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Chairman`s Report

Welcome to the Spring FPS-MESG newsletter.

Firstly I would like to thank Denise Bumford for doing such a brilliant job as co-ordinator and also thank all those people who are helping me settle into the post.

I think everyone is looking forward to getting out and about on their ponies and catching up with friends and meeting new people.

We have just had a wonderful celebration evening for our Points Awards, many thanks to Jane Glass and

Debbie Robert-Jones. To see results contact Kate Merry or look on MESG Facebook for the 5th March.

Our diary events show the many different activities Fell Ponies can get involved in. We are a very large area so if you are looking to join up with others, or organise an event, get in touch with your local area contact.

Membership this year will be £4.00 if you want to receive a hard copy of newsletters or £3.00 if you agree to receive it by e mail. By using e



mail this way we hope to have more money to spend on activities and promoting our lovely ponies.

Best wishes Kate Merry

Events Report: Anna Meadows & Merrie in Ireland



As part of being on the England Team I got to take a trip to Curragh Racecourse in Ireland, along with everyone else on the Windsor Teams, to be a part of the International Games Competition, run as part of an Irish Pony Club Weekender.

Firstly on the Wednesday night we travelled up to Oswestry just outside Wales as a stopover point and stayed overnight at our friends Dairy Farm. I took Merrie on a lovely hack through Oswestry and then we all settled down for the

night and Merry got to sleep alongside the cows!

The next morning we met up with Welsh Team member Nikki Lawrence-Millard, with whom we were sharing a lift and took the ponies down to a Homebase car park just outside the Vet Practice to get the Ponies vetted for fitness before the ferry journey. After the ponies received a clean bill of health we made our way across Wales to the Port at Holyhead. We met up with all the other England Team members and a few more of the Welsh Team on the ferry, had dinner and a little sleep. Then it was back on the road to the Curragh. We arrived in the pitch black so we

E-mail Bulletins

Now that the website is launched we will have the facility to send out short bulletins by e-mail to remind you of forthcoming events or to highlight something new on the site. If we do not have your e-mail address and you would like to receive your newsletter and bulletins electronically you can now sign-up directly by e-mailing friends@fps-mesg.co.uk

Anna Meadows & Merrie in Ireland, continued

sorted the ponies out and went to bed almost straight away!!

The next day we set up camp and got everything ready for the competition to begin the next day. The Irish Pony Club set up a lovely quiz for everyone to join in on which really brought everyone together. After a good night mixing and a good night resting for Merrie we were ready to go! The next day we all gathered in the stables for tack check at 8:30am. Then we made our way down to the field for our first session. I rode with the Reserves in Ireland so my team didn't even meet until we were in the Arena!



After the first session we chilled again at lunch and then rode in our second session later in the afternoon. At the end of the day Wales were leading. The Irish Pony Club set us up a BBQ. Again

all the teams mixed that night and we had a great/late night.

The next day we had our third session which was most definitely our best shortly followed by the final when the

Republic of Ireland won closely followed by Wales (who had been leading all the way through) then England followed by Scotland followed by the United Nations Team (my Team) and Northern Ireland bringing up the rear. It was a great competition and lovely to meet everyone else again and a lovely experience to compete abroad.

Thank you very much to the Irish Pony Club for accommodating us so nicely throughout the Weekend.

Annie Meadows & Merrie

FPS at the Suffolk Show

Dear Mr Weatherman

Please would it be possible for you to ensure that we have good weather on the 28th & 29th May this year. Last year's Suffolk Show was a bit of a wash out to say the least and the force 9 winds took our gazebo on a little flight – it clearly wasn't designed to be a kite and didn't survive the downward journey too well. This year we'll take plenty of extra pegs, maybe some industrial strength fabric, umbrellas, wet weather gear, but we'd rather have some sun if possible.

You see we have two beautiful Fell ponies to show in the Native Breeds area of the Equine Village, Kate Scorey's handsome Murth-

waite Need 2 Roam, aka Rodger, and Jo Whitelaw's gorgeous Darcey. We'll pop them in the stable opposite our stand for all to pet and appreciate. We all stand around, share our stories, say hello to old friends, make new ones and chat about Fells for hours.

Last year's theme was the Diamond Jubilee, our photos of Her Majesty riding through the years and showing her passion for Fells got a little damp, so we need a fresh idea this year. Who knows we might win the competition for the best themed stand. I have a spare Fell Pony Society 2013 calendar so if anyone comes up with a great idea that we can use, I am hoping they

will email me at friends@fps-mesg.co.uk and they might win it.

So remember, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th May, Suffolk Showground, no wind, no rain and lots of sun please.

Many thanks – hope to see you there, Julia.



