

FELL PONY SOCIETY



WOLDS REDSHANK RIDDEN BY MRS. CHARLOTTE JOHNSON

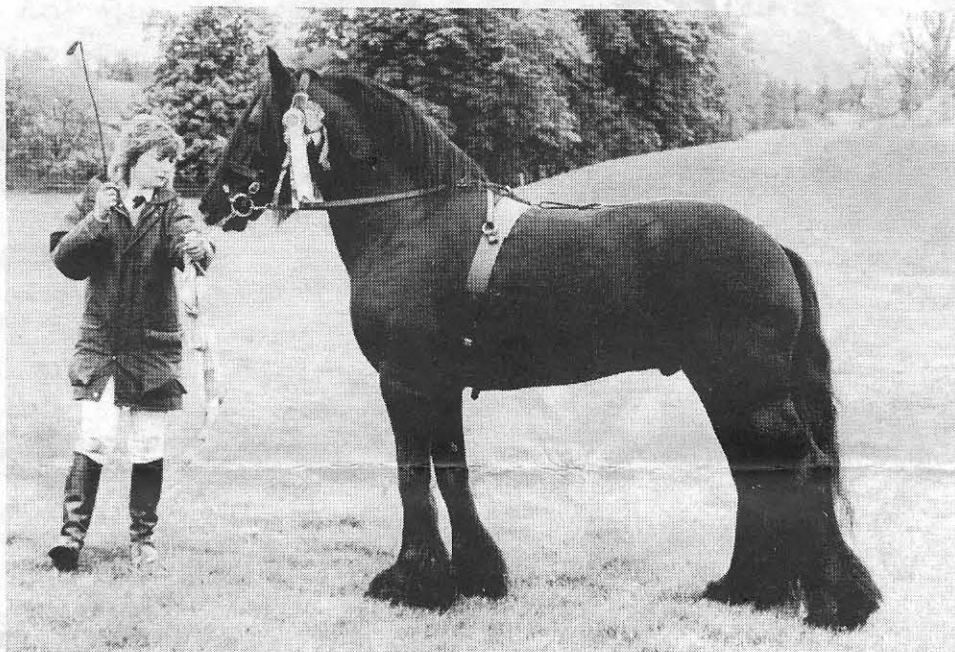
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting was held at Clifton, near Penrith, on March 28th 1987 and was attended by members from all over the country. Miss Bickersteth, the president elect, was officially voted into office, the retiring president being Mrs. Sylvia McCosh. Mr. J. S. Dargue was re-elected chairman, with Mr. J. Bell vice chairman. Four members of the council were due to retire but, having indicated their willingness to stand for re-election, were voted back onto the council en bloc - Mrs. R. H. Ball, Mr. J. S. Dargue, Mr. G. E. Wood and Miss M. Longsdon. There was only one nomination for the vacancy on the council, Mr. T. B. Capstick, who was duly elected.

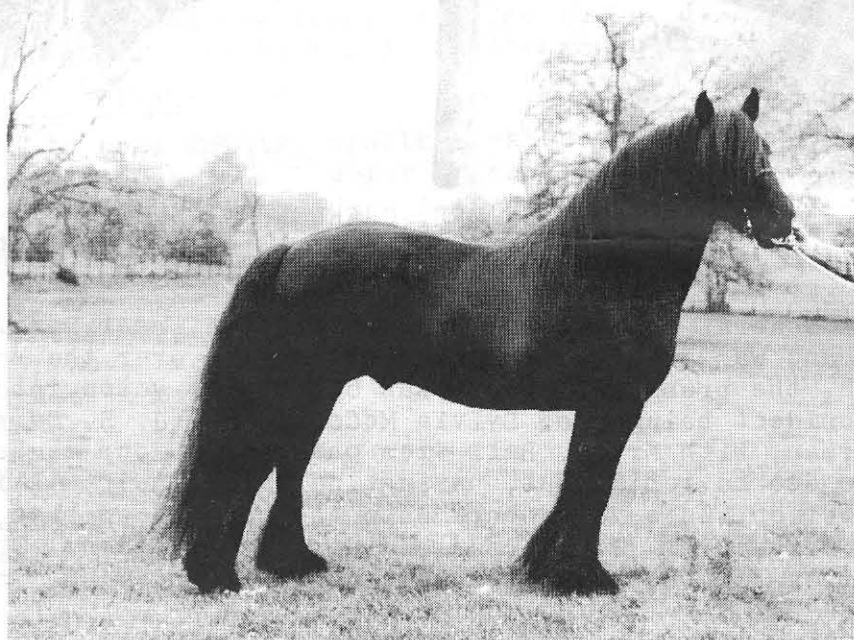
STALLION AND COLT SHOW:

The Stallion and Colt Show was held at Dalemain, Penrith, by kind invitation of Mrs. S. McCosh on Saturday May 9th 1987. Mr. E. M. Wilson judged the in hand, ridden and best foot shod classes while Miss Ann Varley judged the two driving classes. Results are appended:

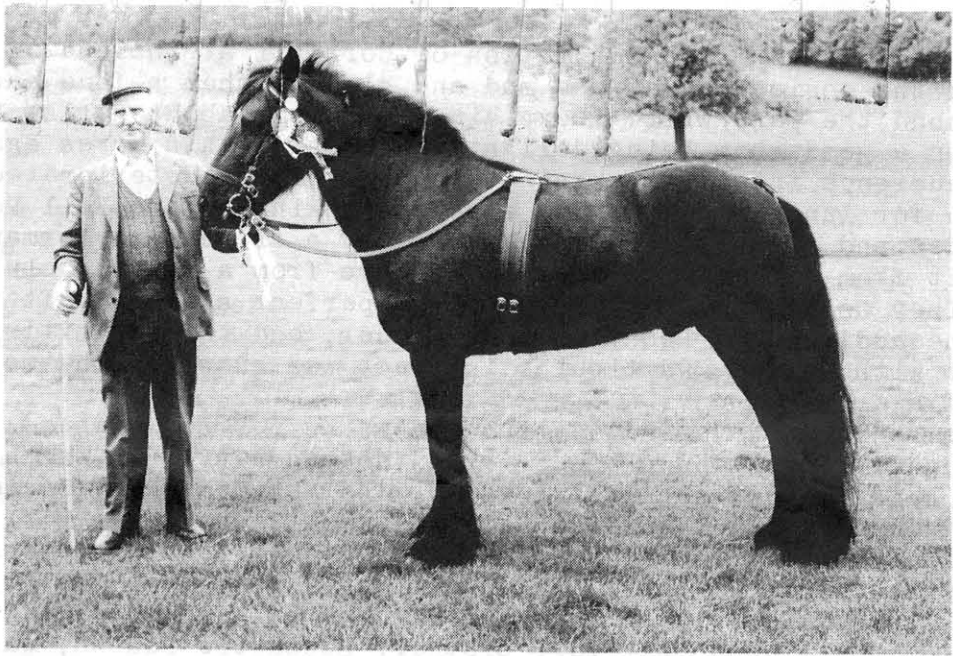
Yearling colts	-	Mrs. N. Earnshaw's Brackenfield Edward
Two year olds	-	Miss C. Dodd's Sleddale David
Three/four year olds	-	Mr. J. Bell's Waverhead Prince II
Stallions, 5 years +	-	Mrs. J. Hutchinson's Tarnmoor Prince
Ridden stallions	-	Mrs. I. Gleave's Tarnbeck Topper
Driven stallions	-	Mr. A. Todd's Gibside Stroller
N.P.S. Driving class	-	Mr. A. Todd's Gibside Stroller
Best foot shod	-	Mr. W. S. Noble's Heltondale Black Prince III
Supreme champion	-	Mrs. J. Hutchinson's Tarnmoor Prince
Youngstock champion	-	Mrs. N. Earnshaw's Brackenfield Edward



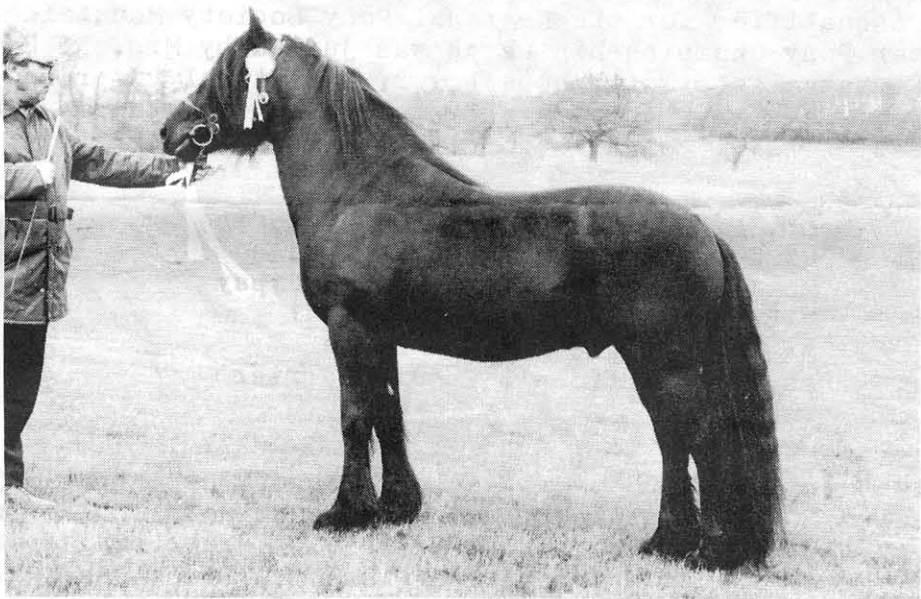
MRS. J. HUTCHINSON'S TARNMOOR PRINCE



MR. J. BELL'S WAVERHEAD PRINCE II



MR. W.S. NOBLE'S HELTONDALE BLACK PRINCE III



MR. J. WYKE'S WAVERHEAD BLACK MAGIC

AT HOME PREMIUMS:

Every year the Fell Pony Society awards six premiums of £30 each for the stallions serving the highest number of registered Fell mares, and this year's winners were:

Mr. W. S. Noble's Heltondale Black Prince III	(33 mares)
Mr. T. B. Capstick's Heltondale Hero	(16 mares)
Mr. H. F. Wales' Townend Samuel	(16 mares)
Mr. J. Bell's Waverhead Prince II	(10 mares)
Mrs. S. Allen's Heltondale Duke	(10 mares)
Mrs. J. Hutchinson's Tarnmoor Prince	(7 mares)

OPEN DAY IN SOMERSET:

Mary Longsden, our council member from Somerset, writes to tell us about the open day she organised which I believe was a great success. "We started the season early this year with an open day for twenty-five

members of the Native Pony Association of Cornwall at the end of March. We gathered the ponies out of the mud and cleaned them before each was paraded around the yard while I explained a little about Fells. Waverhead Henry put on a good show being delighted to see all his mares again and a captive audience into the bargain! As the weather deteriorated we all went in for lunch and everyone enjoyed looking at the Fell Pony Society video and photographs. In May we had a 'repeat performance' with a visit from a similar number of members from a driving club near Bristol. They however were blessed with a perfect summer's afternoon and also the addition of Bonny's foal, Banner, and three visiting mares running out with Henry. Particular interest was shown in the merits of the Fell as a driving pony.

"Since then we have had the fun of the summer shows where Bonny and her foal have won fourteen classes from nineteen outings. The highlight definitely being a very successful day at the National Pony Society show at Malvern where she won, under three different judges, the Fell championship, the reserve supreme mountain and moorland championship, and finally the reserve Lloyds Bank qualifier. This last was a great thrill, being I believe the first Fell mare to be so placed, and keeping the family flag flying as her full brother, Bewcastle Beacon, was the first Fell to win a reserve Lloyds Bank qualifier, later followed by Mr. Knight's Bassenbeck Jasper. All we need now is a Fell at the Horse of the Year Show."

RYDAL PERFORMANCE TRIAL:

The Rydal Performance Trial was held in Rydal Park, near Ambleside, in June by kind permission of Mr. G. Hodgson. The actual trial was preceded by a qualifier for the National Pony Society Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony Championship which was judged by Mrs. R. H. Ball and won by Mr. P. Metcalfe's Twislehope Roger. The trial comprised three sections; dressage, cross country and clear round showjumping, the marks from each section being collated to give the overall score. The winners were as follows:

- 1st - Mr. P. Metcalfe's Twislehope Roger
- 2nd - Miss C. Dodd's Frizington Duke
- 3rd - Miss L. Whitburn's Waverhead Gypsy
- 4th - Miss C. Dodd's Barncross Royal
- 5th= - Mrs. A. Garcia's Flash Belle
- 5th= - Ms. A. Armstrong's Summit Harrier

BREED SHOW:

The eighteenth Breed Show was held in August at Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. A. Helme. Entries were slightly up on the previous year with exhibitors travelling from many parts of the country to compete. Judges were Mr. R. Bellas, Mr. F. Wales, Mr. J. P. Gibson, Miss B. Bell, Mr. F. Todd, Mr. A. J. Heighton, and Mrs. E. Dargue. Results are appended:

- Mares in hand (4 - 7 years) - Mr. E. M. Wilson's Townend Ruth
- Mares in hand (8 years +) - Mrs. G. Williamson's Lownthwaite Rosetta
- Mare with filly foal - Mr. E. M. Wilson's Robbwater Ruth
- Filly foal - Mr. J. Bell's Waverhead Pearl
- Yearling filly - Mr. A. J. Heighton's Robbwater Ripple
- Two year old filly - Mrs. G. Williamson's Tarnbeck Maydew
- Three year old filly - Mr. G. Coatsworth's Rackwood Velvet
- Geldings in hand - Mrs. Gleave's Townend Heathcliffe
- Mare with colt foal - Mr. J. Bell's Barbondale Petal
- Colt foal - Mrs. S. McCosh's Dalemain Juniper
- Yearling colt/gelding - Mrs. Simpson's Whinbush Robin
- Two year old gelding - Miss C. Dodd's Kerbeck Fire Star
- Three year old gelding - Mr. B. Allen's Lazybank Bolero
- Ridden geldings - Mrs. C. Johnson's Wolds Redshank
- Ridden mares - Mr. J. Bell's Redhouse Dusty
- Ridden novice geldings - Mrs. M. Raines' Townend Patrick

