

THANK YOU FROM THE FORMER SECRETARY

I would like to thank the Council and members of the Fell Pony Society who very kindly contributed towards my leaving gifts, and special thanks are due to Betty Walker for the lovely oil she painted of my gelding, pictured put to a Dog Cart.

With good wishes and thanks,

Rachel

ROYAL SHOW MEMORIES OF RONNIE BALL

It was with sadness that I learnt of the death of our Chairman's husband, Ronnie. My personal connection with Ronnie was largely based around the Royal Show and the exhibition stand that I organise on behalf of the Fell Pony Society. I was always greatly relieved to see his portly figure walking towards me, laden with suitcases of stock, on Sunday lunchtime - always at the very last minute - having left Liz to 'guard' the other suitcases whilst he located our position! Ronnie generally then took a backseat, complete with cup of tea, whilst everything was laid out, then with solemnity and much aplomb he proceeded to 'raise the Society flag' on the pole that had "been a b.... nuisance" in the car. We all enjoyed this moment which was touched by Ronnie's special sense of humour, as he 'said a few words'.

That sense of humour never left him throughout the week, although I am sure it must have been hard to hold on to at times. His wicked sense of fun, never hurtful, was always appreciated along with his never-ending 'crack' and knowledge of any subject you cared to talk about. All who brought ponies to the stand, the 'regular staff' Jimmy and Frances Bell, Jim Wykes, Alison and Sheila Hardy, will greatly miss this loveable character who never refused a cup of tea or a piece of cake. Liz is also a regular member of the Royal Show staff and it is to her that we offer our thanks for sharing Ronnie with us - he was a very special person and we will long remember him.

Sheila Hardy

Mrs Ball would like to thank everyone who sent her letters of condolence and flowers following her recent bereavement. Your support was much appreciated.



John Cockbain (age 15) with Townend Hamish & James Cockbain (age 13) with Carrock Pollyanna - 1st & 3rd respectively in the Young Handlers' Class at Barningham Show, 1996.

FOAL I.D. (Autumn 1996 Newsletter) Two Responses to Mr B Allen's Article

Mrs M C Murray, Council Member

Further to Barry Allen's article in the Autumn 1996 Newsletter, I fully agree with his views that we need to have a reliable system of identifying our ponies. The Fell Pony Breed has come a long way in the last 50 years and the number of ponies has increased enormously. With the problem peculiar to the breed of having so few or no markings for quick recognition, it is all too easy to make a mistake with the papers, and it has been known, occasionally in the past, for a pony to go through life with its true parentage having never been acknowledged. Fifty or so years ago this would probably not have been such a big issue, as Fell Ponies were a much smaller, more localised breed, with the majority of them owned by the hill-breeders and other local people, nearly all with a long tradition of experience and knowledge of the breed. But things have changed and, unfortunately, are continuing to change at an ever more rapid pace. The Fell Pony is now a thriving, growing breed familiar to people throughout the UK and is gaining popularity on the continent as well. The original small number of breeders is rapidly being overtaken by a new class of owner; those without the inherited depth of knowledge and experience of the old Fell Breeders. But, these new FPS members are, nonetheless, enthusiastic and keen to learn. Many of them would like the extra assurance that some type of "finger-print" identification would add to their registration papers of their ponies.

With more ponies being bred, more are on the market, and many pass through several hands before finding a compatible owner. This is a growing area where mistakes with registration papers can occur, particularly if a group of young ponies pass through more than one dealer's yard after having been exported. "Finger-print" identification would make sure that each pony would retain its correct papers.

EU legislation is moving towards the day when every registered equine will be required to have a passport. If and when that day comes, we will all have to abide by it, that's for sure! Taking the precaution of extra identification, now, will give us a head start as we will not only be protecting our ponies but also assuring the recognition of the Breed in future.

"Finger-print" types of identification give us several choices as Barry has pointed out. My choice, at the present time, would be for using whorls and DNA testing. It is common knowledge that whorls are the equine equivalent of finger-prints, but they need to be written up, as well as read, correctly. Sometimes, with a hairy Fell in its winter coat, this is not always so easy. DNA testing also has the advantage of being a recognised means of identification world-wide.

All of us who own Fells are staunch supporters of the Breed. We are proud of our inheritance, and surely want the very best for our ponies in the future. Times are changing - we must accept that, and be prepared to "go with the flow" to a certain extent. If we allow ourselves to fall behind current trends, we may be in very real danger of seeing our Fell Ponies losing credibility as a Breed.

Mrs C Morland, Secretary, F.P.B.A.

As Secretary of the newly formed Fell Pony Breeder's Association, I would like on behalf of the members to clarify one or two points about the formation of the Association and reply to some of Mr Allen's comments.