Suffolk Show
28th & 29th May
Equine Village

Iceni Native Pony Show

We have an exciting new Native Pony Show for East Anglia this year, the Iceni Native Pony Show, to be held on Sunday 16th June 2013 at Ashfields Carriage Driving and Polo Club, Great Canfield, near Stansted. It's exclusive for native breeds and those who have a passion and appreciation for our ponies. There's loads of breed and mixed classes, qualifiers, prizes, rosettes, trophies and sashes galore to win. Supreme Champion prize money is a generous £200, with £100 for the Reserve and I really hope that a Fell wins it – wouldn't that be glorious.

We have in-hand 1,2 & 3 year olds, 4+ year old, ridden, WHP, dressage, driving, lead rein, first ridden, pairs, veteran, home-produced,

mare & foal, stallion parade to name but a few. The best in each category can go through to a bonus Championship, which means that even if you don't win that class you could still get selected for a Championship or special prize or trophy. We have loads of generous sponsors (Top Spec, Allen & Page), we're supporting the Animal Health Trust as our chosen charity and lots of trade stands - it promises to be a really great family day.

As Fells & Dales representative on the Iceni committee as well as area rep for the MESG I'm delighted that the FPS-MESG committee have voted one of the Inter-area qualifiers for in-hand Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy to the Iceni Native Pony Show (the other is going to San-



iceni native
pony show

Sunday 16th June 2013

dringham this year). Remember to qualify you have to be an MESG member and I am really looking forward to seeing some you and your lovely Fells lining up to win it! There are also other qualifiers at the show, Equifest, NPS, 15+ Royal London, Osborne refrigeration so lots to turn out for.

There's a website in progress and the schedule is being issued in the next few weeks. The new website will be at www.iceninativepony.co.uk so check in for news and downloads. In the meantime like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/iceninativepony for all the latest updates. Drop me a line if you want any more information, if you'd like to sponsor a class or an entry form and I'd be happy to help. I'm looking into organising some regional horsebox travel shares to make it viable for everyone, so link up if you're interested. Let's make this the biggest Fell Pony gathering in East Anglia this year!

See you there – Julia

Email me at: Julia@brownstreetfarm.co.uk for info and questions

2013 Diary Dates

28th April Fells and Friends Show at Caanan Equestrian Centre,

Loughborough Rd, Costock LE 12 6XB classes suitable for all types and ages of ponies and horses. All ages welcome. Schedules and details will be on MESG website or contact Christine Poole 07817442293

11th May FPS-MESG Sandringham Show

Dales, Highland and Friends Show at Sandringham, Norfolk by kind permission of HM The Queen. First classes at 10am. There will be in hand and ridden showing, dressage and WHP classes. The Fell classes will be judged by Jenny Crane.

The schedule will be available on www.horsedates.co.uk contact Jean Bateson 0148554 3230

12th May Charity Ride Sandringham. Ride through the beautiful Sandringham Estate on tracks and through woodland which the general public do not normally get to see. There are 5, 8 and 10 mile routes.

More information on www.horsedates.co.uk

28/29th May Suffolk Show, there will be a FPS stand with pony, so do go and make yourself known. Contact Julia Baldwin 07766 395779

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2013 Diary Dates Continued

16th June Iceni Native Pony show nr Stanstead.

Contact Julia Baldwin 07766 395779 or www.facebook.com/IceniNativePony

30th June Blaston Agricultural show with M&M classes and Rosettes for Fells. Contact Ann Lee, 01858 555311 or go to website www.blastonshow.co.uk

8th September FPS Southern show contact Georgina Blair 01494 673159 or www.fellsouthernshow.com

28/29 September Rare Breeds Show, contact Janet Blair 01494 673159

The Final for the Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy will be held at FPS Southern Show. This is an In-hand Inter Area Competition with each Area sending two qualifiers. The qualifiers for 2013 will be held at Sandringham and Iceni shows. Owner must be a member of the Fell Pony Society and pony and owner must be resident in the Area of show they are competing in.

There will also be a ride round UK Chasers at Standford on Avon. Date to be announced. Come and join us for an eight mile ride with Fells and Friends. Kate Merry 01788 823215

For Sale



For sale Registered Fell mare. Approx 13hh Dark Brown Fell Mare 9yrs old. Sire: Aylestone Cavalier (by Dene Beau Baw-bee) Dam: Ludworth Pixie. Good all-rounder, done all activities. She is showing a flair for showjumping. Would make a good event pony. Not novice ride but would suit competitive rider. Has done Pony Club Camp. Good to box, shoe etc. Jockey's lack of time forces reluctant sale. £2200

ono. Please Phone Jo Ball (0116) 278 7486 or Isabel Meadows 07415381899 or email TUNGU5KA1@sky.com

Deadline for receipt of articles, letters, success stories for next newsletter October 31st 2013 Please e-mail to Izzy Meadows at TUNGU5KA1@sky.com

Quality Stock for sale

4yr old Black Gelding. Well handled, bitted and ready to be backed. Very active trot, will make an ideal workers /long distance pony. Has been shown and always placed.

2yr old Black Filly. Show quality out of champion parents. Well handled.

2yr Black Filly. Super temperament and will make ideal family pony also out of champion parents. Well handled.

For more details
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