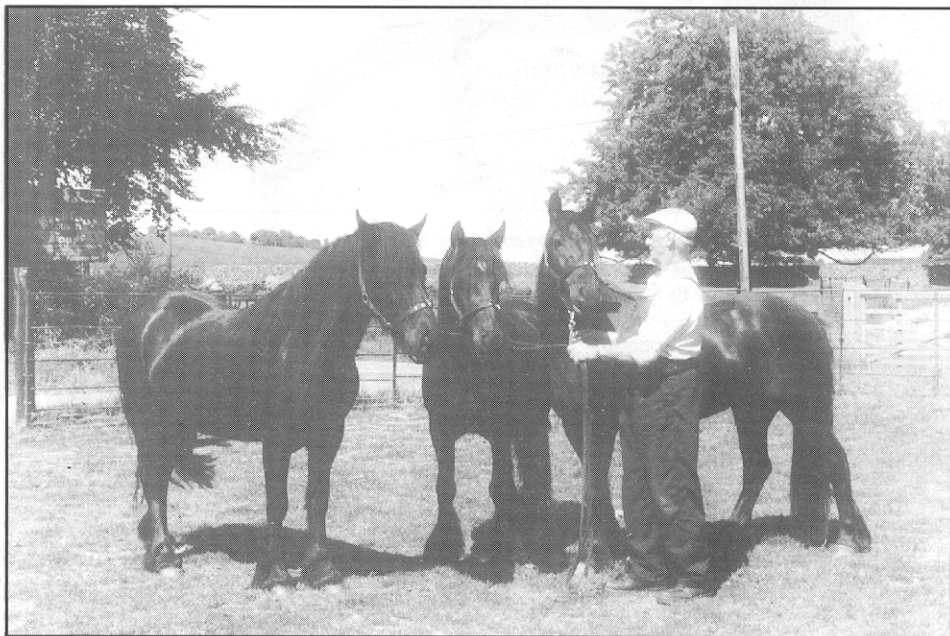


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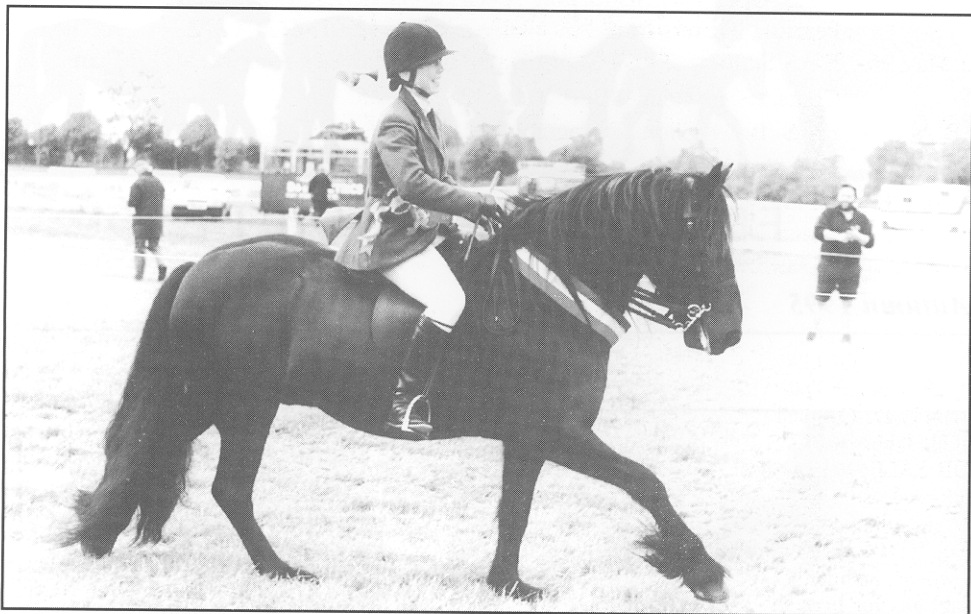
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HELTONDALE FELL PONIES

By the time this newsletter reaches you **Sarge & Greta Noble, Butterwick**, will have recently had a catalogue sale of the majority of their herd of Heltondale Fell Ponies - 100 in total - at Penrith Auction Mart, on Friday, 6 October 1995. This sale of a lifetime's work will have taken them a lot of organising and perhaps some agonising too - as it must have been a hard decision to make.

We wish them well.



