

FELL PONY SOCIETY

Spring 1993



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TOWNEND ROWENA, Sire: Heltondale Duke, Dam: Robbwater Ruth. Owned by Mrs G M Cockbain. Pictured above, ridden by Ruth Ward at the Borrowdale Show 1992. (Several members are among the watching crowd - Mr & Mrs A Earnshaw, Mrs G Williamson, Mr J Langcake, Mr A Heighton.)

Tragically, Townend Rowena was killed this winter, as she slipped in the snow and fell down a slope into a stone wall. An added loss being that she was also in foal and had had a successful showing year: In-hand - Best 2 & 3 yr old Spillers Cumbria Show, 2nd Native 2 & 3 yr old, and Best Native Youngstock. She was 2nd at Windermere, Appleby and Hesket New Market, 3rd at Skelton, Gilsland, Ennerdale and Borrowdale. In ridden classes, at her first show she was 5th at Skelton, then 2nd at Hawkshead, 5th at Keswick, 1st at Hesket, 2nd at Eggleston and Borrowdale.

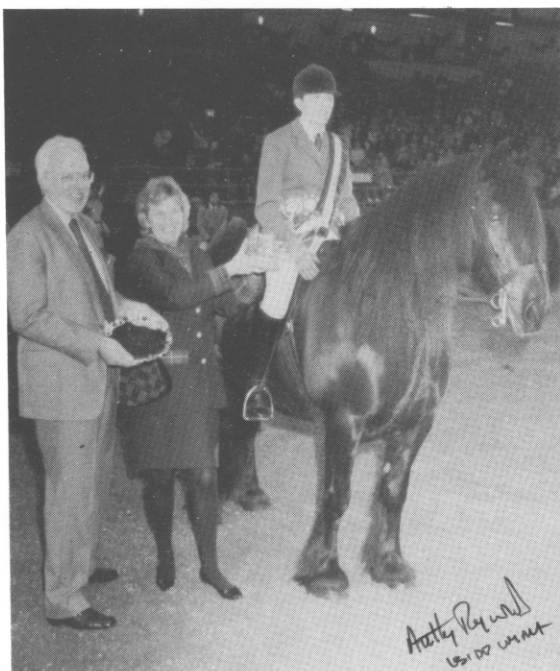


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LUNESDALE LUCKY LADY

N.P.S. CHAMPION RIDDEN MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND PONY OF 1992

We bought Lunesdale Lucky Lady from Sally and Peter Boustead as a 5 yr old in 1988. Lady is by Townend Flash II out of Lunesdale Grey Dawn and bred by Mr A W Morland. Lizzie has had native ponies since the age of 2 years, starting with a Dartmoor (which we still own) and then progressing to Welsh section B's and Connemaras. When Lizzie was 15 years old, I started looking for a real "hairy". I saw Lady at the Ponies UK Summer Show, tied to the side of her horse-box and took a rather apprehensive Lizzie to see her. It was "love at first sight" and after riding Lady, Lizzie begged me to buy her. This was our first introduction to Fell Ponies.

Lady has qualified for Olympia 5 years running and has been Best of Breed 4 times. She was reserve champion in 1988, 4th in 1989, 4th in 1990, 8th in 1991 and Champion Ridden Mountain and Moorland Pony of the Year in 1992. Lizzie and Lady have had 5 wonderful seasons, rarely being beaten under saddle and in 1989 we were rewarded for our long trip north, in Lady being supreme champion at the Breed Show. Although Lizzie also qualified her Connemaras for Olympia in 1989 and 1990, she always chose to ride Lady at Olympia, Lady being her favourite.

Words cannot express my pleasure and pride as Lady trotted down the centre under the spotlight at Olympia. My thanks must go to Bert Morland for breeding her, the Bousteads for selling her to us, the many Fell Pony Society breeders and members for being so friendly and giving us so much encouragement and to Lady for being the most honest and generous pony we have ever owned. We are absolutely enchanted with the breed and also own a gelding 'Lownthwaite Eagle' and more recently a stallion 'Lunesdale Black Grouse', who is Lady's future husband. **Olwen Briant.**

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- To Retire 1996: Mr R Bellas, Mrs C H Robinson,
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Mr J S Dargue.**

Secretary's Letter

Here we are at the beginning of another year and the showing season is already upon us. I hope everyone has an enjoyable year, whether it be competitively, or simply enjoying owning Fell ponies.