Firstly, the Association has not been formed as has been suggested in some quarters as a "spite" group or set up in opposition to the Fell Pony Society. Originally, a group of "Hill" Breeders got together at the suggestion of the Fell Pony Council to discuss proposals which could, if carried, cause the "Hill" Breeders considerable extra work and expense, which they were naturally concerned about. After this informal meeting had taken place, many other breeders expressed their wish to become involved and so it was decided to form a Fell Pony Breeder's Association.

With regard to Mr B Allen's article on foal I.D. - On studying the E.U. documents re: equine passports, we could find no request for any method of I.D. other than by natural markings. We are assured in a recent letter from the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Douglas Hogg M.P., that "passports will be implemented with the least possible burden to the Industry".

Mr Allen quotes D.N.A. as being "the answer to the Hill Breeder's prayers" - at a likely price of £25 plus VAT per pony, with no control over future price increases, we can assure him that the breeders are not including a request for compulsory D.N.A. in their prayers.

With the odd exception, there is little difference in the market price of registered and unregistered colt foals, therefore if D.N.A. or any other similarly priced method of I.D. is made compulsory, it will almost certainly result in reduced numbers of foals being registered, with loss of revenue, bloodlines and eventually geldings to the Society.

The show of hands at the last A.G.M. in favour of blood-typing/D.N.A. will no doubt be referred to again and it is of concern to the breeders of large numbers of foals that members, who in some cases do not even own a pony and others who just own a single gelding, should be voting that these breeders should spend hundred of pounds each year. Could the reason that only 4 of the 25 Society blood-typing kits had been used by the end of the year be, because, so many of the members fall into this category? We are told that the Society has approximately 1,300 members, yet only 135 of them registered foals in 1995.

Of the 313 actual foals registered in 1995, 99 were produced by the "Hill" Breeders (ie those who actually run their ponies on the fell) which represents 31% of the Society's annual input of ponies, yet "Hill" Breeders represent only 1.8% of the membership and therefore the votes. These same breeders are already under considerable pressure from other sources, so extra workload and expense coming from the Fell Pony Society can only expedite the loss of these herds.

RESULTS

Omitted from the Windermere Show results in the last newsletter:

Foal Class Winner

Carrock James

Mrs G Cockbain.

YOUNGSTOCK, STALLION & MARE AND PONY PERFORMANCE

AWARDS 1996

Premiums of £25 each are offered to the four youngstock age groups - Foals, Yearlings, Two and Three Year Olds. The Sire and Dam of each winning pony also receive £25 each. The winning performance pony, aged 4 years and over receives £50 and its Sire and Dam receive £50 each. Further details of the Awards are as below. There were no foal entries this year.

- Yearling:** 1st **INGLEGARTH ILLUSTRIOUS** Owner Mrs B A Hodgson
S: Waverhead Prince (Mr J Bell); D: Greenholme Glory (Mrs BA Hodgson)
- 2 Year Old:** 1st **WOLDS GARGANAY** Owner Miss J Glass
S: Ralfland Victor (Miss J Glass); D: Drybarrows Eve II (Miss J Glass)
2nd **INGLEGARTH CELEBRATION** Owner Mrs B A Hodgson
S: Murthwaite Victor (W S Potter); D: Greenholme Glory (B A Hodgson)
- 3 Year Old:** 1st **INGLEGARTH REVELATION** Owner Mrs B A Hodgson
S: Townend Duke II (E M Wilson); D: Waverhead Rose (B A Hodgson)
2nd **MURTHWAITE ROLY** Owner Mrs E Whitley
S: Murthwaite Victor (W S Potter); D: Foggygill Brenda (T B Capstick)
- Performance:** 1st **WOLDS WOODCOCK** Owner Miss J Glass/Mrs S Audley
S: Waverhead Rob (dead); D: Heltondale Rose V (Miss J Glass)
2nd **KERBECK NIGHT SERENADE** Owner Mrs C H Robinson
S: Frizington Duke (Mrs A Polhill); D: Sleddale Rosemary III (C Robinson)
3rd **ESTHER MAREE OF INGLEGARTH** Owner Mrs Hodgson
S: Townend Flash II (dead); D: Sleddale Rosette XI (Mrs B A Hodgson)
4th **WOLDS SONGTHRUSH** Owners Mrs Whitley/Miss J Glass
S: Waverhead Rob (dead); D: Heltondale Rose V (Miss J Glass).

"AT HOME PREMIUM" Awards for 1996. Thanks to the Horse-race Betting Levy Board grant, the Fell Pony Society awards up to a maximum of six premiums of £50 each to the stallions who have sired the most registered Fell foals in the year. To be eligible stallions must parade in the At Home Premium at the Stallion & Colt Show and must also be blood-typed.