Ridden novice mares	- Mr. P. Boustead's Lunesdale Lucky Lady
Ridden veterans	- Mrs. Pattinson's Calgarth Brown Jack
Junior riding class (-11)	- Miss R. Ward's Jossgreen
Junior riding class (11+)	- Miss C. Brunt's Hilltop Floret
Mare progeny group	- Mrs. G. Williamson's group
Stallion progeny group	- Mr. E. M. Wilson's group
Driving class	- Mr. J. Marston's Dene Claudius
Cone driving	- Miss J. Brindley's Edenview Moonstroller
Handy pony class (senior)	- Mrs. D. Brunt's Hilltop Floret
Handy pony class (junior)	- Miss R. Minson's Wolds Oriole
Working hunter pony	- Mr. P. Forsman's Bowderdale Jess
Best set of feet (shod)	- Mr. J. Bell's Redhouse Dusty
Best set of feet (unshod)	- Mr. B. Mallinson's Stouphill Mayflower
Costume class	- Mrs. G. Williamson's Lownthwaite Rosetta
N.P.S. qualifier	- Mr. J. P. Gibson's Gibside Sally
Supreme champion	- Mr. E. M. Wilson's Robbwater Ruth
Youngstock champion	- Mrs. G. Williamson's Tarnbeck Mayday
Ridden champion	- Mr. J. Bell's Redhouse Dusty



MISS A.P. BICKERSTETH PRESENTING THE CUP FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION TO
MRS. M. WILSON WITH ROBSWATER RUTH

JUDGES OPEN DAY:

Mrs. A. Newall, chairwoman of the Trainee Judges Scheme, reports on the judges open day held in September -

"An open day was held on 5th September at Townend Fell Pony Stud at Heskett New Market, home of Mr. Eddie Wilson and family by his kind permission. Mrs. Pauline Robson, the scheme's secretary, ably dealt with all the arrangements and sent out invitations to all present and past members who had gone through the scheme, also to most of the judges on the judges panel. Unfortunately, quite a few were unable to attend

especially the ones from the south or far away and were sadly missed.

"The afternoon began with a most interesting talk given by Mr. F. J. Chadwick, veterinary surgeon from Kendal. The subject he chose was 'Things to look out for when buying a horse or pony' which included many of the tricks unscrupulous vendors can perform on their animals, such as doctor the teeth to make them look younger or older. The talk was illustrated with drawings and X-rays. Everyone joined in for a discussion and I think thoroughly enjoyed it. I then thanked Mr. Chadwick for giving up his time to come and give us such an interesting talk.

"Mr. Wilson took us on a tour of his ponies, some of which he had kindly got inside, so we were sheltered from the heavy rain shower. Everyone had a good look and some examined the ponies and there was much talk - 'That one has grand limbs' 'this one has better feet than that don't you think' 'a nice head and good eye there' etc, etc. Then we were shown a hemmel full of yearlings and two year olds, the best bunch I have seen for a long time. Here again a lot of time was spent on discussing them and Eddie had their names and breeding at his finger tips. The rain went off so we left the yard and followed Eddie up the rise to the fields where the mares with grazing. They were a lovely lot of 'even' black mares, very difficult to tell apart, with some grand foals. Once again Eddie explained their breeding; some of course we knew from the show ring. Unfortunately, we did not see his stallions as they were running elsewhere. The only one on the place was Mr. Allen's Heltondale Duke, a nice black four year old. While with the mares and foals the sun had come out again so the cameras were clicking. I hope some good photographs resulted.

"Then we returned to the house for refreshments as described on the invitation, but what a spread! It was more like a banquet! All made by Margaret and family with some friends to help. She really did the twenty four of us proud. Cumbrian hospitality is the tops!

"At the end of the day I thanked Eddie and family for allowing us to invade his premises and showing us all his ponies, also Margaret for making us so welcome and all the hard work she had put into giving us such delicious refreshments. Eddie was presented with a basket of fruit and Margaret with a pot of Gloxinias as a small thank you. I think everyone agreed it was a very interesting and happy day."

Ailie Newall



A FELL RIDING CLASS OF SOME YEARS AGO

MALVERN WORKING HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP:

Julie Robinson, who rides Mr. Paul Metcalfe's Twislehope Roger, has written the following account of their trip to Malvern where they represented the Fell Pony Society in the final of the Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony championship.

"After Rydal 1986 when our performance was less than satisfactory we went away with one thought in our minds - to not only win the qualifier for the working hunter pony championship at Malvern but to win the performance trial as well in 1987.

"To that end Twislehope Roger was put through a strenuous training programme both on the flat and over the jumps and all our hard work paid off when he did indeed win both the qualifier and the performance trial.

"Our trip to Malvern began the day before the competition on the fourth of August, and after much preparation and planning it was quite a team that set off in support. After settling Roger in at his four star hotel we went off to find our stables for the night and the nearest watering hole!

"An early start was the order of the day and, as we had packed all our most scary jumps, we were able to give Roger a good work out much to the amusement of some of our rivals although we were to have the last laugh.

"On arriving at the Three Counties showfield, the first stop was to walk the course of which we had heard some horrific tales - all of which turned out to be true.

"Fell ponies seemed to be thin on the ground which did not help our jingling nerves, but at last our turn came and Roger far surpassed our expectations by jumping a lovely clear round and earning himself the enthusiastic congratulations from many of the crowd but before we could relax it was off to do the ridden show which was judged by Jennie Loriston Clarke. He went on to produce his best performance of 1987 and earned himself 2nd place in the large breeds section which was a fitting end to a fabulous day and a fabulous result."