Bringing you up to date, I am pleased to report that the membership of the Society is still rising, with approximately 1200 members and it is good to see that many more are enjoying owning a Fell, or simply getting to know more about the breed.

To assist Members, generally speaking, my office will be manned approximately between the hours of 9.30 am to 12.00 pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. There will be occasions (of a seasonal and lambing time nature!) when the above office hours will not be exercised but in most instances, the telephone answering machine will be in operation. The Society's work naturally reaches beyond the above hours but if telephone calls could be restricted in the main, to within the above hours, it will assist me in being able to carry on more easily with the administrative work.

Following a recent Council meeting, there are a few adjustments and new regulations for us all to digest and these are outlined in **Council Information** on the following page.

Following a drop in our 1992/93 Horse-race Betting Levy Board Grant to £2,220 we are most fortunate in actually being given a rise in our 1993/94 HBLB Grant, which will realise a total of £3,740. In addition to this sum the FPS will be contributing a minimum of 20% from it's own funds, giving at present a proposed total of £4,610. The type of categories that this money will be spent on are for example - Premiums, Blood Typing, Subsidies, etc. The Society will endeavour to encourage as many stallions as possible to be blood typed. This will be assisted by an incentive programme, which will subsidise the cost of blood typing, not only for the young colts that are being newly licenced but also of our senior stallions. **If any Member is interested in having their senior stallion blood typed, see page 5 'Notes' for details.**



The computer system is continuing to prove it's worth. Unfortunately, due to other pressing Society business, I have not yet been able to start entering the stud books on to the computer memory but hopefully, once the newsletter has been done, the meetings finished and last year's stud book patted into shape, I will be able to concentrate more on this area. Partly because of computerisation, we will be slightly changing the format of the Certificate of Registration. The format has not been finalised but all 1993 registrations onwards, will be produced on the new Certificates. Due to EC

Directives, from 1 January 1993 it will now be necessary to provide a minimum of 5 identifiable markings on each pony's registration application and Certificate of Registration. Whilst it can be appreciated that this may not be an easy task for some who run their pony's in their natural state, it is now required. It could have been worse! We at least, do not have to create a full passport type document.

Well, I think all that remains for me to say is read on, have a good year and many happy pony days.

Rachel Bell

Council Information - IMPORTANT

With immediate effect, the following will apply:

- ◆ Following last Autumn's newsletter, a reminder that from now on ponies may only be registered in their year of birth. Therefore if you have a foal this year, you must register it this year, before 31st December - after the 1st January, foals from the previous year are deemed 'yearlings'. There will be few exceptions to this Regulation and will only involve those ponies born on their native heath and colt foals out of grading-up Section mares, as these colt foals must be gelded before being registered. In any event, the Secretary must be informed of the foals and their applications submitted by the 1st March of the following year (as yearlings). In the event of dispute of a pony's registration application or registration, the Council may request that any pony be inspected and/or blood typed. At the discretion of the Council, the owner of any pony whose registration is in dispute will be required to pay for the inspection and/or blood typing.
- ◆ All exported ponies, except for geldings, must now be blood typed prior to leaving the U.K. Vendors to contact the Secretary to inform of pending exports and to obtain a blood typing kit.
- ◆ Owners of imported breeding stock currently abroad to be contacted by the Secretary and blood typing of stock requested. Failure to comply will render the progeny ineligible for registration.
- ◆ An addition to the present Society Regulation no. 4, 'Ponies Eligible for Registration' part (iii), which reads as follows (new addition in bold type)
(iii) The Sire and Dam must be fully registered Fell Ponies **and the Sire must be licenced according to The Fell Pony Society Regulations.**
- ◆ A minimum of 5 identifiable markings must be shown on a pony's registration application, which will be transferred to the Certificate of Registration. 'Identifiable Markings' may take the form of **whorls, white markings, acquired markings** (scar, different hair colour, etc, e.g.. received following an accident,) **freeze-brands, hot-brands, ear marks**, etc.