<u>Name of Stallion</u>	<u>No. Reg. Foals</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Lownthwaite Gary FP825C**	12	Mrs N Lightfoot
Waverhead Prince II FP234C*	11	Mr J Bell

* = blood-typed ** = sire and dam also blood-typed

Following is a list of the other stallions who were paraded, and the number of foals registered: Linnel Reynard FP708C** (4), Waverhead Rob II FP50108C* (3), Firequest of Kerbeck FP511C* (3) Lownthwaite Drake FP565C* (2), Heltondale

Rocket II FP50035C* (2), Townend Duke III 7001* (2), Heltondale Rob II FP754C* (2), Townend Flash VI 6206* (1), Townend Barnaby II FP289C* (1), Dene Fire Forever FP952C* (1), Heskett Harry FP50139C* (0), Whitburn Major Tom FP456C* (0).

ENDURANCE RIDING PERFORMANCE AWARD SCHEME

I would like to thank all the ponies and riders once more for joining the Endurance Award Scheme. I thought the response was very encouraging for the first year. I really enjoyed reading your letters and looking at your photographs. They showed how much Fell owners enjoy their ponies and how capable they are of this job (much to the surprise of a few owners). They are the true dark horse!

The accumulative mileage rosette is a new introduction for those ponies who aren't able to get to a lot of rides each year for various reasons, but who still over the years accumulate a lot of mileage. This is also a test of endurance to be able to bring your pony out fit and sound year after year.

One final plea, could you please send an envelope A5 or larger for your mileage card. I have them printed in card to make them a little more durable but it means they are difficult to fold into miniscule envelopes.

Bramble has had a quiet year although Colin who is 9 has been learning to ride on her, he has shown her in hand all by himself a couple of times as well as entering gymkhanas and handy pony with her a couple of times (on the lead rein). I have been busy getting Bramble's son going, but hopefully, when he's a bit safer, I'll be able to take Colin out next year.

In February we hope to be moving from North Yorkshire to Shropshire due to Steve's job, but if you want any information please continue to contact me via my current address; it will be forwarded. (8 Station Cottages, Low Moor, Rillington, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 8JX).

Wendy Crosswell

Hillhead Minstrel Trophy for Highest Mileage Pleasure

- 1st Lowmoat Jock II, owned by Miss Hayley Richardson
- 2nd Mr Peat, owned by Mrs M Townsend
- 3rd Uldale Black Raven, owned by Mrs F Carradus

FPS Endurance Award for Highest Mileage Competitive

- 1st Admergill Storm Girl, owned by Mrs E Gilham
- 2nd Gamsworth William, owned by Mrs M De Belin
- 3rd Guards Joseph, owned by Sue Wardle

Low Green Topsy Trophy for Highpoint Competitive

- 1st Admergill Storm Girl, owned by Mrs E Gilham
- 2nd Gamsworth William, owned by Mrs M De Belin
- 3rd Lownthwaite Romany, owned by Mrs A Knight

Mileage Awards (accumulative totals of CTR and PR Rides)

- 100 Miles Browedge Tommy, rider Julie Sellors (137 miles)
- Hillhead Minstrel, rider Pat Dodd (100 miles)
- Admergill Storm Girl, rider Emma Gilham (150 miles)

- Hesket Raffles, rider Joan Hopkinson (112 miles)
 Gamsworth William, rider Mandy De Belin (121 miles)
200 Miles Lownthwaite Romany, rider Alison Knight (286.5)
 Uldale Black Raven, rider Fiona Carradus (216 miles)
 Mr Peat, rider Mrs M Townsend (243 miles)
 Guards Joseph, rider Sue Wardle (240 miles)
400 Miles Lowmoat Jock II, rider Hayley Richardson (409 miles)

LOWNTHWAITE ROB PERPETUAL TROPHY

Awarded every year by Mrs Laing to the pony that has advertised the breed (not showing).

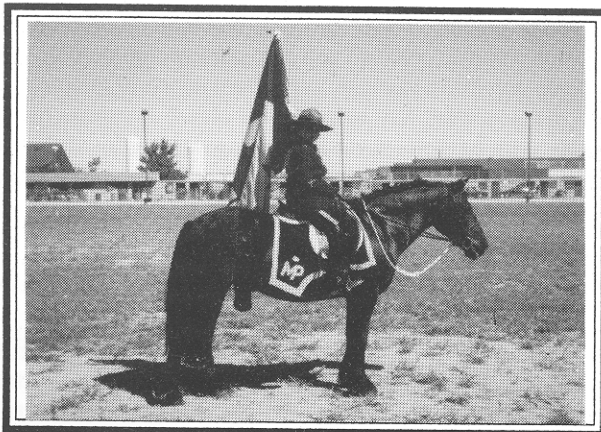
1995 Packway Curlew, owned by Miss M J Barnacle.

