champion at the FPS stallion show.

Zoe Marsden's grey yearling colt Midtown Joker took the championship in the youngstock section, with Jane Rawden and Samantha Audley's Bracklinn Glayva in reserve.

Winner of the Bewcastle Boy Blue qualifier was Greenholme Waterloo, owned by Kate White and bought from Julie Robinson—a case of history repeating itself for the White family, as their mare Pikestone Linnet had previously won the same qualification a few years ago. The family don't do very much showing but Diane Key loves Waterloo and also loves showing so hopefully we will see this lovely gelding out a lot more in the future.

Simon Ellis



Emma Garnett with Lownthwaite Lotto as an Endurance horse and rider at Blackcombe Country Fair (see page 43)



FPS South Cumbria Show 2016

The Fell Pony Society South Cumbria show is run by Bev and Paul Metcalfe, Julie Robinson and their team, who always do a super job of creating a lovely show known for its encouraging, supportive atmosphere and spectacular raffle prizes. The show was well supported, and dodged the heavy showers that drenched other parts of the county during the day.

Courtney Read judged the in hand classes and Tracey Mallinson the ridden; both ladies have been on the FPS trainee judges scheme and were flying solo for the first time at a FPS affiliated show. Both were very impressed by the very high standard across the board. Courtney explained that she was looking for good clean limbs, good bone and joints. She awarded the in hand championship to Francesca Hoggarth's Banksgate Elidor, a lovely three year old filly by Banksgate Jackdaw. Zoe Marsden's grey yearling Midtown Joker by Lunesdale Beckham took the reserve championship in hand.

Tracey awarded the ridden championship to Juliet Huddleston's Rosefell T Reg, ridden by Alex Robinson, and explained that she particularly liked the gelding's action under saddle. Kate Watson took the reserve championship with the novice Townend Fantasy, a pony with an excellent in hand record that had only been backed for a few weeks.

Sophie Jones took the junior championship with Lunesdale War Dance, from Ellie Mitchell with Greenholme Fiona, in reserve. Tracey was very impressed by the standard of riding in the junior classes, and particularly impressed when one young jockey knew the instant that her pony had struck off on the wrong leg and corrected it immediately; she explained that she was judging the junior's riding ability, as well as the pony and its way of going.

The working hunter ring ran all day, with clear round classes and the option to join a mini masterclass with Julie Robinson, followed by novice, intermediate and open classes which were judged by Vicky Wilson. Greenholme Dillon, winner of the intermediate class took the WHP championship, ridden by Mathilde Martin, with Lunesdale War Dance ridden by Sophie Jones in reserve.

At the end of the day the champions from the in hand and flat ridden rings contested the Supreme. Reserve judge Beverley Hodgson was asked to join the judges as the reserve in hand had been bred by a member of Tracey's family. Happily all the judges agreed that Banksgate Elidor should take supreme with Rosefell T Reg in reserve.

Francesca Hoggarth



*Supreme Champion at South Cumbria Show, Francesca Hoggarth's Banksgate Elidor
Reserve Champion, Juliet Huddleston's Rosefell T Reg, ridden by Alex Robinson*

Francesca Hoggarth



Claire Simpson



Above: Working Hunter champion at South Cumbria Show, Claire Simpson's Greenholme Dillon ridden by Mathilde Martin; and Reserve Lunesdale War Dance and Sophie Jones.

Below: Best Foot Forward: Stennerskeugh Gregory (winner of the Best Set of Feet, Shod Class at 2016 Breed Show) celebrates with his farriers William and Ben Moore and his owner Barbara Dunne.





The Fell Pony Society Annual Breed Show, Sunday 7 August

The Fell Pony Society held its annual Breed Show in the beautiful setting of Dalemain on Sunday 7th August by kind permission of the McCosh family. Not normally held on a Sunday, the date had been changed to avoid a clash with the Lowther Show where the Fell Pony Society Display Team were booked to perform, as several members of the Display Team are fundamental to the running of the Breed Show. The strong winds created quite a challenge in anchoring the marquees but otherwise the rain held off, and an increased number of entries enjoyed a bright blustery day.

The Tufton Silver Challenge Trophy for overall supreme champion went to Margaret Wilson with the homebred seven year old mare Townend Fantasy.



Fantasy (*above*) was ridden by Kate Watson and won the Greenfield Memorial Trophy for the novice ridden champion and the Toby Tankard for the overall ridden champion in this, her first season under saddle, and only her third ridden show. Fantasy is sired by the fabulously successful stallion Heltondale Bonzo Boy, who is sadly no longer with us, but who won the stallion progeny class and has four of his progeny representing him at HOYS this year. Fantasy impressed the judges with her free flowing movement and is a lovely example of the breed; I'm sure that we will see her progress further under saddle as her siblings have. Reserve supreme went to the three year old gelding, Lunesdale Captain, owned and bred by Bert and Carole Morland and shown by Lily Gaulton; another typey

pony with excellent action and a previous winner at both the FPS Stallion and the South Cumbria shows this season. Captain won the FPS Challenge Cup for the best three year old pony.

The Lakeland Cup for the best pony two years old and under went to David Thompson with the yearling filly, Drybarrows Another Chapter. It was a good day for the Drybarrows stud, as David also took the yearling colt class with Dybarrows Advocate. He then teamed up with the Smith family, whose yearling Drybarrows Authentic had taken second place in the filly class, and the three yearlings collectively earned second place for the Smith family's Carrock I'm Yer Man in the stallion progeny class.

Reserve champion pony two years and under went to Carrock Elsa, the Cockbain family's prolific winner; the family's 20 year old Townend Sugar won the veteran in hand class and the McDonough Shield for the oldest mare with her own foal at foot.

Winner of the Alan Shuttleworth trophy for the champion mare was the four year old Greenholme Georgy Girl, who had won the mares 4-7 years for Jane Steeples. Townend Skylark took reserve for Margaret Wilson.

Bracklinn Rosebud won the Heltondale Lucy X Cup for the best filly bred by a registered native heath breeder for the Smith family, and the Shawfell Silhouette Memorial Cup for the best foal went again to the Wilkinson family with Brackenbank Ruby.

Other class winners in the mares and fillies in hand include Banksgate Aisling who won the mares over eight years for Helen Rich, and Raisbeck Casino who won the class for mares with filly foals at foot. Amy Kinsella won the class for three year olds with Brackenbank Flicka, whom we look forward to seeing under saddle next season.

Nicola Chippendale won the Farleton trophy for the champion gelding over four years with the seven year old Rackwood Duke. Louise Younger took the class for geldings eight years and over, the reserve championship and the Skennerskeugh Joe trophy with Wellbrow Norman.

Other winners in the geldings and colts in hand include George Hutton who won the mare with colt foal and the foal class with Just Ebony and her foal Setmabanning Jacko; and Iysha Pitman won the two year old class with Bracklinn Travis.