*It would be most helpful if all white markings were indicated on the registration application in **RED INK.**

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The Council proposed the following for further discussion at the A.G.M.:

- ◆ The annual subscription rate to be reviewed, with any increase to take effect from 1st January 1994. The proposal of an increase in rates to £10.00 for a Full Member and £5.00 for Junior and Family Members.
- ◆ The choice of one of two venues for the Annual Show & Sale of Registered Fell Ponies. Either the usual venue at Wigton on Wednesday, 27 October 1993, or a new site at Penrith on Friday, 5 November 1993.

NOTES ON:

MARKINGS - 5 MINIMUM IDENTIFIABLE MARKINGS From 1 January 1993 all registration applications and Certificates of Registration must have 5 minimum markings noted on the forms for each pony (see **Council Information**). Because this is a new area for most owners/breeders, it is inevitable that there will be problems in completing the registration application forms. To this end, veterinary surgeons Barr and May BVMS MRCVS, of Penrith, have kindly offered to draw up a 'list of markings', showing various types of whorls, their positions and appropriate names. Unfortunately, there was insufficient time to organise the above for this newsletter, although it may well be published in the autumn newsletter. However, this detailed list will shortly be available from the Secretary and will be sent out to those who request it (please send a s.a.e.). Alternatively, the list will also be available at our Shows and events.

BLOOD TYPING SUBSIDY FOR 'SENIOR STALLIONS' As part of the Horse-race Betting Levy Board Grant, the Society has allocated a sum for blood typing as part of its breeding improvement programme, and offers a subsidy towards the blood typing of members senior stallions - i.e. those stallions resident in the U.K. and which are already licensed according to the Society's Regulations.

The stallion owner will, however, be required to pay for any veterinary costs incurred. Those who wish to have their stallions blood typed should contact the Secretary. As yet, there is no subsidy towards the cost of having a mare or progeny blood typed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - 1993

The 1993 Subscription rate remains at £5.00 for a Full Member and £3.00 for Junior and Family Members. Subscriptions are now due for the current year and it would be much

appreciated if Members could please send their subscriptions to the Secretary as soon as possible. This will assist greatly in keeping administration costs down and save considerable time. The current subscription rates above, have remained at this level for approximately 10 years, which seems very reasonable if one considers the general rate of inflation and the fact that The Fell Pony Society subscription rate has remained as one of the lowest amongst the breed societies and is currently the lowest. However, as more demands are made upon the Society, with increased interest in the Fell Pony, it has become evident that a rise in the subscription rate would be advisable. With the increase of interest and expansion, the Society's secretarial and

administration work has become full time, which is a natural consequence as a breed expands. Because it is a Society's responsibility to protect and foster it's main asset - in our case the much loved Fell Pony - it has been apparent for some time now, that a modest but reasonable increase in the subscription rate should be considered.

There are still a number of **1992** subscriptions due and it would again, be of great assistance if those members could forward their subscriptions together with their 1993 fee.

Those members who have already paid for their 1993 subscription, will in the main, find their membership card (it is in fact paper) enclosed in with this newsletter - please take care not to lose it and to use the plastic card holder provided with the 1992 cards to protect it during the coming showing season. Most shows now insist that current membership cards must be produced in the ring when competing for a **Special Breed Rosette**. This is also a requirement of The Fell Pony Society, whether or not it is advertised in a show catalogue. **Those eligible must be current members and be able to produce their card in the ring.**

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FORMS Are required if you are buying or selling a pony. The forms should be completed and most importantly signed by the vendor - who is not necessarily the last registered owner but is the person who has just sold the pony - and the form should then be returned to the Secretary, with the Certificate of Registration and the Transfer fee of £3.00 for members and £6.00 for non-members.

STALLION SERVICE BOOKS Available from the Secretary (address at front of newsletter) for all registered and licenced stallions and colts 2 years and over, who are to be used for stud purposes. The service books will be distributed at the A.G.M. in March and **Stallion Show** in May. If you require a book before then, please contact the Secretary. Service books will be posted out to all those who are not able to come to either of the above events.

