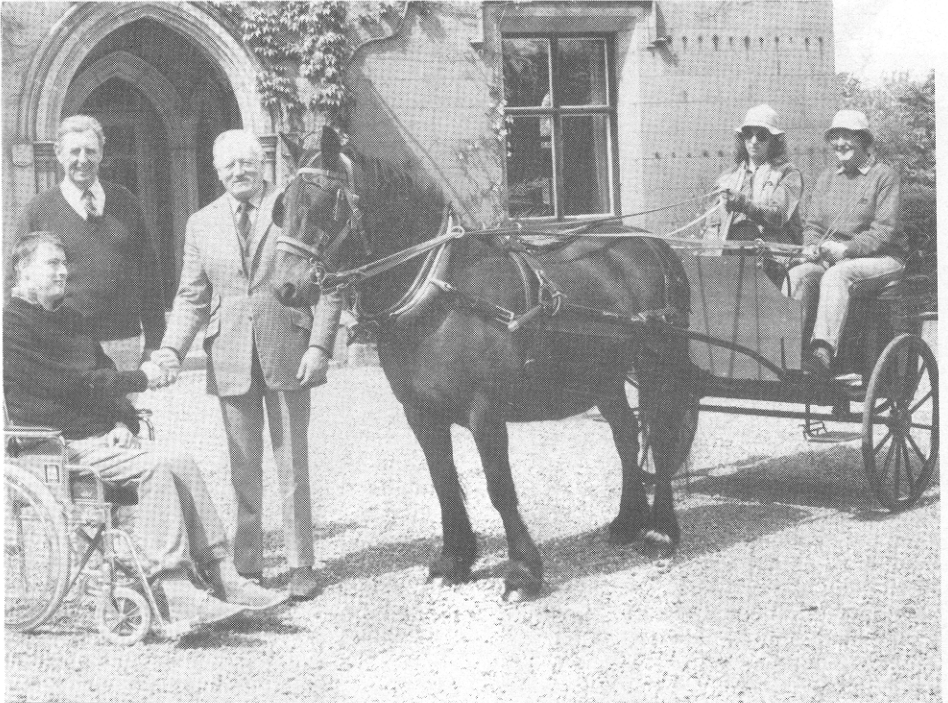


FELL PONY SOCIETY

AUTUMN 1990



Calgarth Brown Jack, foaled 1968. One of the first ponies driven at the first Lowther Driving Trials by his breeder Ann Varley, who broke him, hunted, jumped, Riding Clubbed and drove him. Exhibited by his breeder and latterly Mrs Pattinson (pictured above) and her two daughters at nearly all the Breed Shows since 1972. Despite his age, he continues to live life to the full - now used for driving for the disabled at the Eden branch and continues to give many people a lot of pleasure. Above photo is the presentation of a driving carriage to the Eden Disabled Driving Group by Andrew (left) and John Cowdery and George Bowman, on behalf of everyone involved in the 1987 Charity Coach Run from Edinburgh to Manchester.



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CAROLAS MONARCH, OWNED BY MR P & MRS B GLOVER, WON THE RIDDEN GELDINGS CLASS FOR SECOND YEAR RUNNING AT THE BREED SHOW AND THEN RIDDEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SHOWRING BY THEIR DAUGHTER, WON ONE OF THE JUNIOR CLASSES. THEY HAVE ENJOYED MUCH SHOWING SUCCESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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A SUMMARY OF OUR SUMMER ...

The summer has flown by and winter fast approaches. It has been a very interesting year but one with not enough time in it. However, the dark nights enable us to reflect on the previous months and start plans for the next.

The season started with a well attended Stallion Show on a bright pleasant day. An ever increasing popular day out, it is an important show being our 'shop-window' for potential breeders. Whilst it is interesting to see the mature stallions, it is equally important to see the youngstock on display who are inevitably a vital part in the future of the Fell Pony.

Rydal Spring Performance Trial was the next event - a test of nerve, accuracy and endurance, which was thrilling to watch. Regular competitors attend each year from far and wide, although it would be nice to see more entries. The Working Hunter Pony qualifier, for the final at Malvern, is also held at this event. If not to compete, it is well worth going to spectate, as it is another admirable sphere of just what Fells can do. Again blessed with a beautiful warm day, in idyllic, scenic surroundings, what more could you ask for?