TOWNED CALLUM, Owner Mr P Glover, rider Mandy Jackson, pictured at the Midland Counties Show, 4 June 1995, having qualified for Olympia. Photo: Pleasure Prints



TOWNEND REBEL II, Owner and rider Miss J Goodier, F.P.S. Breed Show Olympia Qualifier. Photo: Roy Wallis

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**To Retire 1996: Mr P Forsman, Mrs C H Robinson,
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**To Retire 1998: Mrs M C Murray, Miss B W Walker,
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**To Retire 1999: Mr J P Gibson, Mr H F Wales,
Mr W S Potter, Mr A W Morland.**

**To Retire 2000: Mr B M Allen, Mr R B Charlton,
Mrs M C M Laing, Mrs A A D Newall.**

Council Information - IMPORTANT

COMPANY FORMATION: It is likely that it will be necessary for the F.P.S. to become a Company Limited by Guarantee in order to satisfy EU legislation, as defined by our Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Foods. We shall then be deemed full legal 'recognition' by MAFF which will ensure we maintain Mother Stud Book status. This registration will effect certain constitutional changes for the Society, some of which are regrettable but it would appear that this is our most surefast option for the continued stability of our Society. Arrangements are currently underway and we shall hopefully finalise the registration next year. Unfortunately, there will be a financial bearing on this registration, culminated from the cost of buying a company, our registration and the legal fees, including the considerable work in the alterations to our constitution. The Council are therefore appealing for donations towards the costs. Please send any donations to the F.P.S. office - we shall keep you informed of donations received. Our thanks in advance.

DAUGHTER FELL PONY SOCIETIES - NETHERLANDS & GERMANY: Progress has been made in the formation of the above 2 societies. In mid-October the Dutch authorities will officially recognise the Dutch Fell Pony Society. The officers are pictured below from left to right: Mr G H Ottink will be the Chairman, Mr L J M Hofstede - treasurer, Mrs M H M Weegerink - secretary, Mr P Hamstra - ordinary member, Mr J H de Vos t.N.C. - vice-chairman and secretary of official/technical affairs.



Pictured above at the first Dutch F.P.S. General Meeting, 25 February 1995.

A sub-committee from Council met with Dutch and German members on 11 August 1995, to discuss the formation of these daughter societies. The discussion proved useful and informative for all parties.

MEETING BETWEEN HILL BREEDERS: Council have agreed that an informal meeting between hill breeders should be arranged for November of this year.

FOAL MORTALITY: The questionnaires for the attention of breeders should be dropping on your doorsteps in the near future. Please answer the questionnaires as thoroughly as possible. Liverpool University are still very keen to support us in the research. If any breeder suspects illness in a young foal it may be a good idea to have your local vet take a blood sample and send this to Dr D C Knottenbelt, at the Department of Veterinary Clinical Science, Leahurst, South Wirral, L64 7TE. Tel: 0151 794 6041. The sample can then be analysed to assess whether or not your foal may be suffering from this undiagnosed illness. If it appears to have this condition then decisions/arrangements can take place to send the foal to Leahurst.

It is important for Leahurst to examine very young live foals which are apparently displaying this condition, as it is vital to the progress of elimination and detection of the cause. Little progress has been made this year because so few foals have been examined. We need everyone's cooperation if we are to get to the bottom of this problem. It is also important to identify whether or not other breeds are having the same or similar problems. One Shetland Pony breeder has alerted their members to problems she has been having - which may not be linked with our problem but if nothing else we must eliminate these possibilities.

If you have any information, please contact the Secretary.

BLOOD TYPING/D.N.A.: In the near future the F.P.S. is set to pioneer the introduction of D.N.A. testing in place of blood typing. It is only a matter of time before D.N.A. is implemented by all users of blood typing and the decision to change is guided by the number of blood typing samples any one society may have already undertaken. Because we are relatively new to the recording of blood typing and have a comparatively miniscule number of records it is quite easy for us to opt to convert to D.N.A. at this juncture. No date has yet been set for the transfer to D.N.A. but it is likely to be around this year end. It is hoped that very few ponies will require re-sampling which in any case is much simpler, as it will only require a hair sample from the relevant pony. The Society will cover the cost of any re-sampling necessary at the laboratory. In future therefore, a hair sample is all that will be required in place of a blood sample. The usual markings/identification chart however will still be carried out for those ponies being sampled for the first time. D.N.A. is therefore easier on a practical scale and it is hoped will be cheaper than blood typing.

GRAND PRIZE DRAW/SOCIAL LUNCH: To raise funds for the Society you will find enclosed with this newsletter a booklet of raffle tickets. There are some excellent prizes on offer, several offered/sponsored by Council members. Please return your tickets and money (payable to 'The Fell Pony Society') to the Secretary. The raffle will be drawn by the President, Mrs Molly Laing, on Thursday, 21 December 1995, at the Cross Keys, Canonbie, at 11.30 am. **SOCIAL LUNCH/DINNER** - deferred for discussion at the Autumn General Meeting (see Agenda) -. The Society ceased to hold such a social occasion several years ago, however, if there is sufficient interest shown, it is hoped to rekindle this and in future the raffle could be drawn at this event.

