

REPORT
of the
Fell Pony Society
1956 — 1957



**Mr. Wales' Blakebeck Boy, taken in the Breeding Enclosure
at Scales Farm, Berrier, where he ran for the 1956 Season.**

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REPORT FOR 1956.

During the year 25 fillies were registered, and 19 colts and 10 ponies were re-registered by their new owners.

17 new Members joined the Society.

138 letters were written by the Secretary, in addition to the sending out of 317 items of "printed matter" which comprised receipts, registrations, and the Society's leaflets. The latter have been sent to Australia, South Africa, and the U.S.A., and to many parts of the British Isles. A great many requests for leaflets come from school-girls, and it is good to be able to encourage these young people in their love of ponies.

Several ponies have been sold through the Society, some going as far away as Surrey and Shropshire.

At the Annual Meeting held on April 10th, 1956, the office of permanent chairman was revived, to be elected annually, and Major H. M. Mackenzie was elected to this office, with Mr. S. Wood as Vice-Chairman. Miss Bickersteth, who is the Society's delegate to the National Pony Society, told the meeting that we had been allotted our grant for 1956. Many members of the Racecourse Betting-Control Board wanted to stop the grants to the Native Pony Societies, and to devote the funds entirely to the Thoroughbred. The secretary said that since the last meeting she had received an urgent letter from the N.P.S. concerning this, stating that an enquiry was to be held, and that they had been asked to supply statistical evidence as to how the grants were used. The N.P.S., in their turn, asked for statistics from the Breed Societies, saying how they spent the grant, the number of ponies registered and exported, and how these numbers compared with the years before the grant was given. The report from the Breed Societies had to be sent in within five days, so it was quite a scramble getting all the data collected! We won our case this time, but the grant is always very precarious, and the meeting agreed that we must do all we can to justify our grant, particularly by registering as many ponies as possible. (Will members please take this to heart?).

A Council Meeting was hurriedly called on October 23rd to discuss another urgent matter, which had been brought up by the N.P.S., *i.e.* the effect that the Royal Commission on Common

Lands might have on pony breeding. The secretary had again been asked to supply information at very short notice, and had sent out 53 questionnaires to those members likely to use common land, asking for details of numbers of ponies kept, etc. 42 papers were returned, showing that 14 members use common land, comprising a total of 152 ponies. This may seem only a small number, but it includes most of our main breeders, and as, in each case, they could not keep ponies without the commons, their loss would be a serious blow to the Fell Pony. At this Council Meeting, Mr. R. B. Charlton was elected as F.P.S. representative on the committee which was being formed by the N.P.S. to look into the matter.

SHOWS.

Show results have already been reported in the press, so it is no use going into them again here, save to say that it was nice to see such a good turn-out at the Royal Show, and at the "Ponies of Britain's" new venture at Kelso, where it was a great feather in the Fell cap when one of the breed won the riding class over all other large mountain and moorland breeds, in a class of over twenty.

Looking forward to 1957, it is sad to see that owing to petrol rationing the Appleby Agricultural Society has decided not to hold a show this year. This show has put on one of the best classifications for Fell Ponies of any show, during the last few years. Also to be regretted is that Salisbury Horse Show is to be discontinued altogether, owing to lack of financial support. This show has catered for Fell Ponies for several years, and has been very particular in consulting the F.P.S. on matters of eligibility of entries, etc., which was appreciated. This show will be much missed by our South Country members. It is to be hoped that the rest of the local shows will be held as usual—Cumberland County, July 18th; Penrith, August 8th; Hawkshead, September 3rd; Keswick, September 4th; and Westmorland County (M. & M.), September 12th. The National Pony Society are holding their show at Roehampton on August 1st and 2nd, and the Ponies of Britain Club's Stallion Show is on April 17th, and their Summer show on August 23rd and 24th, both to be held at Ascot.

The Fell Pony Society's own stallion show is held on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday in May.

RESULTS OF ENCLOSURES, 1955.

BARRIER.

Stallion—Miss A. P. Bickersteth's "Borwick Warrior" 3160.

Mares	Foals, 1956
(1) "Linnel Dipper" 8080 Owner—Miss Bickersteth, Casterton Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale	"Borwick Dirk" 3822 Black colt
(2) "Packway Polly" 9784 Owner—Miss P. Crossland, Packway, Windermere	Barren
(3) "Stouphill Black Beauty" 8243	"Stouphill Beauty" 11131 Black filly
(4) "Stouphill Black Bess" 8512 Owner of nos. 3 and 4— J. R. Ewbank, Stouphillgate, Ravenstonedale	"Stouphill Bess" 11132 Black filly
(5) "Dene Peggy III" 9950 Mrs. J. Swallow, Hillcrest, Holmfirth	"Hillcrest Pippit" 3755 Black colt
(6) "Haygarth Dragonfly"	} Results not known
(7) "Haygarth Daisy" 9123	
(8) "Haygarth Bessie" 9121	
(9) "Haygarth Dolly" 9124	
(10) "Haygarth Midge" 9252	
(11) "Haygarth Spider" Owner of nos. 6-11— N. Handley, Low Haygarth, Sedbergh	

2 fillies, 2 colts, 1 mare barren, 6 unknown.

HIGH ARNSIDE, CONISTON, 1955.

Stallion—Miss P. Crossland's "Packway Royal" 3276.