Windermere Fell Pony Show was another event ably organised by Barry Allen and family. Various classes are held from showing, jumping and the Road Safety finals to a traditional Fell Pony Trotting Race - which can be very entertaining; especially (and I speak from experience!) if the brakes are no good, the pony thinks it's in the Derby and you are wearing slippery jodhpurs! I think 'traditional dress' is the recipe to success; thick ribbed corduroy trousers that grip and 5 lb tackety boots to aid that delicate margin between balance and gravity!

The Breed Show, as with all our events, attracted entries from far and wide. The weather again behaved well and a good day seemed to be had by all. A report on the class winners appears further on in the newsletter.

The Royal Show was another venue for our publicity stand. Organised in recent years by the Wykes family and Jim and Frances Bell, this is always a popular event, especially for our southerly members.

At Lowther Horse Driving Trials and Country Fair, classes for in-hand and ridden were once again on display - this is

now a fixed event at Lowther as part of the varied entertainment programme held there. It is in a lovely setting and over the three days attracts great interest from competitors and spectators alike. Mrs Laing has a marquee on site for the three days and each day a Fell Pony is on display inside the marquee (as with the Royal Show). It is obviously quite a novelty for many people to come close up to the lovely ponies we have there. To the ponies' credit their gentle and patient temperaments come to the fore as the milling crowds admire them. However, speaking from experience once more, actually sleeping with the exhibition pony at night in the marquee is rather a different and enlightening experience!

The 9th day of the 9th month 1990 was a busy one for the Fell Pony Calendar. On this day were held our Southern Breed Show at Oxford, Rotten Row Tercentenary Parade in London, Burghley Horse Trials - where there was a display stand - and our Autumn Performance Trials at Blawith, south Cumbria (reports appear further on in newsletter). This latter Trial seems my 'cup of tea' as I believe you do not have to 'leave the ground' (although I keep practicing) but are required instead to tackle obstacles and other natural hazards. A pleasure ride then follows for all to join over the fells. Unfortunately, entries were small for this year's event; however, if I get my act together I shall be there next year!

The Pleasure Ride was held on 30 September, over fell land called Geltsdale, Cumbria. This again is an event where more entries would be welcomed. Perhaps it should be held at a different time of year or the date arranged sooner so that it can be publicised more effectively.

Other shows and events have taken place, Barningham Fell Pony Show to name but one, and reports of increased entries in classes at both local and county shows are common. With mixed mountain and moorland classes having a good percentage of Fells in them, this must only prove the continuing interest and popularity of the Fell Pony.

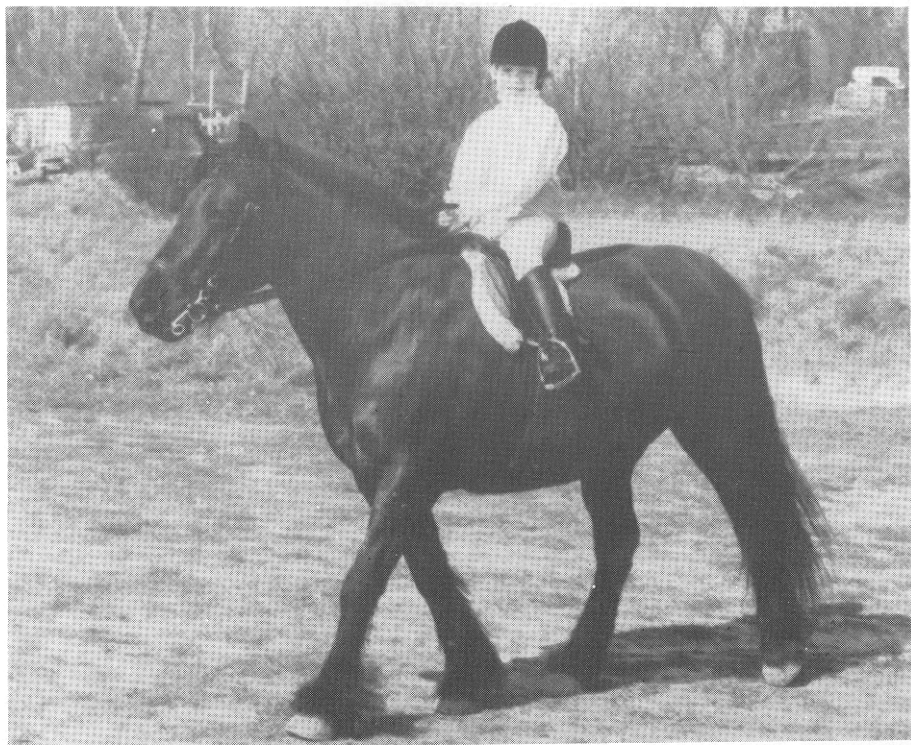
This year at Olympia is to be no exception, with what I feel sure must be the highest number of Fells ever qualified, as three ponies are to represent the breed. They are Lunesdale Lucky Lady owned by Mrs Olwen Briant, Townend Patrick owned by Mrs Margaret Raines and thirdly the stallion Whitburn Major Tom owned by Mr & Mrs Russell Sutcliffe. I wish them all well and hope they have a very enjoyable and memorable time whatever the final outcome, as it is a