In the ridden rings the hotly contested HOYS ticket went to Greenholme Caitlin and Miss T Bell Heather. Raisbeck Calico, owned and bred by Di Slack, won the ridden open mares class, the traditional ridden class, the open ridden championship and the reserve overall ridden championship with Amy Kinsella in the saddle. Louise Pearson's Bracklinn Dynamite won the class for novice geldings and stallions with Brian Williams and took the reserve novice championship. Courtney Savage won the open class for stallions and geldings with Deepghyll Lucky Touch while Amy Kinsella rode Di Slack's Raisbeck Calico to victory in the open mares.

Ridden veteran class went to Zoe Brain and Kerbeck Smugglers Fire. Wansfell Wandaran won the best turned out class and the Briar trophy for Lesley Bamforth.

The winners of the pairs class were sisters Lucy Jones with Dalefoot Rio and Sophie Jones with Greenholme Friar Tuck.

Juniors are very well catered for. Amongst the youngest riders was Hannah Wainwright, aged 6, who won the fancy dress class with Bess. The lead rein class was won by Katie Collins, 7, with Shadowcroft Jolston. Georgina Mallinson, 9, took the first ridden class with Wolds Red Kite.

Lucie Mason won the class for riders under 13 years with Murthwaite Barney Rubble. Sophie Jones won the class for riders between 14 and 18 years with Lunesdale War Dance, and went on to take the Littletree Trophy for the junior ridden champion, with Marianna Stephenson and Greenholme Buttercup in reserve. The young handlers class was won by 14 year old Georgia Ellis and Scotgate Midnight Rebel. Megan Wilkinson, 16, won the class for young judges.

There were good entries in the WHP classes and the overall championship went to Zoe Marsden's Wellbrow Diplomat, ridden by Ashley Bird, who had won the intermediate class—quite an achievement, as the stallion hadn't actually jumped a course of fences before, and had only been entered for fun on the day, after he had contested the HOYS class earlier in the morning. The reserve championship went to the winner of the open class, Murthwaite Barney Rubble, who was ridden by Millie Mason and had been second in the novice class with Millie's younger sister Lucie.

Other winners in the WHP classes were Farleton Fern who won the beginners with Kate Storkanova and Chesterman Dandy who won the novice class for Sonyarisa Duckhouse.

The dressage ring ran for most of the day and competitors in the three classes were able to fit their tests around their other activities. The seniors BE 90 Test 95 winner was Louise Younger with Wellbrow Norman; Ellie Mitchell won the junior class with Greenholme Fiona. The Introductory walk and trot test winner was Wansfell Wandaran ridden by Lesley Bamforth.

Gilly Chippendale won the driving class with Skennerskeugh Smoke. Greenholme Dillon and Kate Storkanova won the Parkway Bellman Trophy for the pony gaining the most points in riding, driving and dressage classes.

There were good entries in the foot classes with the trophy for the best set of feet shod going to Barbara Dunne's Skennerskeugh Gregory, farrier William Moore. The trophy for the best unshod foot went to Caroline Dean's Linnel Frostie.

Congratulations to all the winners. We hope that everyone had a super day, despite the challenges brought by the strong winds. Many thanks to the Show Committee and all the other people who help make these events happen; those who do the setting up; and those who stay to do all the taking down and all the other work behind the scenes that largely goes unnoticed.

Claire Simpson



Fell Pony Conservancy of North America

Fells Take Top Honours for 2016

The Fell pony breed took all the top honours at the recent Equus Survival Trust's Stewardship Awards of North America rare breed show. EST is a North American based conservation nonprofit dedicated to preserving and promoting rare breed equines. The Fell pony classes were supported and partially sponsored by the FPS Overseas Branch, The Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas.

With over 100 classes for 9 different rare breed horses and ponies, Fells captured several Most Versatile (high point) awards against Dartmoors, Dales, Swedish Gotlands, and Newfoundland ponies.

Littletree Born Supremacy - Black gelding (aka Jason), Owner/Trainer/Exhibitor Allison Wolff, KY, won:

Most Versatile, Fell Pony Breed - Judged by UK Platinum judge Robin Avery.

Most Versatile Pony in Dressage - Judged by USDF accredited dressage judge.

Most Versatile Pony In Show - total points from Ridden, In-Hand, and Dressage.

Garrighyll Gandalf (*right*) grey Fell Gelding, Owner/Handler/Costume Maker Alison Emslie-Smith, portraying a Cumbrian 18th century hand knitter with her pack pony. They were placed first in the All Breed Historical Costume class under 5 judges.

Heather Kyle's Littletree Tia Maria (*back cover*) was the Supreme In-hand Pony Champion.

The Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas will submit a full account of Fells at the 2016 SANA, including photos, in the FPS Spring magazine.



Tom Crockett



The Royal Windsor Show

In a fine tribute to the late Tommy Capstick, Murthwaite ponies took four out of the first six places in the in hand Fell class at Royal Windsor under judge Jenny Charlton. H.M. The Queen's Murthwaite Dawn Chorus won the class and went on to take the reserve championship in the mountain and moorland section. Hayley Reynolds' Murthwaite Ice Man took second place, from Mr & Mrs Parker's Littletree Ladybird in third. H.M. The Queen took fourth with Murthwaite Taylor Maid, a pony who had spent all her life on the Howgill fells before being purchased from the Murthwaite sale last summer. Jane Rawden's all rounder Murthwaite Looks Promising took fifth place from H.M. The Queen's Balmoral Fashion in sixth.

Later in the week it was thrilling to see the Murthwaite ponies taking part in the live performance to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday; which included young Kinvara Garner (13), skilfully riding the stunning Townend Schubert, and doing a fabulous job of playing a young Princess Elizabeth learning to ride her pony. Well done all!

FPS Judges' Training Day

The FPS held a training refresher day for judges at Newton Rigg E.C. in April. Around 50 people attended, including judges of other M&M breeds.

Peter Boustead and Russell Sutcliffe stressed the importance of breed type and Fell pony characteristics, as good conformation is similar in any breed. Peter emphasised the importance of movement in ridden classes and explained that he is concerned that judges and competitors seem to be turning ridden classes into dressage or equitation tests. Much emphasis is placed on the correct canter lead, correct bend etc, but not enough emphasis on whether the pony's movement is correct for a Fell, with, for example, the knee and the hock action and the reach that would allow a pony to move through bracken on a fell.

All too often ridden shows follow the same set pattern with ponies going into canter showing almost no walk and hardly any trot, especially on the left rein. Peter is worried that we could end up with a universal native pony that can canter beautifully on a flat surface, but would not be able to traverse mountain or moorland. He would like to see a 'movement according to type' mark factored in to the ridden show mark to help focus attention on this important point.

The ridden ponies present to assist with the demonstration were from the Ryehouse Show Team, all very good examples of the breed that move very well.

Sue Millard discussed the driving turnouts who had kindly attended. They were Gilly Chippendale's Skennerskeugh Smoke put to a varnished Ralli Car; and Paul Metcalfe's Greenholme Dec put to a Polish pleasure wagon. Two very different

vehicles that provided a nice contrast of how to turn out for Private Driving and Pleasure or Exercise Cart classes. Sue explained the line of draught, and how well the traditional full collar serves for low four wheeled carriages and for two wheelers with axle draught. Sue also discussed some positive guidelines on the judging of driving classes, that categorised various minor and more serious faults that may be encountered by a judge.