1996 Galliard of Manesty, owned by Miss Betty Walker.

For more information consult the Book on the FPS Stand at shows & meetings.

Congratulations to Kerbeck Night Melody

Mrs Susan Laniado's eight year old pony, bred by Christine Robinson, recently won The Native Pony Performance Show at Alsager Equestrian Centre, near Crewe. Kerbeck Night Melody, by Frizington Duke out of Sleddale Rosemary III, was ridden by Sophie Hutchinson and took the supreme British Championship, following other wins over the year including NPS Area 4 and BSPS Area 2A. Well done!



Waverhead Mayflower FP1789, owned by Joan O'Brien, ridden by Jasmin Perry, age 11, winning the fancy dress classes in Eastern Ontario, Canada and making a most respectable mount for an RCMP Officer!

Members' Contributions

Some thoughts from Mrs Ruth M Eastwood for the 1997 Season

Now Judges are the target of much abuse I fear
 But they only claim expenses, so their service isn't dear
 All day they toil, if hot or cold, to pick the type that's true
 So please be sporting on the day, respect their point of view.

At home all geese like swans do seem, in stable, field or stall
But then when out in company pride sometimes takes a fall
Bone, foot and feather, movement too all add to form opinion
of that Judge's point of view.

It matters not who owns the beast, a farmer or a lord
Its looks and its performance must all be in accord,
The Judge inspects the animals as were this not the case
Their handlers would come in alone and jostle for first place.
So always please remember if a first doesn't come your way,
It's only one opinion upon a certain day.

Ruth M Eastwood

And now, a story of a pony without an identity, which is all too common unfortunately. The Secretary's office regularly receives requests from owners hoping to trace their new pony's origins through the Society, but with minimal information to go on, the task is often impossible, not to mention time-consuming, as owners discover after a while! The contributor is Mrs Jenny Keen, a member from Devon.

"We are the very proud owners of Blackberry Jack, formerly known as Black Jack, a 14 hh jet black Fell who has brought tremendous joy and fun into our lives. The only drawback is that he came without papers and after trying for some time to trace his origins we have reach full stop! Apparently he had been in the hands of gypsies for the first few years of his life and was probably never registered. On the plus side, he is the most beautiful pony who has been winning in local M & M classes where registration is not required. He has lovely manners, is wonderful with children and animals, jumps beautifully and we are pretty sure he has been broken to harness, something we hope to pursue.

We have managed to make contact with three other Fell pony owners locally and would like to meet more so we can, on an informal basis, enjoy pleasure rides, joint training, or simply share ideas and experiences, as travelling to the North of England for FPS events is too far.

So if you live in Devon, Cornwall, Somerset or Dorset & would like to make contact, write to Oaktree Cottage, Cove, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 7RU or telephone 01398 331968".

Jenny Keen

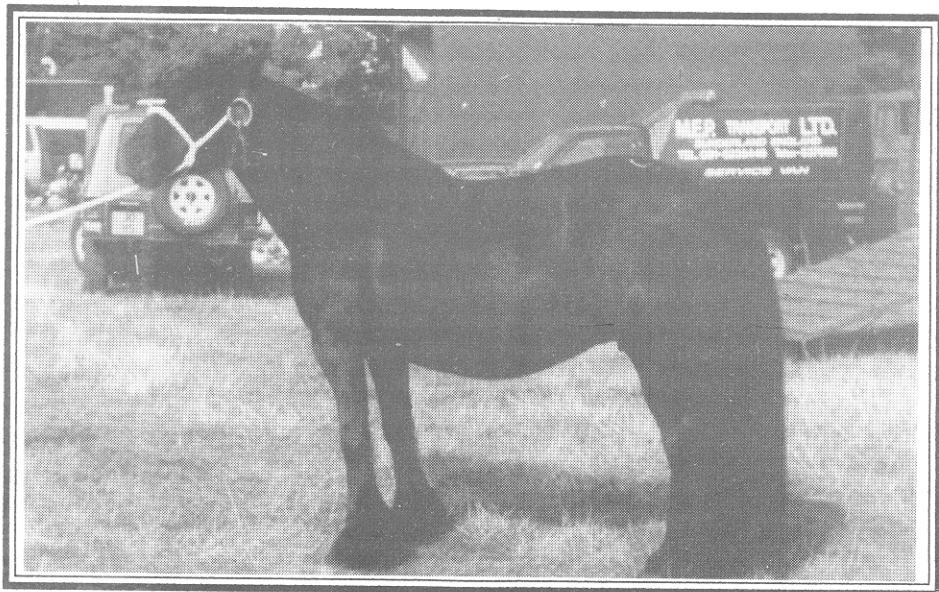
STOUPHILL PONIES - CAN YOU HELP?