great achievement just to be there.

Finally, as interest in the Fell increases so does the demand for the ponies. Further interest and enquiries for ponies has come from America and as well as the four ponies exported to Canada in the spring, two ponies, a stallion included, have also gone out to West Germany.

It is so nice to hear from people who have bought ponies and have found them so pleasurable to own.

See you in the spring. Yours, Ed.



CHRISTINE GROENVELD RIDING ROBBSWATER RUBY'S ELLEN AT HER HOME IN HOLLAND. Photo reprinted by Andrew Carpenter, Leics

WIGTON SALE:

This year's official sale of registered Fell Ponies will be held again as part of the main Wigton sale on Wednesday, 31 October. The judge for the show of Fells prior to the sale will be Mr R Bellas, Keswick. Judging will commence at approximately 10.00 am for the sale to start at 11.30 am. The judging will take place in the auction mart. field.

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STALLION, BROOD MARE &
* * * YOUNGSTOCK OWNERS * * *

This is a very important notice to remind everyone that all registered and licenced Fell stallions MUST now use a stallion service book if they are used to cover both their own and visiting registered Fell mares. The service books are available from the secretary.

The service books contain service slips, of which the tear-off portion MUST be given to and retained by the owner of the mare or foal until the foal is registered, when it must be sent with a yellow registration application form and the appropriate fee to the secretary.

Unless a service slip is sent at the time of registering a foal, the foal will not be eligible for registration. This is why it is so important to take care of your certificate of service.

This new regulation applies to all foals born in or after 1991 and all brood mares served in 1990 and onwards must receive a service slip when their mare is served.

Certificate of service slips are not required for foals born in or before 1990 but all mares served this year to foal in 1991 must each have one.

Likewise, the stallion owner retains their copy of the certificate of service in their book and returns it intact to the secretary by the 1st September each year. The service books will be automatically sent back out to the stallion owners for the start of the following season.

A final note is that if a foal/pony is sold before it is registered, the certificate of service slip MUST be passed on to the new owner for the pony to remain eligible for registration. Individuals will be responsible for ensuring the above is carried out and the Society will not be responsible for breeders/owners who have not followed the above guidelines. If anyone has a query, please do not hesitate to contact the secretary.

N.B. If you know of a Fell stallion owner who may not have heard about this new regulation, please inform the secretary so that she can contact the stallion owner.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: At the A.G.M. on the 31st March 1990, it was required that we elect a new President due to unfortunate death of Mr Roy Charlton.

Mr Charlton had completed only one year in office of the two year period and therefore, a new President was required. On a vote being taken, Mr Jim Bell of Waver Head, was elected for the second year of office.

Mr J S Dargue was re-elected Chairman with Mrs E Ball Vice-Chairman. The four retiring Council members, Mrs M Laing, Mr J Wykes, Mr T B Capstick and Mrs A A D Newall, were re-elected.

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: For information purposes, please note that Council members are elected at the spring A.G.M. and the procedure for nomination is as follows:-

15.(c) Four members of the Council shall retire each year but shall be eligible for immediate re-election at the A.G.M. without further nomination.

(d) Nominations for the Council shall be in writing signed by 2 members and forwarded to the Secretary at least 8 weeks before the date of the A.G.M.