The Society hopes to hold a judges' training day every two years in the future and it has been suggested that the next session may concentrate on working hunter pony classes.

Fell Pony Society Auction of Promises

The FPS will be holding another auction of promises this autumn. The event will follow the same format as 2014, an evening meal followed by the auction, and will again include some fantastic opportunities and spectacular lots that should result in some keen bidding. It will take place at Stoneybeck, near Penrith, on October 15th, and electronic bidding will be available before the event for anyone who cannot attend in person. If you would like to book tickets or are able to offer a lot, large or small, then please contact the Society office via secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Stallion Grading

The Fell Pony Society has introduced a new free and voluntary stallion grading scheme. It will not affect current FPS stallion licensing rules.

In this first year the grading scheme has been open to two and three year old colts, and took place at Newton Rigg E.C. Penrith and at the FPS Southern Show venue in September. During 2017, stallion grading will be available to all who wish to take part, and other suitable venues will be added to meet the demand.

Grading will be undertaken by a panel of assessors and marks will be independently awarded as per the Fell Pony Breed Standard (Breed Type / General Characteristics & Scale of Points). The marks awarded by each assessor will be totalled and an average mark will be calculated from their score sheets.

There will be three grades:

Gold: will be awarded to ponies who achieve 80% or above. These will be of the highest quality and the ones which breeders should be encouraged to use.

Silver: will be awarded to ponies who achieve 65% - 79%. These will be of slightly less quality but still have an important role to play.

Bronze: will be awarded to ponies who achieve 50% - 64%.

Full details are on the website at www.fellponysociety.org.uk

The Thorpe family had an excellent day at the Great Yorkshire show with their super three year old colt Wellbrow Mikado taking the Fell in hand championship under judge Georgina Callister.



Mikado is by the Wellbrow stud's foundation stallion Heltondale Mountain Mist II who is now 21 years old and has had a major influence on the quality of the Wellbrow ponies. Mikado is set to take over from his sire in the future.



Reserve champion was Margaret Wilson's lovely six year old mare Townend Skylark, shown by Penny Randell. Skylark is another pony sired by the extremely

successful sire Heltondale Bonzo Boy; both the champion and reserve are a credit to the work of Greta and the late Sarge Noble at Heltondale.

Other winners in hand were Mrs C Boardman with the yearling colt Banksgate O Boy by Banksgate Johnny Doran; and Rob Briggs with the six year old stallion Greenholme Elect by Greenholme Warbler.

As usual, the HOYS qualifier ridden class, judged by Mr. D. Blaire and Mr. T. Best from Fife, was very well supported with many very successful ponies contesting the ticket and Fells taking six of the top eight places. The winner, confirming the initial placings, was Miss D Garner's nine year old stallion Greenholme Hairy Harry ridden by Becki Penny; Harry is another pony by Greenholme Warbler. Third, pulled up from the middle of the class, was Anna Metcalfe with Lunesdale Warrior Queen, one of very few mares entered. Fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth places were all taken by stallions: Zoe Marsden's Wellbrow Diplomat; Miss C Clare's Lunesdale Dixie; Miss K Mark's Hardendale Ray and the Smith family's Bracklinn Jackpot respectively.

Claire Simpson



Breyer Model Supports the FPS

Breyer, the USA company that produces horse models, has modelled a Fell pony named "Carltonlima Emma" after the pony that HM The Queen rides. Breyer (pronounced "Bry-er") kindly continue to donate a proportion of their sales to the Fell Pony Society and Girlguiding.



You can see the model online and purchase it at <https://www.breyerhorses.com/carltonlima-emma>



Dalewin Beauty – Fell Pony Extraordinaire!

My wonderful Fell pony, Dalewin Beauty, born May 1998, has turned a hoof to many things with great success. An ‘old fashioned’ Fell at 13.1hh, she has been a show pony both in hand and ridden to County level, in hand mounted games, ridden fancy dress, hunting, and as an endurance (long distance) pony. Her life has been varied but at 18 we are settled on the odd day hunting and endurance. She has completed many a pleasure ride and competitive graded endurance ride. She likes nothing more than a distance ride be it locally on her own or better still with her equine friends at a ride organised by Endurance GB (EGB) throughout the country. I am sure she enjoys the variety of countryside, fields, hills, valleys and open spaces and the tremendous views. She does occasionally like to stop and stare at a particularly wonderful view. We have ridden in contrasting places, differing rides in Sherwood Forest and Nottinghamshire, Tebay and other venues in Cumbria, in lots of locations in Lincolnshire, and all over Yorkshire and County Durham. We have managed to get to only one of the Fell Pony Society organised rides but I love the Fell Pony Society (FPS) rosette we were given at the end. Of course Beauty had to march on at the front striding out as though we were on a mission. She does like to be at the front and overtake. A very determined lady.

Endurance riding can be anything from 5 kilometres for the young or those new to the sport, up to 100 kilometres for the experienced, organised by the EGB Groups with stewards and vet checks to ensure the wellbeing of the animals taking part. We have taken part in day rides and up to 5 days rides from centres such as the Lindum Spirit rides held at Market Rasen racecourse annually. Beauty is well known at these events taking part in rides up to 40 kilometres (25 miles) she usually covers the route in just over 3 hours. Most years our ‘holiday’ is to take part in these 5 days rides. She loves the company and laps up the daily work; in fact I think she is sorry to come home.

She suffers from Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS), diagnosed after suffering from a bout of laminitis. Once diagnosed and on restricted grazing to lose weight, the right drugs and getting back into work, we have had no problems. For the last few years I have ensured that she is always on a restricted winter diet of hay, HiFi Lite, with Simple Systems Metaslim and a small quantity of soaked Lucie Nuts. She comes into spring quite lean (ribs covered and not thin) and with some work once the weather improves she has no problems regaining fitness, always looks very well and acts like a youngster. Her grey facial hair is the only thing that shows that she is an aged lady.

Her days in the show ring may not yet be over but when entered in the in hand veteran class last year at our local show, Egton, she leaped around and misbehaved so much that she was placed well down. She acted more like a 2 year old at its first show. I think she was telling me she is NOT a show pony.

These days because of my old age (not Beauty’s) we are sticking to the shorter Pleasure Rides (10 or 20 km). Beauty bounces about at the start as she wants to

get going and is just as fit when she returns to the venue after the ride. She tries to tell me we are only part way around, but usually I have stiffened up and am glad to stretch my legs. She then likes to stand tied to the wagon for a couple of hours and take in the scenery and equine company and of course, being a Fell, grab any grass she can reach.

Beauty has won awards many times in the FPS Endurance section, both Pleasure and Competitive and I keep all her numerous rosettes together with those won elsewhere including the wonderful rosettes at the Lindum Spirit.