If you own or lease an entire for stud purposes you **MUST** obtain a service book from the Secretary. The service books are distributed free of charge but **MUST** be returned by 1st September to the Secretary, with a service slip correctly filled in for each registered Fell mare covered - one half of the service slip being given to the mare owner and the counterfoil being retained in the book, which should be subsequently sent back to the Secretary. The service slip given to the mare owner should be kept safely until the foal is born and forwarded together with the foal's registration application to the Secretary.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER FEES

The current fees remain as follows:

To Register a Colt foal	£ 3.00
To Register a Filly foal	£ 6.00
Stallion Licence (includes blood-typing kit)	£25.00
Prefix (no obligation)	£15.00
Duplicate Certificate (when approved)	£20.00
Transfer of ownership	£ 3.00
Transfer of Gelding	£ 3.00

FREEZE MARKS/BRANDS Please keep sending in details of ponies that have been freeze branded. Details should be sent to the Secretary. As a matter of course, freeze brand numbers should also be noted on your pony's Certificate of Registration.

HORSE THEFT In order to try and crack crime, it may be a good idea to rally round horse friends/riding club in your area and set up a 'Horse Watch' programme. Contact your local police station and ask for the Crime Prevention Officer, to see if they would be interested. Basically, Horsecatch schemes operate through the police with horse owners helping each other by keeping an eye open for suspicious characters and when animals are stolen, by visiting local sales, with descriptions of missing horses. You will need police involvement, because 'Horsecatch' schemes work through them. Due to recent publicity of unacceptable crime within the equine fraternity, you may find you get a sympathetic and responsive hearing. More and more owners are having their animals freeze-branded, identi-chipped and hoofs postcoded. As many Fell ponies look similar and many have no white markings, for identification purposes it may be beneficial to take note of any whorls in the coat and also take photographs of your pony(ies) in both their summer and winter coats. It may well be a good idea to take the above precautions even for ponies with white markings, as it is not always easy to remember exactly or describe, for example, how a white hoof or pastern was marked.

Deceased Ponies Please send details of any ponies that have died, to the Secretary. Preferably send the Certificate of Registration and once the death has been recorded, the Certificate will be returned if required, as many owners would probably like to keep them for posterity. This knowledge is most important, not least of all because ponies entered on the computer are recorded as being Live or Dead.

Stud List Please send a s.a.e. if you would like a list of registered and licenced Fell stallions at stud. The current list is presently being up-dated, therefore there will be a slight delay in sending it out. The list will be available from the Secretary.

Members List Current membership lists are available, again from the Secretary. In order to cover some of the printing costs, please send £1.00.

Postcodes and Telephone numbers Please keep sending these in to the Secretary, as they are of much assistance.

National Foaling Bank The Society has again sent a donation of £25.00 to this valuable charity, which offers assistance and advice to anyone who may have lost either a mare or foal. For further information contact Miss J E Vardon, The National Foaling Bank, Meretown Stud, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 8BX, Tel: 0952 811234.

SALES OFFICER - Molly Laing We have a new stock of sweat shirts, sizes available X-Large, Large, Medium, Small in colours Blue, Navy, Grey, Red, Jade and Cerise @ £12 each plus £1 P&P. Also the new style of Membership Badge is now available @ £2 each. 1991 Stud Book (wine col. cover) @ £2 each plus 30p P&P. If you would like to have our Sales Price List, please send a s.a.e. (address at front of newsletter).

If you have ponies for sale, please contact me and anyone wanting to buy ponies, please do the same.