JULIE ROBINSON RIDING TWISLEHOPE ROGER

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Some members have still not paid their subscriptions for the current year and should do so without delay. Subscriptions are due on the first day of January and remain at £5 per annum. Bankers order forms are available on request.



PONIES RUNNING OUT ON THE CUMBRIAN FELLS

Following the publication of Mr. Peter Lawson's poem in the last newsletter, another of our members, Mrs. Rocky Howard, has penned a reply in verse:

How I've wished that you could see,
Myself at home with my family.
Roaming the moors and lonely places,
Kicking our heels and showing our paces.
13.2 is the height we can get to,
Plenty of feather and our feet good and blue.

I'm eighteen years old now and as fit as ever,
I still roam the moors in all kinds of weather.
I'm in foal again, after the curlew returns,
High on the moors between the two burns,
My foal will be born to the sound of the lark,
It's eye will be bright, it's coat should be dark.

My family keeps growing, I've still some at home,
Two sons and a daughter, they're happy to roam,
These real lonely places where we can run free,
With wild Highland cattle and sheep for company.
My daughter goes camping, so you see she's not idle,
My sons are too young yet, but they both know the bridle,
They're surefooted and active and ever so willing.

I have a friend, someone quite special,
She's sixteen years young, still rounding up cattle.
High on the moor, 2000 feet up,
Surefooted and tireless, she sure is no mut.
Her colour is Silver and so is her name,
She's gentle with us but not very tame,
Her action is great, she is a real treasure,
My owner's young daughter still has lots of pleasure,
They go camping for weeks with my daughter and owner,
Have hours of fun and lots of laughter.
And so Mr. Lawson, you really can see,
True Fell ponies as they used to be.

Rocky Howard



MRS. C. JOHNSON RIDING BARNCROSH BRANDY

BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW:

Mrs. Margaret Wilson has kindly sent in the following report with results of the new show for Fell ponies held in North Yorkshire.

"A new show for registered Fell ponies was held at Barningham Park, Richmond, on Saturday, 18th July, by kind permission of Sir Anthony Millbank. There were 82 entries for the 9 classes from 24 exhibitors and despite a very wet day many still turned out to show their ponies.

"Mr. Peter Boustead from Lancashire kindly judged the in hand classes and was joined by his wife Mrs. Sally Boustead who rode the ponies in the ridden classes. A quality selection of ponies lined up for the championship from which Mr. Boustead chose Mr. Noble's yearling filly, Heltondale Maydew VII as champion with Mr. Coatsworth's brood mare, Rackwood Dewdrop reserve champion. Mr. Dargue who was present as a spectator kindly presented the Bayer U.K. cup and replica to Mr. Noble.

"On behalf of the Earnshaws and ourselves, may I take this opportunity to thank the exhibitors and spectators who turned out on such a dreadful day and to everyone else who supported us in this new venture.

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| Mare or gelding, four years or over | - Mr. W. S. Noble's Heltondale
Maydew III |
| Mare with foal at foot | - Mr. G. Coatsworth's Rackwood
Dewdrop |
| Colt or filly foal | - Mr. G. Coatsworth's Rackwood Rose |
| Two or three year old | - Mr. G. Coatsworth's Rackwood
Velvet |
| Yearling | - Mr. W. S. Noble's Heltondale
Maydew VII |

Best turned out pony and rider
Novice riding class
Open riding class
Pony not having won prize in
previous classes

- Miss K. Earnshaw's Townend Polly XV
- Mrs. M. Raines' Townend Patrick
- Mrs. M. Raines' Townend Patrick

- Mr. D. Wilkinson's Brackenbank.

AUTUMN PERFORMANCE TRIAL:

The Autumn performance trial was held at Pict Hall, Blawith, near Ulverston by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. R. Baxter and, despite the wet weather which depleted entries, those who did take part enjoyed the event very much. An interesting cross country course had been planned incorporating some unusual obstacles, and after the event some of the competitors went for a short pleasure ride on the fells nearby. Results are appended:

- 1st - Mrs. J. Atkinson's Highstones Hobgoblin
- 2nd - Mr. T. C. Newman's Linnel Fleur
- 3rd - Miss H. Fell's Abbey Topaz
- 4th - Miss A. Fiddler's Sleddale Ben
- 5th - Mrs. P. Fell's Whitegate Welcome
- 6th - Mrs. W. McCutcheon's Greenfield Karren



MISS C. POLLITT'S CASTLERIGG DARKIE, FOALED 1960

STUD BOOKS:

Volume VI of the Fell Pony Stud Book is now published and copies are available, price £1.50 plus 20p postage. We still have copies of the previous volumes I, II and III £1.20 each inclusive of postage, and volumes IV and V printed together price £3.70 inclusive of postage. There are also copies of the N.P.S. studbook reprints 1898 to 1980 inclusive at £16 inclusive of postage and packing.