Beauty and I love our Endurance riding, and the people we meet and ride with are so friendly. At our level we are only competing against ourselves and so it is just fun and an enjoyable outing. Road crossings and awkward gates are often manned by stewards and helpers and medical help and vets are on call so both riders and horses can be attended to quickly should something untoward happen.

There is often a photographer out on course so you can obtain a photo of you and your horse. The riders seem to come back with the most smiley faces and horses and riders go home happy.

I would encourage anyone to try an organised Pleasure Ride and those with a registered Fell pony to enter the FPS Endurance Awards. The majority of natives love to work and long distance riding is just the job for these hardy types. For the more elderly riders a native pony is a lot nearer the ground so a lot easier to get on and off independently than the larger horse you may have ridden in your younger days, so if you still have an urge to go riding then get on a native, especially a Fell. If you have half of the fun and pleasure I have, then you will find it very rewarding.

Liz Worthy

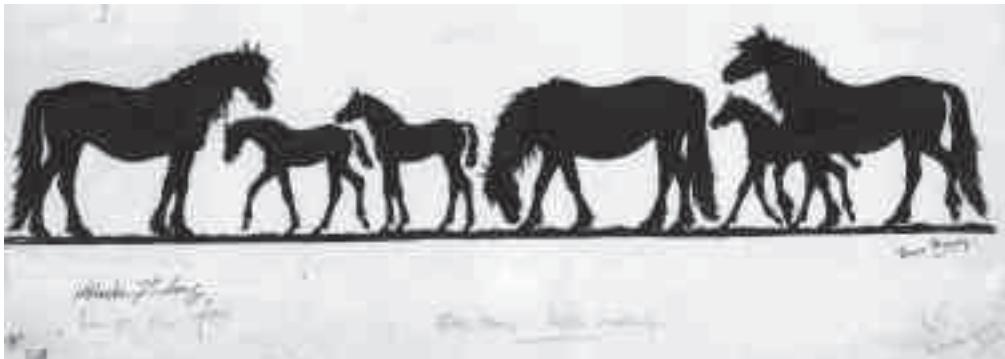


Ann Featherstone



The Society's Silhouette Logo

I am delighted to see your Society continue to use a silhouette drawing by my late father, Deane Skurray, as your letter heading and logo.



Deane Skurray's original drawing made in 1954 for the Society .

I have been asked to give a background to the artist and how he became involved in your Society.

He was born in 1901 and brought up in Abingdon, just as the motor car started to appear in Berkshire, but the horse and trap were still the main form of transport. History does not relate from whom he inherited his incredible eye for the horse and its conformation, which he showed in drawings as early as the age of seven.

Articled to an architect in 1919 until 1928, he did not have enough time to pursue the subject, so it was after this that his love of silhouettes and weather vanes began. In early 1930 the first sales literature was produced, for hunt kennels and house clients with stables. Each silhouette order was cut out with his hand fretsaw, and the frame made to his drawing. As he was a director of a brewery, looking after public house properties, if a pub happened to be near a racing establishment their most prominent winner was depicted in the pub sign.

Bertram Mills' Circus had its winter quarters at Binfield in Berkshire when not touring. In 1934 my father was commissioned to produce drawings of all their acts that involved the horse, for publicity.

The opportunity arose in 1936 for him to purchase a property in North Hampshire with 56 acres to set up a stud for pony and hunter breeding, but the War came in 1939, which meant much land being ploughed up for cereal growing. It wasn't until 1946 that he had time to revert to his interests of pony and horse breeding. He was extremely concerned by the decline in stocking numbers, by the end of World War Two, of the national pony breeds in the country. Exmoor ponies for example, were down to a handful of breeding mares, with the demand for

meat and lack of care of the moors etc. Thus he was instrumental in the setting up of the society to promote these breeds, The Ponies of Britain Club, with its annual show held in the Paddock at Ascot Racecourse, by kind permission of Major "Crocker" Bulteel, The Manager, with the hardworking character, Glenda Spooner, as Secretary.

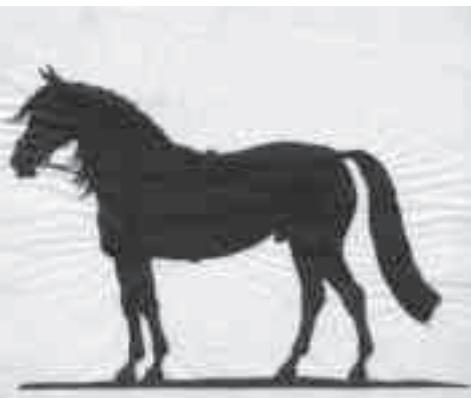
His design for Ponies of Britain's letter heading was accepted, and its 1953 Show Catalogue had 22 drawings depicting their activities, which included The Fell Pony. I imagine he was approached by your Society to do the same, for in March 1954, nine drawings were presented, which include your letter heading. Fortunately the originals have still survived, so they have been copied and reduced for your members to enjoy.

There was also a need to build up the stock and quality of the hunter after the War, hence his involvement with the Hunters Improvement Society in its early beginnings. His articles appeared in various equine papers on breeding, and after the War requirements to plough for food came to an end he set up a stud at his home. For example the Cleveland Bay, a light draught horse, he considered good stock onto which you could put your thoroughbred stallion, to combine their joint features and produce the ideal hunter. To prove his point, there were 19 stock in the stud at the time of his death.

He admired and was influenced by horse artists such as Cecil Aldin, 'Snaffles' (Lionel Edwards) and Alfred Munnings, who were his slightly older contemporaries. I believe he met them and it definitely shows in his work.

When Princess Elizabeth stood in for her Father, George VI, at The Trooping of The Colour Parade in 1952, riding side saddle on Police Horse Winston, the temptation was too great for my father, and in Coronation Year 1953, he obtained permission from The Palace to produce a weather vane of her. Sadly he was unable to find a way to cut out the silhouette on a production basis. A label for 'Monarch' Coronation Strong Ale, however, was approved for Morlands Brewery.

In July 1954 he approached a London horse book publisher, J.A. Allen and Co., "The Horseman's Bookshop", with a proposal to produce a book incorporating nearly a hundred of his chosen drawings and silhouettes. This would have been very timely, when his name was becoming known in the horse breeding world, and he might have received some recognition for his amazing eye for horse conformation and being able to reproduce it so accurately. Even this publication would have represented only a fraction of his output of horse drawings, quite



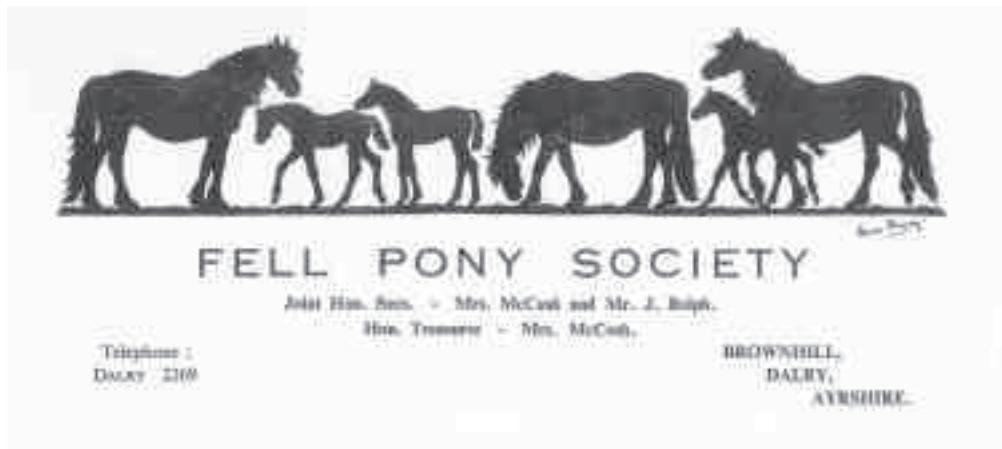
apart from his detailed architectural drawings, with hand coloured elevations, each a picture in its own right.