STALLION SHOW: The Stallion and Colt Show was again held at Dalemain by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs B McCosh and family, and the Judge was Mr Clive Richardson.



PEEPINGS RAVEN, OWNER & BREEDER MR J S DARGUE, WINNER OF THE 3 YEAR OLD CLASS, STALLION SHOW 1990.

Results of the Stallion Show were as follows:

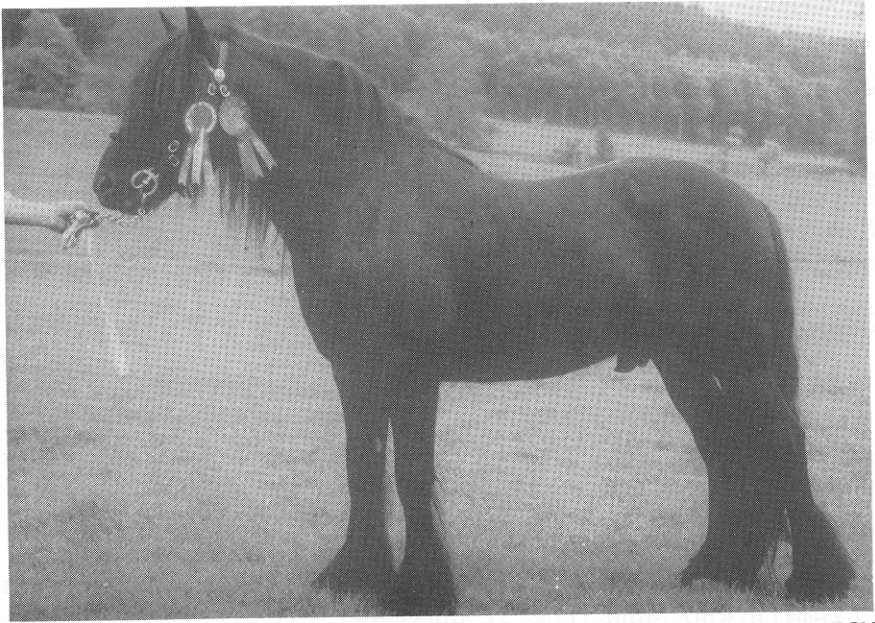
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| Yearling colts | - Mr & Mrs Catterall's Towerview Spirit of Joy. |
| Two year old colts | - Mr J Rawlinson's Lownthwaite Drake |
| 3 & 4 year old stallions- | Mr J Dargue's Peepings Raven |
| Stallions, 5 years + | - Messrs Potter & Capstick's Heltondale Black Prince III |
| Ridden stallions | - Mrs P Sutcliffe's Whitburn Major Tom. |
| Driven stallions | - Mrs W Perkin's Drybarrows Gypsy King. |
| Best foot shod | - Mr W S Noble's Heltondale Rover. |
| Youngstock champion | - Mr Rawlinson's Lownthwaite Drake |
| Supreme champion | - Messrs Potter & Capstick's Heltondale Black Prince III |
| Reserve champion | - Mr J Rawlinson's Lownthwaite Drake |
| Blacksmith who shod winning entry | - Mr Mike Allen. |
| £30 gelding premiums awarded to the best 3 year olds were: | Mr P Boustead's Townend Seamus
Mrs R Bell's Marlingdyke Millstream
Mr & Mrs Dorman's Scotgate
Silhouette |
| £20 gelding premiums awarded to the best 2 year olds were: | Miss R Middleton's Uldale Black Knight. |

AT HOME PREMIUMS: Every year the Fell Pony Society awards up to six premiums, increased to £50 each this year, for the stallions serving the highest number of registered Fell mares, and this year's winners were:-

Messrs Capstick & Potter's Heltondale Black Prince III -	(30 mares)
Mr H F Wales's Heltondale Duke	(24 mares)
Mr W S Noble's Heltondale Rover	(21 mares)
Mr J Bell's Waverhead Prince II	(11 mares)
Mrs J Hutchinson's Tarnmoor Prince	(7 mares)
Mr J P Gibson's Gibside Danny Boy	(7 mares)

To qualify for an At Home Premium, the stallions must parade at the Stallion Show and by the end of the season (1st September) have served a minimum of 7 mares.