SANDRA BURTON RIDING TARNBECK TOPPER

TARNBECK TOPPER:

Our congratulations to Sandra Burton who has had a tremendous season riding her mother's Tarnbeck Topper, a five year old black stallion by Greenholme Geoff, bred by Mrs. G. Williamson. Topper's many wins in hand and under saddle included the very notable achievement of winning the Linnel cup for the best ridden Fell, Dales or Highland at the National Pony Society show at Malvern then going on to take the Country Life cup for the supreme mountain and moorland ridden champion. The championship was judged by the well known dressage rider, Jennie Loriston-Clarke, who remarked on Topper's all round ability and the fact that he was such a lovely ride. Topper is believed to be the first pony to win both cups at the N.P.S. show.

THE NATIVE PONY SHOW, SUSSEX:

I have been asked to draw member's attention to the Native Pony Show held annually in the south of England and keen to attract more exhibitors to next year's show to be held on Kempton Park Racecourse on the 24th July 1988. There are Fell classes at this show, and schedules are available from the secretary, The Show Office, Colhook Barn, Colhook Common, Ebernoe, near Petworth, W. Sussex.



MR. A. TODD DRIVING GIBSIDE STROLLER

N.P.S. MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP:

Following a very successful show season driving his black stallion, Gibside Stroller, Mr. Alan Todd from Spennymoor, Co. Durham, has sent in the following report of his driving activities:

"On a very cold morning early in 1985, on the advice of Mr. John Gibson, I purchased a Fell stallion by the name of Gibside Stroller. I was looking for a driving pony with a view to entering a few local shows as well as driving with my local club. Stroller soon settled into his new home. I drove him for a few months to a stick back gig until I had completed a Whitechapel cart I was building. On completion of the cart, I felt we were ready for the showfield. Stroller performed very well but it soon became apparent that the cart was too large for him. After several alterations to the cart and a little advice from the odd judge, we were ready for the 1987 season.

"Our first show was the Fell Pony Society Stallion and Colt Show at Dalemain, where we were delighted to win the driving section. We went on to qualify for the National Pony Society Mountain and Moorland Driving Championship at Malvern. This also qualifies us to take part in the Sanders Watney Memorial Championship Finals at Windsor in September. We have since gone on to win the Mountain and Moorland driving class at the Scottish British Driving Society Show held in Holyrood Park and, after a rather nice drive around the country lanes, we were pleased to be placed first in the championship final at the N.P.S. show at Malvern. It made our long journey well worth while. We are looking forward very much to our trip to Windsor and many more happy hours driving Stroller."

YOUNG FARMERS JUDGING COMPETITIONS:

Sybil Lee, one of our members from Halifax, has contributed the following piece on the trials and tribulations of adjudicating at a Young Farmers Judging Competition.

"About three years ago, I was asked to master judge at the local branch of the Young Farmers Judging Competition. I accepted but had no idea what this involved as I have never been a member of the Young Farmers. The first time David and I hacked two ponies over to a local farm and together with another Fell pony and a Welsh pony these formed the four ponies for the competition. They became in fact A, B, X, and Y (why not 1,2,3, and 4 or A,B,C and D I don't know - it must be tradition). Sheep, pigs, cattle, all become A, B, X, and Y.

The next mystery is a complex sliding scale which requires an IQ

of at least MENSA proportions to fathom out; each time I think I have mastered it I end up in a terrible muddle and have to be sorted out yet again.

"Basically, the master judge assesses the ponies first into order of preference then works out how many points the first is better than the second, the second than the third, and so on. This information must add up to twelve and is fed into the dreaded sliding scale and somehow marks out of 50% are then awarded for the correct order. For all other combinations which are many, some quite unbelievable, you move the scale up and down to give the result.

"After all this terrible brain activity, the judge has about fifteen minutes recovery time whilst the competitors judge the ponies and make notes.

"Next, they individually give you their result and the reasons. You have a card in front of you with their order of A, B, X and Y then mark each competitor on presentation of talk, then a comparative statement of the ponies, then finally accuracy of observation. These three sections add up to the other 50%.

"Hopefully, your steward adds these up for you - but they don't always!