The book was never produced. He was killed in a car accident on 28th November 1954.

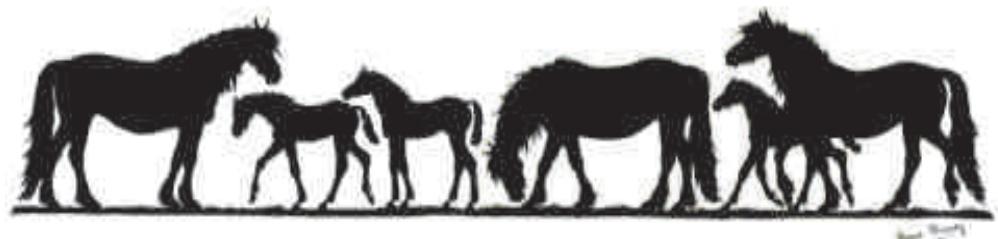
Fortunately, his extraordinary eye for the horse was passed on to his daughter Susan Chance, whose achievements in pony breeding with her "Spinningdale Stud" would have made him very proud.

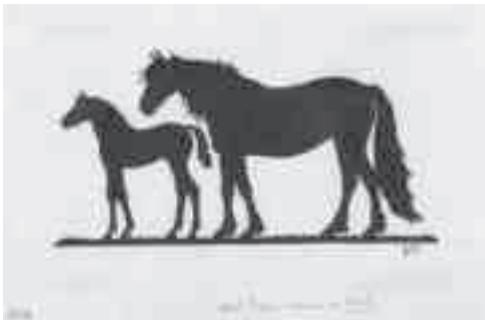
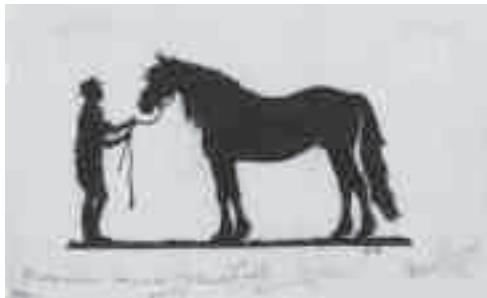


Stephen Skurray



The Society first used Deane Skurray's Fell pony mares and foals as its letter heading in 1954.



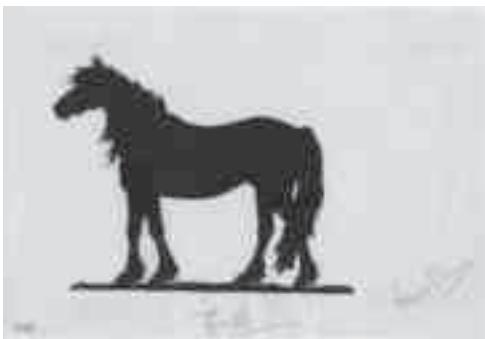


Above, left: Deane Skurray's "Fell Stallion". Right: "Fell Pony Mare and Foal."



Above, left: a Fell pony with a lady rider wearing a bowler hat. Right: a very similar silhouette amended by pasting in a fresh piece of paper and drawing the rider as a girl in a hunt cap.

Below, left: "Sketch, Fell Mare & foal (Riding Type)." Right: a Fell gelding.





"One Fell Swoop": NPS Novice Dressage Team Champions 2016

Our team has been a year in the making, starting at the 2015 competition when Jane Rawden was disappointed to find only 2 Fells taking part in the championships. She ended up in a very mixed team named Lastminute.com. Knowing the versatility of our Fells she got in touch via the Fell Pony Group on Facebook and a plan for 2016 was formulated. I and Mother/daughter duo Vicki and Holly Brown were part of the successful BD Team Quest Fell team named Bounced Back, so we agreed to do qualifiers to allow us to compete in 2016. The fourth member of the team was initially Elizabeth Wilkinson, who had been competing superbly in BD affiliated competitions.

After much discussion as to a team name, we narrowed it down to GrandFELLA's or One Fell Swoop and there was no better place to decide on it than putting it to the members of the Fell Pony Group. Close to unanimously members decided One Fell Swoop was the winner - highly fitting given the success of Sue Millard's book and relevance to our plan to swoop down and take the competition by surprise with our 4 Fell ponies. After competing the 2015 season in the Team Quest competition we felt it important to establish a team identity so a uniform was agreed on and a matching banner design created. The team were keen to fly the Fell Pony flag and the Fell Pony Society kindly gave their permission to use the logo on the banners.

Qualifiers in the North East are few and far between. Given that 3 ponies were from the area and needed to qualify at only one competition, we set about



approaching venues to host qualifiers for NPS. Elizabeth contacted Manor Grange Stud who kindly agreed to add the qualifiers to their schedule. Jane Rawden was first to qualify at Bakewell Fell and Dales Show, followed by Elizabeth Wilkinson. I was next to qualify Prelim, travelling an hour and a half to Manor Grange in January. Holly Brown qualified at the same venue in February. That left me to qualify in the Novice at HPEC North East at Seagold Centurian. We now had a team of 4 dressage Fell ponies and were all set for NPS National Finals 2016.

During the qualifying period Elizabeth Wilkinson had been competing in affiliated British Dressage competitions and was heading to Regional Finals at Bishop Burton. We were thrilled to find out that she had qualified for the Prelim Winter National Finals - a huge, once in a lifetime achievement and on a FELL PONY. However, due to the competitions being on the same day Elizabeth now couldn't compete as part of team One Fell Swoop, so the search for a new team member began. Luckily we didn't have to look far. Elizabeth knew Sally Baker based in York, the owner of Wellbrow Dewdrop, a pony already qualified for finals and being ridden by Amy Small who had already competed at BRC championship, being part of the winning team. With this fantastic new addition to the team we were once again all set for the National Finals.

The team comprised myself (Vicky Parker, *photo below*) riding Thornbeck Andrew, Holly Brown riding Townend Stardust, Amy Small riding Sally Baker's Wellbrow Dewdrop (*right*) and Jane Rawden riding Murthwaite Looks Promising. The team made the long journey down to Addington Manor in Buckingham on Friday 8th, the journey taking 4 and 3/4 hours for the team furthest north. By the



evening we were settled and enjoying wine and food along with chief grooms Samantha Audley and Vicki Brown.