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HELTONDALE BLACK PRINCE III - SUPREME CHAMPION 1990 STALLION SHOW



WHITBURN MAJOR TOM & MRS P SUTCLIFFE - WINNER OF RIDDEN CLASS.

BREED SHOW: The twenty-first annual breed show was again held at Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs A Helme. Judges were Mr E M Wilson, Mr A W Morland, Mrs E Polling, Mr P Boustead, Mrs A A D Newall, Mr J Gibson, Mrs S Harden, Mrs Townson, Mr R Dalton and Mrs Little. The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd, Langholm, generously sponsored classes 2 & 3; brood mare and filly foal. Results are appended:

- Mares, 4-7 yrs old - Mr W S Noble's Heltondale Magic ^[VIII]
- Mares, 8 yrs & over - Mrs P Sutcliffe's Marthwaite Mary
- Mare with filly foal - Mr J Bell's Barbondale Petal
- Filly foal - Mr J Bell's Waverhead Rosanna
- Yearling filly - Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
- Two year old filly - Mr W S Noble's Heltondale Ruby
- Three year old filly - Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
- Geldings, 4 yrs & over - Mrs D Slack's Townend Merlin
- Mare with colt foal - Mr G R Coatsworth's Rackwood Dewdrop

- Colt foal - Mr & Mrs R B Charlton's Linnel Reynard.

- Yearling colt or gelding - Mr W S Noble's Heltondale Bobby
- Two year old gelding - Miss C Pollitt's Castlerigg Duke II
- Three year old gelding - Mrs Rachel Bell's Marlingdyke Millstream

- Ridden geldings - Mr P Glover's Caroles Monarch
- Ridden mares - Mr J Bell's Redhouse Dusty
- Ridden veterans - Mr P Forsman's Bowderdale Jess
- Junior riding class(11-) - Mrs Hodgkinson's Greenholme Gem
- Junior riding class(12+) - Mr P Glover's Caroles Monarch
- Ridden novice geldings - Mrs Underwood's Sleddale David
- Ridden novice mares - Mrs L Norris's Sleddale Rosemary
- Stallion progeny class - Mrs G Williamson's group
- Private driving class - Mr J B Marston's Dene Claudius
- Cone driving class - Miss J Brindley's Edenview Moonstroller

- Handy pony class - Mrs T P Fell's Whitegate Welcome
- Working hunter pony - Miss S Conn's Drybarrow Queen Bee
- Best foot shod - Miss J Fairburn's Gibside Dolly
- Best foot unshod - Miss C Dodd's Kerbeck Reivers Fire
- Costume class - Mrs L Norris's Barrovian Gemini
- Olympia Qualifier - Mrs M Raines's Townend Patrick
- Youngstock champion - Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
- Ridden champion - Mrs M Raines' Townend Patrick
- Supreme champion - Mr J Bell's Barbondale Petal
- Best 3 yr old Riding type - Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
- Points trophy - Miss J Brindley's Edenview Moonstroller



BECKY BOUSTEAD (AGE 8) WINNER OF RIDDEN JUNIOR UNDER 11 YEARS CLASS AT 1990 BREED SHOW. RIDING GREENHOLME GEM.

SOUTHERN BREED SHOW: Held for the second year at Horspath (Oxford) on Sun. 9 September. Again we were lucky to have excellent weather which was enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

We were grateful to Mrs Ball and Mrs Campbell who travelled many miles to come and judge. They gave the final championship to Mrs C Rears lovely brood mare Packway Kestrel, with reserve to Mrs Braint's well known mare Lunesdale Lucky Lady. Packway Kestrel was bred by the late Peggy Crossland, so Chris Rear as her niece, also took home the Breeders Cup.

The committee would like to add a special word of thanks to all our stewards and helpers and especially to Mr & Mrs Paul Eison, without whose help the show would not go on. Also our thanks to all those who have supported us financially and for the new trophies. We hope to run a similar event in 1991, and would appreciate any ideas, offers of help, or sponsorship of classes or rosettes.

Mary Longsdon.