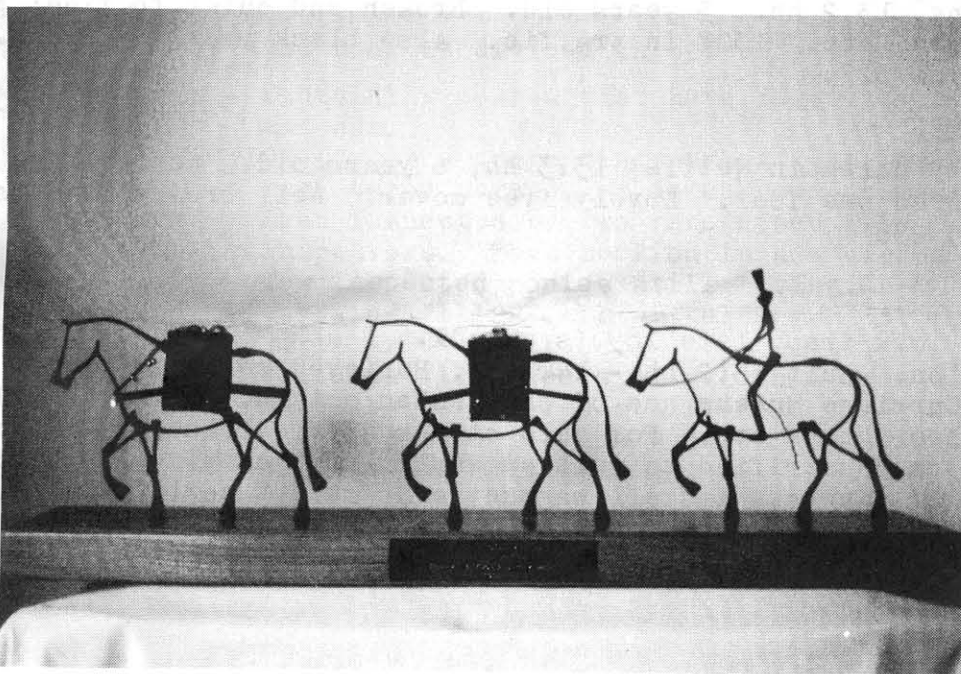
"At the local competitions you judge all three age groups, junior, intermediate and senior, but at county level it was a relief to judge one section only. I did juniors last year at the Great Yorkshire showground.

"Having worked out the competitor's placings and announced the winners, all that is finally expected is for the master judge to give a little talk on the reasons for your own placings of the ponies - then collapse!

"The first area show I attended with interest in meeting other judges of beef cattle, fat lambs, etc. How did they all cope? Admirably, it seemed to me, whizzing through the complexities of the system with nonchalance, then giving authoritative talks on their chosen subject. Tractor driving, farm machinery, first aid, cookery, flower arranging, metal and wood work, there seems no end to people's talents.

"I seem to be always recognised as the pony judge immediately, not arty enough for flower arranging or painting and probably not capable enough looking for anything else.

"Despite all the hard work it is great fun and the lunches are out of this world. Farmers certainly expect good food."



FELL PACK PONIES
A SCULPTURE IN HORSESHOE NAILS

WIGTON FELL PONY SALE:

The annual sale of registered Fell ponies held on behalf of the Fell Pony Society will be held on Wednesday, October 21st at Wigton, Cumbria. Catalogues can be obtained from the auctioneers, Hopes Auction Company Ltd., 93 High Street, Wigton, Cumbria. Tel. (0965) 42202

AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING:

The Autumn General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th 1987 at Clifton Parish Hall, Clifton, near Penrith, Cumbria, at 1.00 pm. Subscriptions will be taken between 12.30 pm and 1.00 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Secretary's report
5. Reports of delegates and sub-committees
6. Adoption of accounts
7. Dates of Spring meetings
8. Any other business

FOR SALE:

Registered black gelding, 13.3 hh., 8 years old. By Lunesdale Lucky Jim. Winner in hand and under saddle. Good jumper. Qualified Peterborough 1987. Excellent temperament. Good to catch, shoe, etc. Traffic proof. Not novice ride. Experienced home only. £800 or nearest offer. Tel. 061 748 4502

WANTED:

Fell pony mares by Dunnerdale Richard or foal born 1987 by him. Please tel. (0932)58377 or 093 235 3436 (evenings).

FOR SALE:

Black gelding, 13.2 hh., 3 years old. Broken and quiet to ride; good to catch, shoe, etc. 100% in traffic. Also black yearling filly. Tel. Ulverston 52742

FOR SALE:

Black mare by Dalemain Nettle, 13.3 hh, 6 years old. Active ride with big jump. Bred one foal. Lovely free mover. Well bred. Ideal show mare. Tel. (08774) 258

FOR SALE:

Original Norfolk trap, late 1890's approx. Black, lined maroon and scarlet. Show condition. Suit 13.2 hh - 14.2 hh. Believed restored by the Doddington Carriage Museum and of Cheltenham origin. All original brass fittings, wheel hubs, etc. For sale at a sensible price or exchange something more countrified to suit an ample lady and plump Fell pony fond of picnic jaunts. A small wagonette or market cart would be ideal. Must be sound and roadworthy. Enquiries welcome. Contact: Mrs. T. Hardcastle, Tithe Farm, Wansford, Driffield, East Yorkshire. Tel. (0377) 44257

WAVERHEAD JOCK:

Mrs. Gwen Williamson has contributed the following short piece which demonstrates the excellent temperament and good memory of the Fell pony:

"Many people will remember August 18th 1987 as the day the heavens opened. I remember it for another reason as it was the day Jock came out of his semi-retirement to take a bride to church.