F.P.S. OPEN DAY & JUDGES TEACH-IN: To be held on Sunday, 31 March 1996. (This is the day after the Spring A.G.M.) The venue will be at Mr George Bowman's stables, Penrith, and we are extremely grateful to Mr Bowman, as he has very kindly donated the use of his indoor school for our Open Day. Admission will be by ticket only @ £3.00 each, available from Mrs Laing (address at front) s.a.e. please for return of tickets. There will be a caterer on site. The Open Day will be held on very similar lines to the one held last June, that is, a) youngstock, b) 4 years and over in-hand classes, and c) ridden class. Talks will also be given on ring etiquette, handling of the in-hand pony, turnout and ride. The main difference for next year will be that the ponies will be discussed openly - both their good and bad points - and will be placed, as in a showing class. Therefore our appeal to owners asking for the use of their ponies is under the above understanding. Ponies of good and bad conformation are required, so that comparison can be made, which will greatly add to the educational aspect of the day. A few offers of ponies have come forward to date but we do need many more. If you would like to offer ponies for the judging, please tell either Mrs Laing or the Secretary. Obviously ponies will still be in their winter clothes but that is expected, so do not think you have to have your pony in sleek coat and shining like a new pin! Apparently one essence of a good judge is the ability to see past all the mud and hair anyway!

SOUTHERN PERFORMANCE TRIALS: Again we are indebted to Mary Longsdon for the introduction of another event for our southern based members, which will be based on our northern Spring Performance Trials, held at Linnel Wood, Hexham. The first event will happen well south, near Swindon, close to the M4 but subsequent trials may be run further north. Further details of this new event will be published in the spring newsletter.

LEGACY GIVEN BY THE LATE MR ROBERT BELLAS: It was a wonderful surprise that the Society was bequeathed the sum of £500.00 from the former Council Member Mr Bellas's estate. Mr Bellas has also left some articles of memorabilia to the Society, including a rose bowl and several silver N.P.S. medals, which will be designated as prizes for our shows. Council have decided to use the £500 towards the up-date of the computer programs, which will be required for the incorporation of passports into our registration certificates. We believe this would have met with Mr Bellas's approval, as he fully supported our transition into computerisation and was a forward thinking person.

SALES STAND HELP APPEAL: Our Sales Officer Mrs Laing wishes to appeal for help with the running of the sales stand at our shows and events. We do need more young, enthusiastic and responsible help in this area. We are indebted to Mrs Laing and the Forsman family for their consistent help but we need further assistance - unfortunately we always seem to rely on the same handful of helpers for such jobs.

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW: Following the success of this year's new classes we have been invited to run the same next year. The 1996 Judge is Mr R B Sutcliffe. Please obtain schedules from The Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, HG2 8PW. Continued support is needed if we are to keep these separate Fell classes.

HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD (HBLB) GRANT 1995/6

Re-distributed by The National Pony Society

The Fell Pony Society's 1995/6 allocation from the HBLB was £3,850.00. Added to this the Society is obliged to contribute a minimum of 20%. We have allocated an additional contribution of approximately 30%, totalling £5,014 to be distributed within the approved categories designated by the HBLB. Through our grant we are able to offer Premiums and also fund other areas such as the blood typing scheme. These are areas which are beneficial to the improvement of our Breed and which are therefore met with the Board's approval. This year we have made an application to the HBLB to use part of our grant on a Mountain & Moorland scheme, which will be given as a subsidy towards brood mares running on the native heath but have no news of their decision to date. We are most grateful for the continued support given to us by the HBLB.

FREE BLOOD TYPING KITS - as part of the Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant. The Society is able to offer 25 free kits for use on licensed stallions. In addition if some kits are still available by the autumn, the offer of these kits is extended for use on mares who are the dams of licensed stallions, and other approved brood mares. This will enable owners of licensed stallions to have both their stallion's Sire and Dam blood typed. This is of benefit to those involved with breeding.

There are still some kits available - please contact the Secretary if you are interested.
(Blood Typed ponies are identified as such with a '*' after their name and number.)

COUNCIL CANDIDATES/NEXT MEETING: Council have agreed that it would be in the interest of members if each candidate for election to Council, be they an existing member due for re-election, or a new candidate, should submit relevant information concerning their candidacy through the spring newsletter. Such information should be submitted to the Secretary either with the candidate's nomination - being at least 8 weeks before the date of the A.G.M. - or not later than 23 February 1996.