I am currently trying to trace past and present owners of any Stouphill ponies. I am particularly interested in the mares bred after 1982 but would be interested in hearing from anyone who has a Fell pony with this prefix.

I am also trying to trace the present owner of Stouphill Mayflower and Mr K Murray, formerly of Great Strickland. Any information will be greatly appreciated. All calls and letters will be answered. Details to K McVicker, 241 Bury Road, Tottington, Bury BL8 3DY (Tel: 01204 882648).

The year has seen the loss of several much loved ponies. Several members have sent contributions to mark their pony's death. Here are some of the many received; sorry if yours is not featured on this occasion.

LOWNTHWAITE MELODY 17930, (sire: Packway Rowan 6254; dam: Lownthwaite Melodic Air 16566) owned by David & Katherine Wilkinson, bred by Mr H F Wales in 1979. "Gypsy" gave her owners much pleasure, particularly from the 6 foals she bred (4 colts & 2 fillies), and from her show ring success, where she won many prizes at local and county level. Sadly, as a result of breaking her leg following a fall on snow and ice, she had to be put to sleep in February 1996. She was due to foal in May of that year.



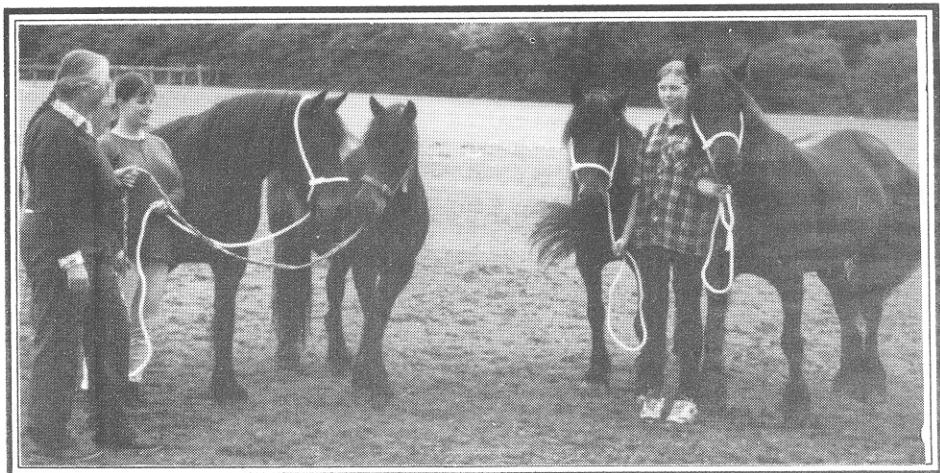
HELTONDALE ROSE V (1969-1996) Rose, a little bay mare with the prettiest head you've ever seen and standing barely 12 hh came to live with us in 1973. She produced 17 bay or brown foals by 4 different black stallions.

All her stock were prize winners, the best known of which were Wolds Redstart in the late 1970's, Goldfinch in the 1980's (by Charlie Drake) and, more latterly, Redstart (out of retirement) Song Thrush, and Woodcock, all by Waverhead Rob. These three have won the Henry Wales Cup for the mare progeny group at the Breed Show for the last 2 years.

All Rose's stock were of a type and very like their mother, although she was smaller and prettier. She was the most dignified mare who never stood any nonsense from man nor beast.

Rose died after a short illness in November 1996. RIP Rose, we shall miss you.

Jane Glass



**Heltondale Rose V (second pony on left) together with her progeny, l. to r.,
Wolds Redstart, Wolds Song Thrush & Wolds Woodcock,
together with Jane Glass, Debbie Hudson and Laura Sanders.**

LINNEL ROMANY BOY (sire Linnel Romany II; dam Linnel Flighty)

It is very sad to report on the death of the Stallion Linnel Romany Boy aged 29. Although still running with his mares and having covered them all in the 1996 season, and looking remarkably well at the end of the summer we decided not to put him through another winter. Romany had never been pampered, but we had helped him with extra feed and a field shelter in the last couple of winters. His only meeting with a vet had been when he was blood-tested; and he met the blacksmith once (who swore never again) for a case of gravel.

He rarely saw the show ring, and quite a few have witnessed why! Romany had an amazing habit, no matter what precautions, of leaving his handler with an empty bridle, as he went off to do his own thing! Not quite the thing that show organisers want. This was a shame as his sire Linnel Romany II, and particularly his dam, Linnel Flighty (owned by Miss Mary Charlton, now Mrs Mary Ormrod) were shown extensively in the 50's. Linnel Flighty won The Linnel Cup, The Garnet Cup and The President's Cup at the NPS Show at Roehampton in 1953, the same year she won The President's Cup at the Royal Show at Blackpool, the year it was first presented. She went on to win several of the same cups again in 1955 and 1956. Linnel Romany II represented the breed at a week long display at The Royal International Show at White City in 1948 and won at The Royal.