Saturday came, and first up bright and early in the main arena was Amy Small with Dewdrop, also known as Robert, who rode a lovely first Prelim test for a 5th

place in the Juniors - a great start to the campaign. The other three ponies were on in quick succession a few hours later. Thornbeck Andrew a.k.a. Drew struggled to settle at only his second championships, and the occasion got the better of him, but Holly Brown with Stardust a.k.a. Will was on fine form, producing a huge score of 76.46% to come second in her section, only missing a win by 1 mark. Lastly, Jane on the lovely Looks Promising a.k.a. Cappy produced a solid test, coming 8th in her section on 65.21% This left the team placing 7th out of 23 teams, a fantastic start to the day; however we all felt the Prelim section was our most realistic chance of winning.

In the afternoon's Novice tests, Amy again was up first and produced a superb test to gain 71.15% and win the overall Novice Junior section against a range of breeds including Welsh and Riding Ponies. Amy had



qualified to the Supreme Championship to Music that night. Thankfully Drew remembered to bring his sensible head, and in what was a difficult test for only his second attempt at a Novice he scored a pleasing 68.85%, placing 5th in the section. Holly and Will again produced a consistent high quality test to gain 70% and 3rd place. Jane and Cappy scored 65.19% against the smaller breed ponies.

Despite our scores we had no idea of where we would place against the extremely high quality competition with many affiliated combinations. The top 10 teams were invited forward to the presentation. It got down to the top two teams, a battle of the hairies, Fells vs. Dales. We were shocked and thrilled when they announced the Dancing Dales in 2nd with One Fell Swoop WINNING the first place rosette and a book courtesy of Master Dressage.

The Fell team beat 19 others including all the other native breeds and riding ponies. For the whole team which had been over a year in the planning we were just ecstatic to demonstrate whatever the need a Fell really can succeed. Even in dressage. The night however wasn't finished there.

Amy Small still had the Supreme to Music to go. The team gathered to watch the fabulous combination of Amy and Robert strut their stuff in the music against some very tough competition. The Fells had already done so well it was hard to

believe that the day could get any better, but it did. Amy rode a quirky and cleverly planned test which fitted perfectly to the music, to be crowned not only Junior Champion but overall Reserve Supreme.

One Fell Swoop had a truly fantastic time at NPS National Dressage Championships. Bring on the next team competition.

Vicky Parker

Below: Andrew Thorpe's yearling colts on Akrigg Moor, Rossendale, Lancashire, doing conservation grazing while they mature. Skylarks, sphagnum moss and cotton grass are all responding well. (See article in Volume 32, page 66.)



Andrew Thorpe



Legacy of Heltondale Bonzo Boy

The legacy of Heltondale Bonzo Boy continues to live on with the qualification for The Horse of the Year Show of four of his progeny: Townend Candyman, Townend Schubert, Townend Faithful and Haltcliff Barley Sugar. Heltondale Bonzo Boy was bred by Greta and the late Sarge Noble near Bampton in Cumbria and owned by Margaret and the late Eddie Wilson of the Townend Fell Pony Stud, near Wigton in Cumbria.

Bred by Margaret Wilson, Townend Candyman is out of Townend Candy, Townend Schubert out of Townend Shandy and Townend Faithful out of Townend Faith and Haltcliff Barley Sugar who was bred by Margaret's daughter Penny Randell, and is out of Townend Sugar II; so a real family accolade. Penny commented: "Candyman, Schubert, and Barley Sugar all competed last year at HOYS; with Schubert winning the Fell & Dales class, to repeat their qualifications in 2016 is a tremendous achievement, to have four qualified this year is unbelievable—all credit is due to their owners and riders. It was also wonderful that Greta Noble of Heltondale won the Award presented at HOYS for the Fell Sire of the Year." Sadly Townend lost Bonzo Boy in 2014, but many of his female offspring have been retained by the stud, the last two being Townend Sherry, full sister to Schubert and Townend Fancy out of Townend Bridie II, both two year olds.

Bonzo Boy continued to shine at this year's Fell Pony Breed Show winning the Stallion Progeny class and the Lady Yule Silver Challenge Cup. The group bred and owned by Margaret were: Townend Fantasy (above), Townend Fancy and Townend Skylark. Townend Skylark was also Reserve Champion Mare and the greatest accolade of all; Townend Fantasy taking the Overall Supreme Championship. Townend Fantasy is a 7 year old mare, out of Townend Bridie II, she was Champion Novice Ridden, Overall Champion Ridden and then Supreme Champion, ridden by Kate Wilson from Dalton-in-Furness. Fantasy has seen much success as



Townend Fantasy and Kate Wilson winning the Supreme Championship at the FPS Breed Show

an in-hand pony, shown by Penny including the best 3 year at the Breed Show. Margaret said, "We always knew she would have potential as a ridden pony, but she needed to mature. She has spent the summer with Kate Wilson and her mother Heather Watson and they have quietly brought her on. The Breed Show was only her third ridden show, and we were all so proud of how hard she tried."

The Townend Stud was established by Eddie Wilson, who registered the first pony with the Townend prefix around 1945 from ponies bred by his father. Eddie sadly died in 2003 but his wife Margaret continues to successfully breed and show the Townend line with her daughter Penny.

Eddie's daughter Glenis Cockbain, and her children and grandchildren, are also successful breeders of the Carrock Fell and Dales ponies, and both studs have seen considerable success over the years.

Claire Simpson



Ashness Black Rupert's Le TREC

2016 has been a brilliant year for Ashness Black Rupert (Roo).



Our normal routine involves hacking out most days, having lessons, and riding out with our local Bridleways group, but we also get involved in lots of other events all over the country. Early on in the year we were in a team for the Heather Lucas Memorial Mounted Games at Rodbaston Equestrian Centre. The Heather Lucas games are for adults only, with a few specific rules to make life easier for the riders. For example, one team member is always unmounted, and if a rider drops something in a race, the unmounted team member has to pick up the item, so that the rider doesn't have to dismount and remount! There were bending, sock and bucket, flag, pony express, quoit and pole and milk races. Our team was steady rather than spectacular, but we did win our heat in the bending race! Roo loves mounted games and I was thrilled when he was awarded Charlie's Cup for the Best Effort Made by an Individual Horse and Rider at the games.