The next Council Meeting will be 13 February 1996. Matters for discussion should be submitted to the Secretary 2 weeks before the above date (29/1/96).

COUNCIL MEMBERS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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Mr A W Morland	-	015396 24615	Mrs M C Murray	-	01434 672218
-	01833 50474	Mrs A A D Newall	-	-	01434 672218
Mr W S Potter	-	01931 716267	Mrs C H Robinson	-	01946 861127
Mr R B Sutcliffe	-	01254 776389	Mr H F Wales	-	017683 61388
Miss B W Walker	-	017687 77202	Mrs G Williamson	-	01229 581002
Mr E M Wilson	-	016974 78638			

This concludes *Council Information*

OBITUARIES

MR ALAN SHUTTLEWORTH, Barbon, Lancashire, bred the BARBONDALE Fell Ponies. Following a tragic riding accident in July of last year, from which didn't recover, he sadly died this May. The Barbondale ponies have been shown very successfully over the years, including several wins at this year's Breed Show. Alan was a reknowned stocksman - an enthusiastic breeder of Swaledale sheep and Charolais cattle. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his wife Eva and family, who must have had a very traumatic year.

MR JACK RIGBY, Lancashire, died very suddenly and unexpectedly in August. Jack and his wife Celia have owned Fells for several years and Jack very much enjoyed riding his ponies. A charming gentleman, he was always willing to help at Society events. Our thoughts and sympathies are sent to Celia.

MR JACK HUTCHINSON, Bleatarn, Cumbria, died on 7th June, following illness. Jack bred the Tarnmoor Fell Ponies for many years and his stallion Tarnmoor Prince twice won the Supreme Championship at the Stallion & Colt Show. He had worked with horses most of his life and had trained racehorses for flapping. He was also a very keen breeder of Clydesdale horses. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his family.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - 1995/96

Subscription renewals are due annually on 1st January. Please note that the subscription rates are as follows:

	<u>1995</u>	<u>* 1996 - new rates *</u>
FULL MEMBER	- £10.00	£15.00
JUNIOR MEMBER	- £ 5.00	£ 7.50
FAMILY MEMBER	- £ 5.00	£ 7.50

Standing Order Mandates - *A reminder to those who pay by this method - please note that you will have to amend your mandates to the new rates for 1996. Please contact your bank to arrange the increase of payment before 1st January 1996.*

GENERAL REMINDERS

1994 VOL. XIV STUD BOOK To obtain your copy by post please send a cheque/P.O. for £3.50 (inc. 50p P&P) payable to 'The Fell Pony Society'. Please send your order to the Secretary, or Sales Officer, Mrs Laing (both addresses at front of newsletter). The 1992 and 1993 Stud Books are available at the same cost as above. To add to general interest, in the 1992, 1993 and 1994 issues, a selection of black and white photographs of ponies are included.

STALLION & YOUNGSTOCK GUIDE Available from the office @ £1.30 (inc.P&P).

FPS OFFICE HOURS Generally speaking the Secretary is available to be contacted by telephone between 9.30am to 12 pm and 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm (in the winter months). As a reminder - the Society now has a fax machine - same number as that of the telephone.

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 licensed stallions and colts 2 years and upwards. 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. **Please note - if you haven't already submitted your Stallion Service Book, please do so as soon as possible.**

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.

DECEASED PONIES Please send the Secretary details of any ponies that have died. Preferably send the Certificate of Registration and once the death has been recorded, the Certificate will be returned if requested, as many owners would probably like to keep them for posterity. This information, which is recorded on the computer, is most important for reference purposes, not only for the F.P.S. but also to other organisations, such as the Rare Breeds Survival Trust and National Pony Society, who occasionally require this information.

STUD LIST - * IMPORTANT * - Would owners of stallions check whether or not they **have transferred their stallion into their ownership**. This is important as if the current owner is not registered, the computer stud list will be wrong and will instead show the last known registered owner. This means that prospective breeders will be contacting the wrong stud for the purpose of using/viewing the stallion. It is also vitally important that **you transfer any stallions that have been gelded**.

REGISTRATIONS, PREFIXES, TRANSFERS & STALLION LICENSING

We have had many new and first time breeders, as is evident in recent Stud Books and for many the registering of stock is a first time experience. Therefore, the following notes may be of use.