Mares	Foals, 1956
"Borwick Dream" 9834 Miss A. P. Bickersteth, Casterton Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale	"Borwick Roe" 11224 Black filly
"Borwick Bramble" 9833 Miss R. Keeling, Grubbins, Elterwater	"Elterwater Black Velvet" 11125 Black filly
"Gay Lady of Fairfield" 9162 Mrs. C. M. Thompson, Hart Head, Rydal	"Fairfield Michael" 3777 Black colt

2 fillies, 1 colt.

STALLION AND COLT SHOW, 1956.

RESULTS.

Yearling Colts.

- 1st R. Little's "Guards Hero II" 3665 by Guards Hero 2987.
- 2nd R. Little's "Guards Model" 3708 by Master John 2883; dam 8854 Guards Dolly.
- 3rd R. M. Clark's "Yclept Last of the Line" 3718 by Linnel Rapier; dam 9163 Yclept Blackbird's Zephyr.

Two-year-old Colts.

- 1st R. Little's "Guards Royal Star" 3552 by Storm Boy 2200; dam 8854 Guards Dolly.
- 2nd W. Winder's "Mountain Smasher" 3746 by Mountain Model 2884; dam 9824 Mountain Dawn.
- 3rd J. Tunstall's "Lanefoot Sunny Jim."

Stallions.

- 1st and premium to travel—J. Baxter's "Master John" 2883 by Black Jock II 2321; dam Dainty Molly.
- 2nd and Coniston Enclosure Premium—T. Peel's "Glendramackin" 3259 by Storm Boy 2288; dam Gypsy Queen.
- 3rd J. Baxter's "Merry John."
- 4th R. Little's "Guards Robin" 3408 by Master John 2883; dam 8855 Guards Peggy.
- 5th and Berrier Enclosure Premium—H. Wales' "Blakebeck Boy" 2842 by Storm Boy 2288; dam 8958 Blakebeck Jess.
- 6th Mrs. Newall's "Roundthwaite Lucky Jim" 3258 by Storm Boy 2288; dam Syble 8319.

Winner of the "Lady Yule" cup was Guards Hero, with Guards Royal Star in reserve.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY.

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our new members, and wishing them many happy years among us.

I always like hearing from members about their ponies, whether they be known or unknown; whether they have one pony or twenty. That is one of the pleasant sides of being secretary. One of the interesting things about collecting the information on Common Lands was that I discovered quite a lot about the whereabouts of ponies. If I had had this information earlier last year I might have been able to answer more accurately a very "American" letter I received asking about the "height, weight, and habits of Fell Ponies, and how many there were in England." Perhaps it would be rather fun some day to have a census! I also want to thank those who helped so much over the Common Land question by filling in the forms I sent, and supplying me with other information on the subject. If I failed to send a questionnaire to any member who runs ponies on such land, please forgive me. It was largely a matter of guess-work whom to send them to, and it was impossible to include all members—my typewriter would have gone on strike!

Now for my biggest headache. I keep getting enquiries from all over the country for Fell Ponies, practically all for quiet ones, both for riding and driving, and broken Fell Ponies seem to be about as scarce as the Dodo. Why is this when breaking-in young ponies is such a grand job? We are losing good custom by not having the ponies to hand when they are asked for. If anyone has such a pony to sell at any time, please let me know, and I will put them in touch with any prospective customer. I ought to say that the F.P.S. will not be responsible for any pony (or customer!) bought through the society, nor does it expect any commission. It is merely a means of putting the two parties in touch with each other. I have had an enquiry from a part of the Commonwealth where I do not think we have ever sold Fell Ponies, and there is a possibility that this gentleman may be coming to England in the summer to see what we have to offer. At this stage I do not know the class of stock he requires. I hope that we may be able to have something good to show him, otherwise I am afraid we will lose the custom to one of the other native pony breeds, as he intends to have a look at them all. Will anybody interested in export,

please let me know what they have, so that I can put my finger on the ponies if this buyer does come? It is all very much "in the air" at the moment.

I can send forms to those members who like to pay their subscriptions by Banker's Order. The balance sheet found elsewhere has not been audited, but it is hoped it is correct!

Yours sincerely,

PEGGY CROSSLAND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1956.

Expenses.				Receipts.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Stallion Show and				Grants ...	410	0	0
Premiums ...	246	10	0	Subscriptions ...	41	1	6
Enclosures ...	80	0	0	Registration Fees...	22	0	0
Registration Fees...	22	5	0	Donations ...	25	0	0
Subscriptions and				Colt Show Receipts		19	0
prizes ...	37	2	0	Sundries ...	3	13	0
Postages and							
Telephone ...	5	1	8				
Printing and							
Advertising ...	24	7	10				
Sundries ...	38	1	1				
Total ...	453	7	7				
Excess of Income							
over Expenditure	49	5	11				
	<u>£502</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	Total ...	<u>£502</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>



Mr. J. Thompson, riding his well known Fell Pony, Syble, a fifteen year old mare which has had many successes in the show-ring. Syble has won the Sir Samuel Scott Cup for riding ponies five times, and the Frank Garnett Cup twice. She represented the Fell breed at the Horse of the Year Show in 1950, and has been "in the money" many times at Local Shows. She has bred several good foals, one of them, Roundthwaite Lucky Jim, was the champion Fell stallion at the Royal Show last year. She was bred by the late Mr. T. Noble of Keld Head.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Thompson is retiring from pony breeding.