July saw us at Windsor for the Queen's 90th Birthday Fell Pony Society Guard of Honour. What a weekend! We were so honoured to take part in this event, and I was very proud of Roo who was calm and sensible throughout the parade when other ponies were finding it hard to keep their feet on the ground. At the end of July, Roo and I competed at the TREC GB SEIB National Championships of Great Britain. Roo and I have been competing together at TREC since 2013, sometimes as a pair with a friend, and sometimes on our own. We travel all over the country to compete most weekends over the summer, and have been to competitions in places as far afield as Scotland, North Yorkshire, Wales, Devon and Suffolk. TREC (Technique Randonnée Equestre de

Competition) is the ultimate test of the versatility of a horse or pony. TREC originated in France, hence the name, and in its early stages it was a test to demonstrate the competence of a horse and rider combination to lead trail rides. There are three phases to a full TREC competition; orienteering, control of paces and obstacles, which is like a cross country course, but with a wider variety of obstacles, not just jumps. The idea is that all of the phases together test the skills of a horse and rider in planning and executing a long distance ride in unfamiliar country. The orienteering phase can be up to 40 km at the highest level, and the obstacles course can also be up to 5 kilometers to be completed at speed, so the fitness of both horse and rider is also tested. Each year there is a British Championship, organised by the sport's governing body, TREC GB. Qualification depends on being placed 1st 4th in a qualifying competition, and at the lower levels in particular, classes are very hotly contested. This year 107 riders attended the national championships at Poplar Park Equestrian Centre in Suffolk, of whom 66 were competing at the same level as us, either as pairs or individuals. Roo and I qualified earlier in the summer by being placed 3rd at a competition in Gloucestershire. During the orienteering phase, we didn't make any errors of course, but occasionally we were a little slower than the speed specified for a stage of the route. At one point we had to ride along a bridleway which ran directly between 2 fields full of pigs with piglets, which Roo found quite alarming, and this definitely caused us to be a bit slow on that section as Roo took a lot of coaxing to keep going and not run back the way we had just

come. We finished day 1 with a score of 208 out of a maximum of 240 points. Day 2 saw us completing the control of paces phase first. The object is to canter as slowly as possible along a set route of 150m, and to walk back along the same route as fast as possible. Maximum scores are obtained by taking over 33 seconds in canter and less than 97 seconds in walk, which is a lot harder than it sounds! We scored 18 out of a possible 60, which isn't our best score, but was better than nothing. We are relatively competent at cantering slowly, but we do find it difficult to score more than a few points for the walk test. Finally it was our turn on the cross country obstacles. First we had to negotiate low branches, then a narrow corridor, followed by bending then a ridden immobility test. We then had S bend and figure of 8 to ride, a couple of jumps, a step up, a water crossing, rein back, a ride up a slope to negotiate and a mounting exercise. All of the obstacles are designed to demonstrate the obedience and calmness of the horse, and often an obstacle that requires immobility will be positioned at the end of a long canter section, which makes the exercise more challenging! The course ran over a couple of kilometers, and we had 15 minutes in which to complete it. Roo and I made it round in just over 13 minutes, and we scored 116 out of a possible 160 in this phase, which I was really pleased with. Often judging is more strict at a championships and courses are permitted to be longer, obstacles higher and generally more difficult. Roo and I usually score in the region of 120 for this phase, so to be near our average score at the championships was very pleasing. Overall we were 7th in our class, which is our best result yet at a national championships. We had a fantastic weekend together demonstrating how versatile Fell ponies are. The competition requires stamina, speed, obedience and teamwork between pony and rider, and Fell ponies have the lot!

Jo Hillman



*Oliver Mockridge's
Greenholme Kite, aged 24: 1st
& Reserve Ridden Champion,
giving Chloe her first ever ride
in the show ring.
KSEC August Bank Holiday
Show, Somerset.
29th August 2016*



My Year with Harthouse Hillman

Twelve months ago I began to ride my Grandmother's homebred 8 year old gelding, Harthouse Hillman.

The first time I rode him was at Broughton Show and I continued to ride him over the winter with just small hacks out. I took him to my Pony Club Easter Course and that's where it really began.

I started taking him to Pony Club rallies in April this year but I soon thought that he was possibly not the right pony for me. He was incredibly strong and free minded and I struggled to control him jumping as well as on the flat. I was wondering whether to keep riding him or not but I was determined not to give up so soon, and on the 24th of April, we went on a pleasure ride around Holker.

Then came the first display of the Fell Pony Society Promotions Team. When we went to Country Fest, we were there as the Pony Clubbers doing bending pole races. Hillman was quite nervous but excited at the same time. I then realised what he liked to do and that was to go fast.

We have done various Pony Club rallies, doing Cross Country, flat work and a lot of jumping because he loves it. The dressage day in June that we competed in wasn't exactly his cup of tea but we will continue trying our best and having lots of fun whilst doing it.

One of the main highlights of our year was to be included in the Guard of Honour for the Queen's 90th birthday. This was definitely something not worth missing and he behaved himself to his best, even though you could tell he was nervous by the sweat dripping down his legs and off his martingale.

A week later we had Pony Club Camp and we did lots of things and earned 3 badges, turnout and most improved.

The Breed Show came and we competed in 4 classes together and came back with a 5th, a 3rd and a 1st in Young Handler qualifying us for POYS.

We went to Lowther Horse Driving Trials and Blackcombe Country Fair with the Promotions Team and we had so much fun together flying up and down the bending poles.

From now, I am looking forward to the Members Gymkhana, more Pony Club training, the Hunter Trials and the Pony Club Team Jump. I am also looking forward to the New Year and doing more of what I love with him and letting him grow as a pony.

This was my year with Harthouse Hillman.

By Georgia Ellis



Ponies Past: Breatherdale Hal (1997 - 2016)

After several years of horse-sharing I decided in the summer of 2000 that I should acquire a horse of my own. A visit to Keswick Show convinced me that I



needed a Fell pony. Many valuable phone conversations with incredibly helpful people followed, and February 2001 saw me once again in UK with a list of ponies to visit. Hal and I just clicked on first sight, even though I later realised he would never be a show pony. In fact it wasn't my intention to buy a show pony. I just wanted a companion to discover the local countryside and to help me improve my riding skills.

Over the last 15 years he became my best friend and was an extremely popular member of our horse community of up to 17 horses and ponies. He loved all other animals and children and was incredibly gentle with them. Through him I was also introduced to the wider Fell-owning community here in Bavaria and further afield in Germany. He represented the breed on several occasions locally and many were impressed by his coolness and generally unperturbed attitude to new situations. This photo of him in the rape field was used in one of the FPS calendars, maybe 2003 or 2004, it's one of my favourite photos of him.

No-one will ever know what exactly happened overnight in the field but he was found the Sunday before Christmas 2015 with an injured right hind leg. It was obvious that he had sustained a heavy fall resulting in severe internal bruising and damage to the pelvic region. He seemed to be making a good recovery, resting in the stable and going for short walks of gradually increasing length and we had hopes of taking him back to his companions. Then one morning he had been lying down and couldn't get up again, panicked and had to be helped up. It was feared that further damage had been done. We took him to the University Veterinary Clinic the next morning and it was obvious from the X-ray that the right pelvic bone was shattered. There was no hope of mending it. I had to take the heart-breaking decision to have him put to sleep there and then. The kindness of the staff there was wonderful.

So ended a fantastic partnership which should have lasted much longer had it not been for this unforeseen accident. Fell pony Murthwaite Keep Looking (Norman) now gets my undivided attention but I miss Hal every day; he was funny, good-natured, laid-back, kind, undemanding (except where food was concerned) and handsome.