"Waverhead Jock is owned by Mrs. Heather Ellwood of Ulpha, Broughton in Furness, and was bred by Mr. Jim Bell. He is now fourteen years old. Jock was broken to ride and drive when he was a three year old and was a very useful and willing worker on the farm. He was champion at the stallion show in 1977, and the same year he took the 'Jubilee Queen' and her attendants around Broughton in Furness in the Jubilee carnival parade. Since Heather bought Jock from us he has been ridden regularly but had not been between shafts for ten years. We were all a little apprehensive about how he would react to being harnessed up and driven again, but we need not have worried. He just walked away pulling the little farm cart he used to work with as if he had been in harness regularly.

"The day of the wedding he was decorated up and also the trap, and the bride and groom travelled complete with broolly. The day went by without a hitch and Jock behaved perfectly. He was a credit to the Fell pony breed."

REGISTRATIONS AND FEES:

In response to many queries concerning the registration of Fell ponies and the fees for registration, I hope the following may help to clarify the position.

Registration fees are £1 for colt foals and £2.50 for fillies if registered in the year of birth, that is up to the 31st December in the year of foaling and not within twelve months of the date of foaling. The fee to register colts is only £1 to encourage the registration of colts and also because the cost of amending the certificate from 'colt' to 'gelding' at a later date costs £1.50 thereby bringing the total fees in line with that for fillies. After the year end, the registration fee for colts, fillies or geldings is £3.50. Transfers of ownership as well as transfers from 'colts' to 'geldings' cost £1.50. The exception to these fees is in the case of colt foals by registered stallions out of section A or B mares which cannot be registered until gelded. The registration fee for these geldings is still £1 at whatever age they are registered.

The Fell pony stud book is divided into four sections:

- MAIN SECTION - containing ponies that have fully registered sire and dam.
- INSPECTED SECTION (I.S.) - containing ponies that have only one registered parent, or an unknown pedigree, and have been inspected by two recognised Fell Pony Society inspectors. This section is now closed and there are few inspected ponies still living.
- SECTION A - contains filly foals or geldings from inspected mares by registered stallions.
- SECTION B - contains filly foals or geldings from section A mares by registered stallions. Filly foals or geldings from section B mares by registered stallions go into the main section.

On the registration certificate, inspected section ponies carry I.S., A or B after their name to indicate the different sections. Colts from mares other than in the main section of the register cannot be kept as stallions.

PREFIXES:

Those members who wish to register a prefix to use when registering ponies they have bred or have bought unregistered and wish to register should apply to the secretary for a form. The completed forms on which must be given three choices of name of prefix in case the first choice has been registered by someone else are then sent with the fee of £5 to the British Central Prefix Register who will notify the member directly if their chosen prefix can be accepted. Prefixes must be one word only, e.g. Heltondale or Townend, and once registered remain the property of the registree for life although they can be transferred to someone else with the approval of both the British Central Prefix Register and the Fell Pony Society. The prefix can then be used as part of the name of any animal bred by the owner of the prefix e.g. Heltondale Magic, or as a suffix in the case of a pony bring registered by the owner of the prefix but bred by someone else e.g. Magic of Heltondale.

Ponies can be registered by breeders not wishing to have their own prefix provided the pony has a single name only e.g. Bracken. In such cases the choice of names is limited to those which have never been registered before. For further details on the registration and use of prefixes, please contact the secretary.

STALLION LICENCES:

With the demise of the Ministry of Agriculture stallion licensing scheme and the Fell Pony Society colt inspection scheme, the procedure for licensing Fell colts is as follows. Colts may be licensed at either two or three years of age. The colt must be inspected by a veterinary surgeon other than the colt owner's own vet who, on completion of the inspection, completes a report form, copies of which are obtainable from the secretary. This form with the veterinary surgeon's recommendation should be sent to the secretary with the licence fee of £8 and, if everything is in order, the licence will be issued by the Fell Pony Society. If a licensed stallion is sold, the licence should be sent with the registration certificate to the secretary for transferring to the new owner.

LOWTHER FELL SHOW:

The success of the Fell pony classes held in conjunction with the Lowther Driving Trials at Lowther Castle, near Penrith, has resulted in an invitation from the event organisers to repeat the classes again next year. The three classes at this year's event were well filled with a grand show of ponies and the judge, Mr. J. P. Gibson from Burnopfield, had his work cut out to judge them within the very tight time restrictions. The championship was eventually awarded to Mr. J. Bell's brood mare, Barbondale Petal, bred by Mr. A. Shuttleworth from Barbon.

WINDERMERE FESTIVAL:

Despite some initial problems which questioned the future of this popular show, responsibility for organising the whole event was very ably taken on by Barry and Cath Allen from Millom who ensured the success of the show despite the torrential rain on the day. Radio Cumbria, who were doing a live broadcast from Brockhole where the event was held, interviewed a number of members and exhibitors and asked about the history of the breed, the present day demand for Fell ponies, their uses and versatility, and the future for the breed. The championship was later awarded to Mr. J. Bell's brown mare, Redhouse Dusty, bred by Mr. Hoodless.

MARCH NEWSLETTER:

The next newsletter will be circulated to members in March 1988. Once again, can I please ask members to send in any contributions in the way of articles, bits of news, reports, photographs, etc. to try and make these newsletters as interesting and informative as possible. All contributions will be very welcome!