To Register a Foal: This must be done in it's year of birth and **before** the 31st December. (The only exceptions are colt foals out of grading up Section (A) and (B) mares, which must be gelded before registration and foals bred by *Native Heath Breeders*, which in any event must be registered by the 31 December of the following year as Yearlings - contact the Secretary for further details). A yellow registration application form should be completed - the form is self explanatory but remember to include the foal's actual **date of birth** and be precise in it's colour and in particular **any markings**, which may be white hairs, brands, ear marks, or scars. The dam's record of service

slip (provided by the stallion owner at the time of covering) should be attached to the top left hand corner of the yellow form and the appropriate fee should be enclosed - **£3.00 for Colts; £6.00 for Fillies (non members pay double fees).**

Name of Foal: A PREFIX is likened to a breeder's signature. It is NOT compulsory to register a prefix, but if you intend breeding several foals it is preferable to have one, as all your stock will be placed together in the Stud Book and it is of much service in tracing the pedigree of an animal. If a prefix is not registered, the name given to the foal must not seem as though it could be a prefix, for example it would be acceptable for you to name a foal 'Bobby Dazzler' but you could not call it 'Townend Bobby Dazzler' unless you registered 'Townend' as your prefix. As 'Townend' is already registered you couldn't have it anyway! This is where many come unstuck because it is not just a question of looking through the FPS Stud Books to see which prefixes have been registered, it's not as simple as that I'm afraid! Indeed there are 20,000 registered prefixes, logged with the British Central Prefix Register (to whom we affiliate) so you can see there may be some competition for your chosen prefix. To register a prefix an application form should be obtained from the Secretary. Three choices of name in order of preference must be given. The choices must be a single word only (no hyphens or spaces), the completed form should be returned to the Secretary with the fee of £15.00, payable to The Fell Pony Society. The registering of a prefix is not a lengthy process and once your prefix is established, your foal's registration application can continue.

TRANSFER TO GELDING: A Certificate of Transfer form is not required for notification of this but the pony's Certificate of Registration does need endorsing and must be sent together with the fee of **£3.00 for members, or £6.00 for non-members.**

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: A Certificate of Transfer form is required in this instance, which should be signed by the person who has just sold the pony to the New Owner. This is NOT necessarily the last registered owner but that is not the issue and it is accepted that the Late Owner may not have transferred the pony into their name. The Transfer form clearly states the procedure but remember if the box in the top right hand corner has been ticked to indicate that a mare or filly is believed in-foal to a registered Fell stallion, you must also obtain the record of service slip in order to register her resulting progeny.

STALLION LICENSING: Colts are eligible for licensing from 2 years old - after the 1st January in their second year, so they may actually be rising 2 years when the application can be made. It is a relatively straight forward procedure, as follows:

The owner of the colt must supply the Secretary with the name and address of a veterinary surgeon outwith their usual veterinary practice. The Secretary will then write to the appointed veterinary, enclosing an Examination and Report form. At the same time the Secretary will send a copy of the vet.'s letter to the owner of the colt and will also send them a blood typing kit. It is then the responsibility of the owner to contact the vet. to arrange an appointment for the colt to be examined. However, 2 points should be remembered: 1. The owner should arrange for the vet. to carry out the examination at the beginning of the week, to ensure that the blood sample arrives not later than mid-week at the Animal Health Trust. 2. The blood sample should only be taken from the colt if he passes his veterinary examination - therefore the vet. must indicate whether he has passed or failed the colt at the time of examination and if the colt has passed, the blood sample should be taken and posted immediately in the envelope provided.

The vet will find markings and identification forms enclosed with the blood typing kit which he should return with the blood sample to the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket. The vet. should return the FPS Examination and Report form to the FPS Secretary.

The owner of the colt is responsible for the payment of the veterinary surgeon's fees and also pays a licence fee of £25.00 to the FPS - the cost of the blood typing kit, normally £40.00, is subsidised within this fee. Upon receipt of the necessary and approved paperwork, the colt is licensed with a number which will appear in the current year's Stud Book, records are adjusted to show that the pony has been blood typed and the colt will be entered on the Society's Stud List. The owner will be issued with a Licence Certificate and a stallion record of service book - the latter to be returned annually to the Secretary by 1st September and which is re-issued each spring.

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 (inc. 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
(Non-Members pay double fees)	

ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF REGISTERED FELL PONIES

FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1995

Once again the venue for our Annual Show & Sale of Registered Fell Ponies will be hosted by Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's plc, Penrith Auction Mart, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DN, Tel: 01768 862323. The Auction Mart is very easy to locate, being just off Junction 40 on the M6 motorway (at J.40 roundabout take the A66 Keswick turn off, and travel along the dual carriageway to a 2nd roundabout, at which you should go right round, heading back in the direction of Penrith. The Auction Mart is situated next to the 1st roundabout on your left hand side). The Auction Mart has excellent facilities and there is ample parking space, plus a large sale ring for the ponies. The sale is for all registered native breeds, though predominantly Fells and Shetlands.