Goodbye. Good boy.

Anne Fishburn, Rohrbach, Germany



Goytvalley Magic Minstrel (1992 - 2016)

Goytvalley Magic Minstrel, affectionately known as "Mini", passed away peacefully on May 13, 2016 at Last Dime Ranch LLC in Floresville, Tx. The Supreme Champion stallion had a prolific show career in England and in 2002 was imported by Shannon Albert and Karen Sorensen of Stonecreek Farm Fell Ponies in Denison, Tx and became one of the foundation stallions in North America. Minstrel sired over 65 pure bred Fell Ponies in his lifetime; half being produced by Stonecreek Farm. Minstrel was crucial in promoting the Fell Pony in North American through showing and exhibitions at Equine Affaire.

Minstrel was a gentle soul, kind to his mares, foals and to people. He was gentle enough for a beginning rider yet athletic enough to enthusiastically embrace cross country jumping. He was a one of a kind stallion who will be greatly missed.

Shannon Albert, Texas



Reminder from the FPS Office: deceased ponies

We know how hard it is to lose a pony, but by law the owner should return the pony's passport to the Society for cancellation. It can then be returned to you if you wish to keep it.



Aylestone The Merry Monk (2002-2016)

At the end of February we lost our very special Fell Pony Aylestone The Merry Monk. Merrie was our pony of a lifetime. We bred him from our beautiful mare Oldmill Mystique and he was born at home on 13th May 2002.

We broke him in ourselves and it was with Anna that he really shone; they adored each other from the very start. Together they won the Children's Ridden Championship at the Southern Breed Show twice, the Shilstone Rocks Blackberry Trophy twice, the Fell Pony Annual Awards for Performance twice, Dressage 3 times and the Junior section 4 times! He was also awarded The Lowthwaite Rob Trophy for a Fell Pony who has promoted the breed outside of the show ring. He had a very varied ridden career, showing, jumping, all Pony Club activities including camps, dressage and dressage to music. He was even a guinea pig pony three times for the Horse and Pony Care Final at the Pony Club Championships, allowing 20-plus teams of children show off their practical horse care skills.

But it was his talent for Mounted Games that set him apart from the rest. When Anna outgrew her Welsh B we took Merrie to practice simply so Anna could 'keep her hand' in while we looked for a new pony. Merrie loved it and with Anna's hard work within two years he went from a complete novice to the Pony Club England Mounted Games Team, competing at Royal Windsor in Diamond Jubilee year. They took part in the Final and were presented to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh on Merrie's 10th birthday. He was also the first pony we have competed internationally, crossing to Ireland for a Windsor rematch.

His sudden loss has left us devastated, but the huge number of kind messages from literally all over the world and across the equine spectrum has been overwhelming, humbling and very comforting. Family and some of his closest friends are dedicating trees to him at The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Wood in Normanton Le Heath in Leicestershire close to where we live. We have also named a star after him so we can look up at night and he is still shining bright above us somewhere in the Pegasus Constellation 'Forever flying the Flag'.

Jo Ball, Isabel & Anna Meadows





Four of The Devil's Horsemen with the ponies of the FPS Display Team at Lowther: Sally Anne Oultram and Harthouse Hillman, Daniel Gannon and Hynholme Amber, Emma Thorley and Kerbeck Night Shadow, Robert Martinkevic (T.D.H.) and Kerbeck Night Whisper.

CORNWALL OBSERVER
Ponies of endangered breed make home at local stable

By JULIA WEST COUNTRY
RECORDED LEADER

A tiny, ancient, native-and-endangered breed of ponies is now settled in North Carolina after flight from their natural environment and a long journey.

Paula Dwyer-Capp and her husband Wellbrow Danny brought their team of 10 Foul Fossom-ridge ponies across the Atlantic Ocean last year, arriving in the Carolinas. Their final destination was from Pembrokeshire and Pembrokeshire in South Wales to just 20 miles a driveway apart, where the pair planned to open a new equestrian facility in Nokesville, Virginia, owned by Steve Russell.

During their overseas journey, the tiny ponies had to travel through the USA and Canada, as well as across the Atlantic Ocean, before finally reaching their new home in the USA.

Paula Dwyer-Capp and Wellbrow Danny were featured in their local newspaper when they relocated to Nokesville, USA, in February. The photograph was taken in 2014 at Windsor Horse Show, with HM The Queen pictured among the spectators.



FPS Show and Sale



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

NW Auction Mart
Junction 36, Kendal

29 October 2016 (Saturday)

FPS SHOW AND SALE Of Registered Fell Ponies

Closing Date for entries: 7 October 2016.

<http://www.nwauctions.co.uk/>

All passport applications to the FPS office by 16 September.
Entry fee £20 / pony, with £10 refunded if pony is presented at sale.

Show 9.30am

Show Judge—Mrs Ruth Eastwood
Prize money paid by FPS and increased to £10, £8 and £6.

Sale 11.00am

Order of sale:
Class 1, 4 years+ ; Class 2, 1–3 years; Class 3, Foals.

Upset Price increased:
Opening bid of £100 required for colt foals,
£150 for filly foals and all other ponies.

Society Merchandise Price List

CLOTHING	Price	P & P	Total	CHRISTMAS CARDS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50
BASEBALL CAPS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	NOTELETS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50
CHILD'S T SHIRTS	£10.00	£3.00	£13.00	POST CARDS PACK 10	£1.50	£1.00	£2.50
CREW NECK S/TSHIRTS (ADULT)	£17.50	£3.00	£20.50	POST CARDS PACK 12	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
FLEECE JACKETS	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	BOOKS / CD / DVD			
FLEECE S/SHIRT+COLLAR	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	A5 BINDERS	£7.00	£3.00	£10.00
FLEECE WAISTCOATS (ADULT)	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	BRITISH HORSE & PONY BREEDS	£19.00	£3.00	£22.00
FULL ZIP HOODY	£24.00	£3.00	£27.00	DVD - The Fell Pony	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
HATS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	DVD - Windsor	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
HI-VIS WAISTCOATS	£10.00	£1.50	£11.50	DVD - FP Events 1995-1997	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
HOODY overhead	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	FELL DIAMONDS	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
JACKETS - Reversible	£26.00	£3.00	£29.00	FELL FACTS	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
POLO SHIRTS	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	FELL FUN	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
RUGBYSHIRTS	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	HISTORY CD	£13.00	£1.50	£14.50
TIES	£12.00	£1.50	£13.50	HOOFPRINTS IN EDEN	£17.00	£3.00	£20.00
T SHIRTS (ADULT)	£12.00	£3.00	£15.00	HUMBLING EXPERIENCE	£19.00	£2.00	£21.00
WATERPROOF WAISTCOAT	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	JUBILEE BOOK	£5.00	£1.50	£7.00
MISCELLANEOUS							
BACK PACK	£12.00	£3.00	£15.00	LETTERS HOME	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00
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