Again, Linnel Romany Boy's progeny have excelled where he never aspired to. He was awarded The Ponies of Britain Progeny award for all nine Native Breeds in 1976, 77 and 78, having been reserve in 1975. These awards were mainly due to the prolific wins of Mrs A Newall's ponies during these years, particularly Dene Fire Freya, Dene Fire Florett, Dene Clyde and Dene Honesty, sweeping the board at the

POB shows up and down the country. More recently Linnel Mozart had a cracking year in 1994 aged 14 winning many championships, this pony also clocked up over 200 days hunting in his younger days and his full sister carried the horn a number of times. Romany has always passed on to his progeny his wonderful paces, actively flowing from the shoulder, and giving a wonderful forward going ride, they have been seen in all equestrian spheres from Driving to RDA, Pony Chubbing to Performance Trials, or just a happy family pony.

Linnel Romany Boy ruled his small domain at The Linnels right to the end. He was the Boss, and was still quite happy to see off any stranger who dared to trespass, and keep his ladies in order. He leaves a big gap in his field, and we miss him. Thank you Romany.

Sarah and Bob Charlton

Sales List of Stud Books and Gifts

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To the following prices add 50p per book p&p or £3.75 for all volumes together.	
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colours: Red, Yellow, Dark Green, Navy, White	
P&P Mugs: 50p, Plates & Bowls: 30p, or 60p for one of each	
Glasses (clear plastic with logo)	£1.50 + 50p p&p
NEW Leather Drinks Coasters cork backed (5 colours)	60p + 20p p&p
Crystal Tumblers engraved with Fell Ponies (2 designs)	£8.00 + 80 p&p each
<u>All above printed with either The Fell Pony Society and/or logo.</u>	

Haynets (nylon) S £1.50, M £1.85, L £2.25. **Bowman** (fine) £2.50 All plus 30p p&p
Colour Greetings Cards (4 designs) with self-seal envelopes:-

Scenic View with Fell Mare (blank inside) per pack of 6 £2.50 + 50p p&p

Christmas Cards - Fell Ponies in Winter Snow Scene, Fell Mares
on Cumbrian fells, or **Grey Stallion in snow in Colorado** £2.50 + 50p p&p

Notepads in same designs as cards £1.50 + 80p p&p

Postcards B/W - Sketch of Fell Mare by Lionel Edwards £2 for 10 + 30p p&p

Notelets: Lakeland Scene & Driving, with envelopes 50p for 5 + 30p p&p

Notecards (B/W silhouette of ponies) 5p each + 20p p&p

Books

The Fell Pony, by Clive Richardson (hardback) £10.95 + 75p p&p

Lifetime in the Fells, by Bert Morland (paperback) £5.00 + 30p p&p

Learner Series (hardback): 5 titles as follows: £4.95 + 75p p&p each

Riding from Scratch, Riding a Dressage Test, Riding to Hounds,
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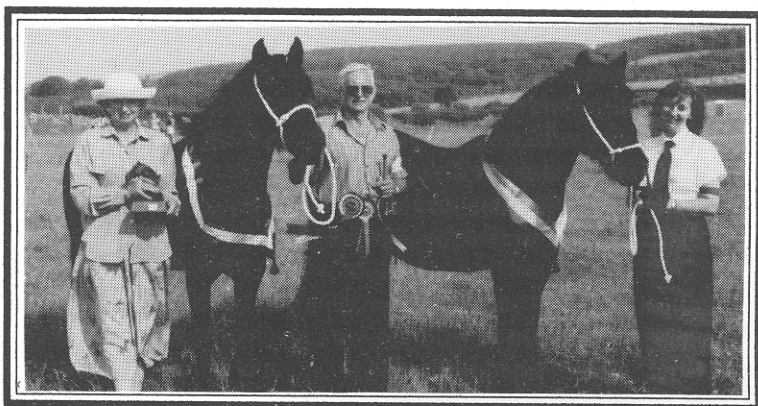
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Send order with payment including postage payable to The Fell Pony Society to Mrs
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OLD NEWSLETTERS Any members, whether old or new, who would like back copies of the Society's Newsletters please contact Mrs Laing. They are an interesting and lasting record of events, ponies, and people, with some lovely photographs. If you are interested, please tell Mrs Laing when you joined the Society, and send a small donation plus postage if you want them posted; alternatively they can be collected by arrangement at meetings or shows.