Entries for the sale catalogue closed on Friday, 22 September and catalogues are now available @£1.40 inc. P&P. Please contact Penrith Auction Mart to obtain your copy.

As usual, there will be 3 showing classes for Registered Fells. The Judging will start at the earlier time of 9.30 am with Class 1: Colt and Filly foals, followed by Class 2: In-hand Ponies (any age) and Class 3: Broken Ponies (which MUST be shown under saddle). Prize money and a perpetual championship trophy will be awarded. The Judge is **Mrs C H Robinson, North Fell Dyke, Lamplugh, Cumbria**. The Sale of ponies will commence at approximately 11.00 am, following the show classes. *The riding/driving ponies may be 'tried' by prospective purchasers within the paddock, when the show classes have concluded.*

The Secretary, Sales and Exhibition Officers will be in attendance with the sales stand and to deal with registrations and transfers. **Please have your paperwork organised for the transfer and registration of ponies. Registration Certificates (together with stallion service slips, if appropriate) and completed Transfer forms should be handed in to the FPS Stand, which will be situated within the foyer in front of the Auction's main office.**

STALLION & COLT SHOW Once again we are indebted to the McCosh family for permitting the Stallion & Colt Show to be held at Dalemain. The level of entry was again excellent. This year's judge was Mr A W Morland, Tebay, Penrith. The results of the 1995 Show are appended:

Yearling Colts	Holling Kestrel	Mr C D Sanderson
Two year old Colts	Heltondale Bracken	VMr P G Turnbull
Three & Four yr old Stallions	Lownthwaite Gary	Mrs N Lightfoot
Stallions, 5 yrs and over	Darrenvale Jason	Mr & Mrs R Sutcliffe
Driven Stallions/Geldings	Dene Claudius	Mr J M Marston
Ridden Stallions	Linnel Reynard	Mr & Mrs R B Charlton Rider: Mrs S Charlton
Best foot shod	Townend Jonty	Mr & Mrs J Langcake
Youngstock Champion	Heltondale Bracken V	
Supreme Champion	Darrenvale Jason	
Blacksmith who shod winning entry	Mr B Gardner	
£20 Gelding Premiums awarded to the best 2 year olds	Murthwaite Roly	Mrs E Whitley
	Copyhill Barnaby	Mr & Mrs R W Taylor
£30 Gelding Premiums awarded to the best 3 year olds	Laddie Webster	Mrs P Hodgkinson
	Greenholme Ken	Miss D Hudson
	Darrenvale Mountain	
	Prince	Mr C Townsend

'AT HOME PREMIUMS' - Will be printed in the Spring 1996 newsletter.

**SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS & N.P.S. MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND
W.H.P. CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER, HELD AT LINNEL WOOD, HEXHAM.**

These events were held for the fifth year at Linnel Wood, Hexham, by kind invitation of

Mr & Mrs R B Charlton.

The N.P.S. W.H.P. Championship Qualifier was won by a newcomer to the Trials, Emma Grundy, riding her mother's gelding **HELTONDALE ROB**. The Qualifier was judged by Mrs Christine Robinson, Lamplugh, Cumbria.

Competitors for the Spring Performance Trials had the option of competing in a novice class, with the aim of encouraging more entires. Nineteen arrived on an overcast morning which developed into a glorious sunny day on Sunday 25 June. The novice class became a personal battle between Sarah Charlton on her gelding **Linnel Mozart** and Christine Haston on her mare **Zingara**. They shared the same dressage score and both went clear across the cross country and in the show jumping. They could be separated only by the timed gate obstacle which gave Sarah the first prize in the cross-country. In the dressage phase they were joined in a three-way tie for first place by Dawn Earl riding **Lady of Southwick**, with Penny Baldwin 4th on Townend Ruth IV. Dawn also managed 3rd place in the cross country with Libby Graham 4th on **Castlerigg Sam**. A very successful first day for the novices ended with Sarah and Christine as joint winners overall, with Dawn 3rd and Emma Grundy 4th with **Heltondale Rob**.

The Open Class had 10 entries. Georgina Underwood riding **Sleddale David** won the dressage trophy with Lucy Whitburn 2nd on **Waverhead Gypsy**, Sheila Myers 3rd on **Hesket Topper** and Kathryn Waugh with **Hillhead Lucky Arnold** 4th. Kathryn won the cross country section followed by Suzanne Forsman on **Bowderdale Jess**, Anne Armstrog-Foxton on **Summit Harrier** and Sheila with **Hesket Topper** 4th.