POINTS SCHEME RESULTS The results of the 1991 Junior and Senior Points Schemes are as follows: **Juniors**

- 1st - 1980 pts Ruth Ward with Joss Green (owner/rider)
- 2nd - 875 pts Vicki Johnson with Linnel Buckthorn (owner/rider)
- 3rd - 325 pts Jennie Hayton with Barncrosh Royal (O: Mrs C Robinson)
- 4th - 180 pts Katherine Yemm with Admergill Alexander (O: Mrs Yemm)
- 5th - 145 pts Phillip Miller with Gamsworth Heather (O: Mr & Mrs Honess)
- 6th - 40 pts Phillip Miller with Lunevalley David (O: Miss L D Hodson)

It is good to see more Juniors taking part and they have all won themselves a rosette - so we look forward to having you all compete this year and hopefully some newcomers too! Well done to you all. Junior points scheme sheets are available from Mrs C Robinson, 6 Crossgates, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4TU.

Seniors

- 1st - 1215 pts Miss S A Ravenshear with Lowmoat Blossom
- 2nd - 1110 pts Diana Ferrers-Dunn with Heltondale Lady VIII
- 3rd - 1095 pts Sally Keddie with Barncrosh Holly
- 4th - 1080 pts Mrs S McKinlay with Guards Jonathan
- 5th - 1070 pts Mrs C Johnson with Tebay Silver
- 6th - 920 pts Jane Brindley with Edenview Moonstroller

There were a total of 12 Senior entries and the remaining contestants' scores are appended: 7th 910 pts - Mrs B Hodgson with Esther Maree of Inglegarth; 8th 905 pts Mrs J Ball with Tebay Boris; 9th 800pts Lynn Flitney with Guards Robert; 10th 750 pts Georgina Underwood with Sleddale David; 11th 520 pts Sarah Prior with Townend Heathcliffe; 12th 365 pts Mrs E Whitley with Wolds Songthrush.

Again, well done to everyone. Special congratulations to Susan Ravenshear for winning the Seniors for the second year in succession - especially considering that following an injury she missed out on a lot of competitions, she is certainly flying the flag in Scotland!

1993 Senior points scheme sheets and rules are available from the Secretary, R Bell.



Pictured above, Mrs Christine Robinson, riding her home bred gelding

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SUPER STALLION/MARE and YOUNGSTOCK PREMIUMS There are proposals for the formation of points schemes which would accrue over the current show season and would result in Premiums for the sire and dam of the highest placed progeny in both a) performance classes and b) showing classes and similarly a Youngstock Premium, where points would be accrued from their showing classes. Ideas from members are always welcome and if anyone has suggestions please send them to the Secretary.

INSTRUCTION DAY - DRESSAGE AND SHOW JUMPING Following the success of last year's Day, there will be another held on Sunday, 18th April 1993, commencing with Dressage Instruction at 10.30 am. Participants will be split into small groups, based on rider/pony ability and is aimed at **all** levels. The cost of the day's instruction is £5, with all profits going to the F.P.S. Please bring a packed lunch. This is an informal day for novice and not-so-novice, also with a view to assisting competitors for the Spring Performance Trials. If you are interested, please contact Mr Peter Forsman, Barn End, Sockbridge, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 2JT, Tel: 0768 890372, who has very kindly invited us again.

STALLION & COLT SHOW The Show will again be held at Dalemian, by kind invitation of the McCosh family, on Saturday, 8 May 1993. The Judge for this year's Show is Mr R Bellas, Keswick. Schedules will be sent out to everyone who exhibited in 1991 and 1992. Will others please apply to the Secretary, Mrs Rachel Bell -

address at front of newsletter, or collect a schedule at the A.G.M. in March. Entries to be returned to the Secretary.

The Stallion Show will again commence at the earlier time of 11.30 am. All ponies of 3 years and over will be measured in the morning by the attending vet - please arrive in good time for your class, as the vet will only be in attendance, at most, for a couple of hours. All stallions and colts 3 years and over must be licensed. Show numbers will be handed out at the measuring stand - steward Miss B Walker.

SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS and N.P.S. M&M W.H.P. CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER These events will again be held at Linnel Wood, Hexham, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs R B Charlton, this year on Sunday 27 June 1993.

To enable us to cope, hopefully with an even bigger entry for the trials this year, the Qualifier will start at 10.30 am and the first phase of the trials - Dressage - at 12.15 pm. Individual dressage and cross country starting times will be notified before the event in an attempt to secure an earlier finish. I hope that this more "professional" approach will not detract from what is still intended to be a relaxed, friendly and helpful atmosphere.