**Tarnbeck Sheba (left) Champion Fell & Supreme Champion in Hand
Tarnbeck Maydew, Champion M & M & Reserve Supreme Champion in
Hand at NCPA Cumbria, July 1997
(Photograph courtesy of Fortland Photographics)**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1997

- 1st-9th March **Essen Equitana, Germany**
Contact The Secretary (01670) 761117.
- 22nd March **Annual General Meeting**, Lowther Parish Hall,
Hackthorpe, Penrith at 1.00 pm.
- 23 - 29 March **National Riding Week**
- 28th March **NECWPCA Stallion Parade**, Holmside Park Equestrian Centre,
Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham at 1 pm. Contact V A Cave on
tel/fax: 01669 650335.
- 31st March **Midlands Hairy Pony Club**. Contact: Miss Jane Glass
tel: 01509 880261.
- 10th May **FPS Stallion & Colt Show**, Dalemain, Ullswater at 11.30 am.
Contact Mr Barry Allen (01229) 774528.
- 11th May **Toll Bar Country Fair**, New Hutton, nr Kendal. Contact the
Secretary, Mrs S Braithwaite (eves only) on (01539) 726760.
- 25th* May **FPS Spring Performance Trials**, Linnel Wood, Hexham,
Northumberland. Contact Barry Allen (01229) 774528.
- 5th July **Royal Pageant of the Horse**, Windsor, Berks.
- 6th July **FPS Windermere Fell Pony Show**, Brockhole, Windermere.
Contact Mr B Allen (01229) 774528.
- 3rd August **FPS Breed Show**, Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith. Contact Mrs
M Laing (013873) 76272 or Mrs Margaret Murray (01833) 650474.
- 8th-10th August **Lowther HDT. Fell classes** - contact Mrs Laing (013873) 76272.
- 24th August **Witherslack Horse Show** (6 Fell classes). Contact Mrs Farrer
(015395) 52235 for schedule.
- 30th August **Weardale Agricultural Show**, St John's Chapel. Contact Mrs
Humphrey tel: (01388) 537398.
- 1st Sept **Deadline for copy for Autumn Newsletter.**
- 14th Sept **FPS Southern Show, Shotover, Wheatley, Oxford**. Contact Mary
Longsdon, Eagles, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbys, DE45 1NN.
- 28th Sept **FPS Pleasure Ride**. Contact Mrs G Cockbain (017687) 72133.
- 1st-5th October **Horse of the Year Show**, Wembley.
- 12th* October **FPS Southern Teach-In Demo**, Milton Keynes. Contact Miss
Mary Longsdon (01629) 640709.
- 17th October **Annual Sale of Registered Fell Ponies**, at Penrith Auction Mart.
Contact Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's for entry forms 01768 862323.
- 18th October **Autumn General Meeting**, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe,
Penrith at 1.00 pm.
- 1st/2nd Nov **Equine Event**, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.
- 15th Nov **FPS Social Luncheon**, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe. Tickets
available from Stallion Show onwards - Contact Mrs Molly Laing.
- 18th-22nd Dec **Olympia**

* provisional date

Advertisements

BLACK ENGLISH LEATHER DRIVING HARNESS by Terry Davis, Winstanlow for Fell mare. Breast collar. Suitable for showing or pleasure driving. Excellent condition £650 o.n.o. Also stainless steel English 5.5" Liverpool bit £25. Tel: 01746 761021 after 6.00 pm (Shropshire).

DALEMAIN JUNIPER s. Dalemmain Nettle d. Sleddale Ruth b. 1987. Rare opportunity to acquire pony from the Stud of the late Mrs McCosh. 13.3 black gelding. Won many prizes. Easy to catch, box, shoe, forward going & has great presence. Light mouth but not novice ride. Genuine reason for sale. For details tel 01597 823013 (Welsh Border).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: B & B accommodation plus stabling/grazing available close to Wye Valley, Symonds Yat & Welsh Border in quiet location adjacent to acres of woodland. Walking, riding, biking, cycling, canoeing, climbing & caving opportunities. Open year round. Contact Jennifer & Derek Hockey, Assisi, The Buckstone, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. GL16 8PD. Tel: 01594 836900/Fax: 836991.

FOR SALE 5 y.o. black mare 12.3hh broken to ride (not big enough to make driving pair). Also her black yearling filly. **WANTED** 13.2-13.3hh 4-8 y.o. black driving mare, preferably having bred foal. Details of breeding etc to 01455 552534 (Midlands).

LOWNTHWAITE HOT SHOT (S: Townend Samuel; D: Lownthwaite Vanity Fair) 13.2hh 10 y.o. Very versatile & successful pony, broken to harness, carries side saddle, won ODE, dressage up to & inc elementary, SJ, XC. Numerous wins at top level - details on request. Good to box, shoe, clip etc. For sale due to financial commitments & over-stocking. Good home top priority. Tel 01737 832738 (Surrey).