The Clear overall winner was Kathryn Waugh, who also took the award for the Best Junior Rider. Suzanne Forsman was 2nd, Lucy Whitburn 3rd, with Sheila Myers and Anne Armstrong-Foxton sharing 4th place. Emma Grundy won the trophy for the Best Newcomer. **Barry Allen.**

Thanks are due to the organising committee and helpers, the Charlton family and Barry & Cath Allen.

'OPEN DAY INSTRUCTIONAL TEACH-IN' The F.P.S. held this event of in-hand and ridden ponies at Blackdyke Farm, Carlisle, Cumbria, on Sunday, 18 June. It was decided to throw the day open to all judges and non-members and was also advertised in the N.P.S. newsletter. There was one youngstock class of four ponies and one class of five ponies, 4 years and over. The ridden class had three ponies. All the classes had a very high standard of ponies. The master judges were our Chairman, Mrs Elizabeth Ball, who gave comment on the senior in-hand ponies, Mr Bert Morland commented on the youngstock class and compared the ponies with the breed standard and Mr Peter Boustead concluded with an informative discussion on the ridden section. Each judge commented on the high quality of all the ponies present and thanked their owners for bringing their ponies, most of which would be shown during the coming season.

The audience was encouraged to pose questions to the master judges. This proved very beneficial, with particular interest in the ridden section where the complexities of 50% breed type versus 50% ride and manners and the importance of seeing a typical free flowing Fell Pony action versus, or in conjunction with, a highly schooled performance was discussed. In short the day proved to be very successful, however it would have been good to see a larger audience. After all at an Open Day such as this one has the opportunity to learn the reasoning behind the placings. We look forward to seeing you at the 1996 Open Day on 31 March!

WINDERMERE FESTIVAL FELL PONY SHOW This event was held on Sunday, 2 July 1995, at the National Park Centre, Brockhole, near Windermere. The classes were judged by Mrs D W Edwards and Mr P Glover.

Results were as follows:

Geld Mare	Tarnbeck Maydew	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
Gelding	Wolds Woodcock	Miss J Glass & Mrs E Whitley
Brood Mare	Moorhouse Rosie	B Mallinson & Son
Yearling	Marlingdyke Megan	Mrs Rachel Bell
Two Year Old	Lunesdale Lizzie	Mr A W Morland
Three Year Old	Tynwald Morning Mist	Mr & Mrs M Harrison
In hand Veterans	Townend Lucy IV	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
Ridden Mares	Tarnbeck Maydew	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
Ridden Gelding	Heltondale Sovereign	Mrs J Jackson Rider: Karen
Bennett		
Ridden Pairs	Tarnbeck Maydew	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
	Townend Lucy IV	" " "
Novice W.H.P.	Guards Jonathan	Mrs S McKinlay

Open W.H.P.	Jossgreen	Miss P Allen/Miss E Allen
Handy Pony	Hiljon Black Magic	Mrs Y Marsden R:Victoria Marsden
Showjumping	Bluecaster Bridie Grundy	Mrs D Mercer
Trotting Race	Tebay Hal	Mrs S Myers
Junior Points	Hannah Baldwick	(Hardendale Rosette)
Senior Points	Emma Allen	(Jossgreen)
In-Hand Champion	Marlingdyke Megan	Mrs Rachel Bell
Reserve	Townend Lucy IV	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
Ridden Champion	Tarnbeck Maydew	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
Reserve	Townend Lucy IV	" " " "
Performance Veteran	Townend Lucy IV	" " " "

A magnificent new trophy for the 'Performance Veteran' class has kindly been donated by Mr & Mrs P L Forsman.

BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW Held on Saturday, 8 July 1995 at Barningham Park, Richmond, by kind permission of Sir Anthony Milbank. Our thanks to the judges Mr T H Harrison and Mr R B Charlton, organisers and especially the supporters of the show. A donation is to be given from the proceeds to the North of England Cancer Research Campaign. The results are as follows:

Margaret Wilson.