Details and entry form are available from Barry Allen, Tarn Bank, Arnaby, The Green, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HZ (s.a.e. please). Anyone thinking of entering for the first time can have their concerns eased by speaking to Barry on 0229 774528. There is a £10 allowance for anyone travelling over 100 miles, and details of stabling and accommodation can also be obtained from Barry.

Qualifier: For the first time last year, the Qualifier was split into 2 sections, the N.P.S. having decided that jump heights should change at 13.2 hands instead of 13.0 hands which had kept the Fells together in the past. Despite my continuing reservations about the wisdom of the rule change, I have to admit that it did give more Fells the chance to compete at a less challenging height and may have influenced the larger entry last year. As only one qualifier can go forward to the Malvern Final, both sections will jump first and the judge will call back for final judging those with clear rounds (10 faults or more can be included at the judge's discretion).

N.P.S. rule changes for 1993 include different markings - jumping 50, style while jumping 10, conformation, freedom of action, type 30 and Manners 10. Height measuring at the Final is not now automatic but with jump heights up by 6" for ponies over 13.2 hands it is essential that your pony is in the correct section. A copy of the rules will be made available for all Qualifier entrants.

WINDERMERE FELL PONY SHOW This will be held at the National Park Visitor Centre at Brockhole, Windermere, on Sunday 4 July 1993. Schedules will be sent to all who competed in 1992 and will be available at the A.G.M. Enquiries to Barry Allen (0229 774528).

BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW To be held on Saturday, 10 July 1993, at Barningham Park, Richmond, by kind permission of Sir Anthony Milbank. Schedules will be available from Mrs Margaret Wilson, Townend, Haltcliff, Heskett New Market, Wigton, Cumbria. New Tel. no.: 06974 78638.

LOWTHER FELL CLASSES To be held on Saturday, 7 August 1993, by kind invitation of Lowther Horse Driving Trials and Country Fair. This year will see a couple of changes to the Fell classes at Lowther. The 3 usual classes will remain being: 2 in-hand and 1 ridden, however the judging will not take place in the main ring. Instead it will be in one of the side rings at the top, where the Cleveland Bays are presently judged. It is also probable that we will not be in the usual parking area but this is to be confirmed. As part of their budget trimming, the Society will not receive a donation and we will provide our own rosettes. Perhaps one benefit of not being the main ring, is that we will be allowed more judging time. This year's Judge is Mrs R Eastwood, Lincoln. Show schedules will be sent to last year's exhibitors; others requiring a schedule, please send a s.a.e. to the Secretary, Mrs Rachel Bell.

BREED SHOW This year's show will be held a week later, due to Lowther bringing their Trials a week earlier. The Breed Show date will therefore be Saturday, 14 August 1993, to be held at Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs A Helme. Showing starts at 9.30 am prompt. Ponies 3 years and over to be measured before they are shown. There are a couple of changes/additions to the Rules in this year's schedule, so please read carefully. New for '93 - we have affiliated to Ponies UK for 3 Qualifiers.

Show Schedules will be available at the A.G.M. and Stallion Show. Please sign the sheet when you have collected a schedule. Schedules will **NOT** be sent out automatically to last year's exhibitors - please contact Mrs Laing to send one (address at front of newsletter). Entries to be with Molly Laing by Thursday, 29 July 1993.

Many thanks to all of the exhibitors who kindly sent an s.a.e. for receipt of entries - please keep it up!

PLEASURE RIDE Details of venue and date are yet to be finalised. Suggestions are welcome and further discussion will take place at the A.G.M. Anyone interested in taking part in the ride should contact Mrs G Cockbain, Rakefoot Farm, Keswick, Cumbria, details and an application form will then be sent out.

SOUTHERN FELL SHOW To be held for the second year at Shotover House, near Oxford, on Sunday, 12 September 1993, by kind invitation of Lt Col Sir John Miller. This year's judges will be Mr J P Gibson and Mrs J Ormrod. There will be a total of 26 classes, which includes 2 new classes - a