WANTED Pair of black leather driving reins, preferably narrow (1/2" or 3/4"), in good condition for single turnout. Please contact The Secretary on 01670 761117.

FOR SALE Unbroken, black 3 y.o. gelding by Tarnmoor Prince & Tunstall Lady. Tel: 01388 603937 (Co. Durham).

HILLHEAD RALPH II FP954G 13.2hh steel grey gelding 5 y.o. Broken to ride & drive. Excellent in traffic, catch, shoe and box. Genuine reason for sale. Tel: 01670 787405 (Northumberland).

LUNESDALE BLACK GROUSE (S: Lunesdale Henry, D: Lunesdale Helen) 10 y.o. black stallion. Best of Breed and overall 7th Olympia 1996. Absolutely top class ridden stallion. Superb temperament in every way. For sale due to complete overstocking. Tel: 01491 576385 (Oxon).

TOWNEND DUSKY (f. 1987) Mare broken to ride and drive. Tel: 01576 710296 (Lockerbie).

STUNSTEAD KISMET (f. 31.4.96) Reg. black filly. (s: Lunesdale Peter; d: Tynewold Morning Mist). Short coupled. Show quality. Extremely well-handled and loves people. Behaves when walked out in traffic. Both parents have good temperaments and can be seen. Kind knowledgeable home Tel: (01535) 633022 (Keighley, W. Yorks).

FOR SALE Choice of two fillies, both brown - 13.2 hh, rising 4 years. Good bloodlines, show quality, lovely natured, unbroken. Further details tel: 01388 767897 (Durham).

ON LOAN (Min. 2 years)/**FOR SALE** to right person. Gelding (s: Waverhead Model, d: Barbondale Pearl) 10 years old. Temperament kind, willing, trusting, adaptable. To experienced, understanding common sense person only, preferably with access to open fells. Need not necessarily be a rider but must be knowledgeable. Contact Mrs N. Moore, 125 Pilling Lane, Preesall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancs FY6 0HG.

FIRSFARM FREDDIE 4 y.o. black gelding 13.3 hh by Tarnmoor Prince. Broken to ride. Friendly & well-handled. Plenty of presence. Will make good ride & drive. Tel: 01748 886538 (N. Yorks).

5 Y.O. BLACK GELDING; 4 y.o. very dark brown mare, both potential for ride/drive. Well handled and quiet. Black yearling colt, Heltondale lines, quiet and kindly. Dark brown licensed colt exc. show quality with breeding potential and/or good show/ride/drive prospect. Tel 016974 73913 eves after 6pm (Cumbria).

**** PONY SALES **** Please would you let Mrs Laing know when you have sold your ponies that you have asked the Society's help in selling via the Sales List, which is a free service, so she can be sure of passing *current details* onto potential purchasers.

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY NOTICE OF MEETING

To be held on Saturday, 22 March 1997, at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, Cumbria, commencing at 1.00 pm. Tea will be available after the meeting.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. **FINAL MEETING** of the unincorporated Fell Pony Society.
 - a) Minutes of the previous meeting (matters arising will be dealt with under Any Other Business of the A.G.M.).
 - b) Adopting of the final accounts for the period 1 January to 31 October 1996.
3. **FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of The Fell Pony Society following its incorporation as Company No. 3233346 on 2 August 1996.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Election of four Council Members. The following retire and are eligible for immediate re-election: Mrs E A Ball, Miss M G Longsdon & Mr R B Sutcliffe. The 4th vacancy results from the death of Mr J S Dargue, who was due to retire this year. New nominations in alphabetical order as follows:

Mr Jim Bell	proposed by Mr D Wilkinson seconded by Mrs K Wilkinson
Mr Thomas Capstick	proposed by Mr W S Potter seconded by Mr J Hunter
Mrs Beverley Hodgson	proposed by Mr I R Dixon seconded by Mrs C E Wrathall
Mrs Margaret Raines	proposed by Mr E M Wilson seconded by Mr A W Morland
Mrs Gwen Williamson	proposed by Miss M G Longsdon seconded by Mr C Richardson
6. Following their appointment by the Council on 19 November 1996 to re-appoint Messrs Stephenson Armstrong & Co as Auditors to the Society and authorise the Council to fix their remuneration.
7. Secretary's Report.
8. Reports of Delegates and Sub-committees.
9. Breed Show.
10. Pony Pilgrimage.
11. Equine Passports
12. Members' Suggestions.
13. Any Other Business.

By Order of the Council

S.M. Wood

Secretary

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