

Schedules for the Windermere Festival on July 13th are now ready and will be sent to those members who exhibited there last year. Will others requiring a schedule please apply for one. There will be a good range of classes including the trotting race sponsored by Wilson's Brewery, and the judge will be Mr. E. M. Wilson, Heskett New Market.

An entry form is attached below for the Fell classes at the Lowther Driving Trials at Lowther Castle, Penrith, on Saturday, 3rd August, at 11.00 a.m. PROMPT. Please note that classes will start on time and exhibitors should be in the collecting ring at least fifteen minutes before their class is due to start. The judge will be Mr. R. Bellas of Keswick. Entry and car passes will be sent out after the receipt of entries. There will be a trophy for the Champion, plus rosettes and prize money in all classes. Entry fee 75p per class.

Once again, we have a very good entry for the Rydal Performance Trial on June 16th. The National Pony Society working hunter pony qualifier, sponsored by Rumenco Ltd., will be judged by Mrs. G. Ashworth from Bolton. Volunteer helpers will be needed as jump judges for the cross country.

The Autumn Performance Trial will be held at Pict Hall, Blawith, Lowick Bridge, near Ulverston, Cumbria, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. R. Baxter, on Sunday, 8th September at 12 noon. This event will be run on the same lines as the Packway trials and the course will incorporate a number of natural obstacles. A perpetual trophy given by Mrs. Gwen Williamson will be presented to the winner and all entrants will receive a commemorative rosette. Special rosettes will be awarded for the best performance by a junior and senior rider. Junior riders to be sixteen years and under, senior riders to be sixty years and over. An entry form is attached and this should be returned by not later than 17th August.

Following a recent special meeting of the council it has been decided to substantially alter the rules and regulations governing the Colt Inspection Scheme, and these changes will come into effect immediately. In future, colts intended to be kept as stallions must be licensed as two year olds. There will be no inspection by representatives of the Society although colts will still have to be passed by a veterinary surgeon other than the colt owners own vet. Application for veterinary forms must be made to the secretary, and completed veterinary forms must be back in the hands of the secretary by May 1st in the year in which the colt is two years old. Any members with two or three year olds either not inspected or failed by the inspectors this year, should apply for veterinary forms as soon as possible.

The prospering success of our Society has brought such a considerable increase in the workload that the council has decided that it would be beneficial to all concerned if some aspects of the work could be 'farmed out' to individual members or small sub-committees who would accept responsibility for the running of their own particular section. Already the breed show is run entirely by a sub-committee and we have a sales officer, Mrs. Molly Laing, and a press officer, Mrs. P. Robson, to name just two. Several members have kindly offered to undertake work on behalf of the Society but if any other members feel able to help we would be very pleased to hear from them. Our thanks to Miss Betty Walker, Alan and Heather Cook and friends, and the D'Arcy family for sending out the last three newsletters.

Volume III of the Stud Book is now available and volume IV is being prepared ready for printing. I still have a good supply of volumes I and II for those members who have not yet got copies. Annual stud books cost £1.20 inclusive of postage. Work is now well under way on the re-printing of the Fell sections from the National Pony Society Stud Books 1898-1980 and many members have ordered copies already. As only a limited number can be printed and this project will never be repeated again, ordering of copies is advisable. To order a copy please send your name and address together with a cheque for £15. Books may be collected at Fell Pony Society meetings or events later in the year, or copies can be mailed to members direct, in which case postage will be payable in addition. These illustrated books incorporating the reports of the council dating back to the early days of the Society have taken a great deal of time and money to produce and I hope members will support the Society's efforts with their orders.

This year the Fell Pony Society pleasure ride will be held in the Kentmere area on Saturday, 5th October. Anyone requiring details should contact Mrs. Glenis Cockbain,