Results are appended:

Mares, 4-8 years	- Miss J Glass' Heltondale Doll
Mares, 9 years +	- Mrs C Rear's Packway Kestrel

Geldings, 4-8 years	- Mesdames Hancock & Johnson's High Heath Harvey
Geldings, 9 years + Yearlings	- Mrs E Norris' Barrovian Gemini - Miss M Longsdon's Bewcastle Boy Blue
Two year olds	- Mrs E Knowles' Brambleigh Suzanne
Three year olds	- Miss J Glass' Drybarrows Melody
Pairs	- Miss J Glass
Ridden geldings	- Miss A Drew's Abbey Bandit
Ridden Mares	- Mrs O Briant's Lunesdale Lucky Lady
Ridden Novice	- Miss J Glass' Heltondale Doll
Junior ridden (10-)	- Mrs E Norris' Barrovian Gemini
Junior ridden (11-16yrs)	- Miss J Glass' Heltondale Doll
Ridden-leading rein	- Mesdames Hancock & Johnson's High Heath Harvey
Ridden- Veteran	- Miss A Drew's Abbey Bandit
Ridden Pairs	- Sleddale Rosemary & Heltondale Doll
W.H.P.	- Mrs J Webb's Townend Sandra
Driving	- Mrs L Robinson's Admergill Ursula
In-hand champion	- Mrs C Rear's Packway Kestrel
Res Champion	- Mrs E Knowles' Brambleleigh Suzanne
Ridden Champion	- Mrs O Braint's Lunesdale Lucky Lady
Res Champion	- Miss J Glass' Heltondale Doll
Supreme Champion	- Mrs C Rear's Packway Kestrel
Res Champion	- Mrs O Briant's Lunesdale Lucky Lady
Points Trophy	- Miss J Glass' Heltondale Doll

PERFORMANCE TRIALS:

We have just returned from another marvellous day out at Blawith - courtesy of Ross and Josie Baxter - for the Autumn Performance Trials. The weather was fine, the course testing and the day made complete by a 2-hour pleasure ride over beautiful countryside. What a pity, therefore, that only 11 competitors took part. Whenever we "talk ponies" the conversation usually turns to the few opportunities Fell pony people have to actually compete with, rather than show, their ponies. There must be many owners uninterested in showing who would enjoy Blawith. Why then the relatively poor entry? (Numerically speaking, of course). Perhaps it is the reference to "performance trial" which conjures up pictures of massive, complicated jumps, a race against the clock, highly skilled riding, and animals performing at their peak? Anyone knowing either my wife or our mare Gossip, who are regulars, will be able

to put that picture right out of their mind! The event is a test of obedience of the pony and control of the rider when confronted by a series of obstacles, the like of which one could well meet on a hack across country. There are fallen logs, but they do not have to be jumped (Gossip steps over them). Points are awarded for style at each obstacle.

Those who do like to jump should also try Rydal in June at the Spring Performance Trial. This competition includes dressage, cross country and showjumping phases. We find that most newcomers are apprehensive about dressage. They need not be. Once the layout of a dressage arena has been mastered it is a question of performing a sequence of paces from a test sheet which is issued before the event. The cross country section is marked on the basis of points scored, not faults incurred. No-one is eliminated for failing to clear a jump. There is a choice of jumps, the smaller averaging approximately 1 ft. 9 in. and the larger just under 3 ft. Obviously to win you need to take the higher scoring jumps, but many competitors accept that this may be beyond them and they go for what their pony is capable of and consequently as high a placing as they can. The showjumping is over a course of quite low, around 2 ft., rustic jumps. The event tries to cater for the novice rider and pony, and the more capable. It has been pleasing to see the improvement over the years of several very young combinations.

Both Performance Trials aim to be relaxed and friendly in spite of understandable nerves and the competitive element. Help and advice is always on hand and no-one should feel they might not be up to it. Perhaps 1991 will see "record" entries in both!

Barry Allen.

SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIAL RESULTS: The event was again held in Rydal Park by kind permission of Mr J Hodgson. 21 competitors took part.

Overall Result

1st	Twislehope Roger	Miss J Robinson (Owner Mr P Metcalfe)
2nd	Frizington Duke	Miss C Dodd
3rd	Whitburn Major Tom	Mr R Sutcliffe (Owner Mrs P Sutcliffe)
4th	Jossgreen	Miss R Ward
5th	Bowderdale Jess	Miss S Forsman (Owner Mr P Forsman)
6th	Braelees Dawn	Mrs R Douglas