Mares, 4-7 years	Brackenfield Wispa	Mrs N Earnshaw
Mares, 8 yrs and over	Townend Brandy VII	" " "
Geldings, 4 yrs & over	Townend Ross	Mr A Senior
Brood Mare, foal at foot	Lunsdale Rosie Lee	Mr J Hunter
Colt of Filly foal	Pikestone Brett	Mr J Hunter
Yearling colt or gelding	Gowbarrow Henry	Mrs R Eastwood
Yearling filly	Marlingdyke Megan	Mrs R H P Bell
2 Year old filly/gelding	Lunesdale Lizzie	Mr A W Morland
3 Year old filly/gelding	Waverhead Beauty II	Mr D Wilkinson
Veteran - in-hand	Townendc Brandy VII	Mrs N Earnshaw
Traditional Riding Class-Males	Sleddale David	Mrs G Underwood
Traditional Riding Class-Females	Moorhouse Rosie	B Mallinson & Son
Best Turned Out Pony/Rider	Dene Tweed	Miss J Glover
Riding Class	Sleddale David	Mrs G M Underwood
Pairs Class (Ridden)	Sleddale Gem	Mrs C Whittam
	Townend Ross	Mr A Senior
Driving Class	Lowmoat Rodney	Miss S Hartley
Junior Handler	Sleddale David	John Cockbain
Champion	Lunesdale Lizzie	Mr A W Morland
Reserve	Marlingdyke Megan	Mrs R H P Bell

BARNINGHAM (Fell & Dales) SHOWS ANNUAL SUPPER DANCE, will again be held at Glaxo Sports & Social Club, Barnard Castle, on Friday, 3 November 1995 at 8 pm to 12.30 pm. Dancing to the Avon Dance Band, Morpeth. Tickets at £6.50 each, available from:- Mrs N Earnshaw, Tel 0833 621261, Mrs M Wilson, Tel 06974 78638.

LOWTHER FELL CLASSES This year the classes were kept within the Main Ring which is by far the better arrangement for judges and competitors alike! In order to cope with the restricted time allowance there were 2 judges - Mrs C H Robinson (youngstock

& ridden) and Mr HF Wales (Brood mare/foal & adult ponies in-hand). The results were as follows:

Mare or Gelding, 4 - 7years	Drybarrows Bobby	Miss Carey
Mare or Gelding, 8 yrs +	Townend Lucy IV	Mr D & Mrs G Williamson
Brood Mare, with foal at foot	Greenholme Jacklynne	Mr W S Potter
Special for Best Foal	Kentucky Guy	Miss I Emson
Yearling	Townend Midnight	Miss C Simpson
2 & 3 Year Filly/Gelding	Waverhead Beauty II	Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 yrs +	Townend Lucy IV	Mr D & Mrs G Williamson
Champion	Townend Lucy IV	" " " " "
Reserve	Waverhead Beauty II	Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

BREED SHOW The 26th Annual Breed Show was held at Brougham Hall Farm, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs A Helme, on Saturday, 12 August 1995. Thanks are extended to all those who assist in the running of the show. We hope everyone enjoyed the show, which seemed to go smoothly finishing very promptly this year. If members would like to make any comments would you please put these in writing to Mrs Laing. Please note that the date of 1996 Breed Show has not been finalised because Lowther have moved their Event to our normal weekend. The date will be confirmed in the Spring newsletter.

Mares, 4-7 years old	Townend Bridie	Mr E M Wilson
Mares, 8 yrs and over	Lunesdale White Rose	Mr A W Morland
Mare with filly foal	Barbondale Pearl	Mr J Bell
Filly foal	Waverhead Rosanna II	Mr J Bell
Yearling filly	Lunesdale Henrietta	Mr A W Morland
Two year old filly	Murthwaite Magic	Mr T B Capstick
Three year old filly	Border Rambling Rose	Mr J Bell
Geldings, 4 - 7 years	Greenholme Captain	Mr P R C Dean
Geldings, 8 yrs and over	Sleddale David	Mrs G M Underwood
Mare with colt foal	Barbondale Petal	Mr J Bell
Colt foal	Waverhead Fury II	Mr J Bell
Yearling colt or gelding	Townend Midnight	Miss C Simpson
Two year old gelding	Barnend Jack the Lad	Mrs P M Forsman
Three year old gelding	Lazybank Cartoon Hero	Mr B M Allen
Ridden geldings - Open	Heltondale Sovereign	Mrs J A Jackson
Ridden mares - Open	Townend Corrie	Mrs M Raines
Ridden veterans	Bowderdale Jess	Mr P Forsman Rider: S Forsman
Junior ridden under 12yrs	Barbondale Rambler	Kate Brook
Junior ridden 13-16 yrs	Townend Rebel II	Miss J Goodier
Ridden novice geldings	Barbondale Rambler	Kate Brook
Ridden novice mares	Barbondale Ruby	Mr D Wilkinson
Stallion progeny class	Mr T B Capstick's Group	
Mare progeny class	Miss J Glass's Group	
Private driving class	Dene Claudius	Mr J B Marston
Cone driving class	Eden View Moonstroller	Miss J Brindley