

all areas of the industry. Each group will be judged in-hand on conformation, family type and how the group matches the breed or discipline's specifications and uses. Pony groups will be judged on Thursday 9th July.

Reductions of up to 25% on advance tickets are being offered to members. See the advertisement in this issue.

Closing date for entries is 23rd April. Further details and entry forms are available from RASE Livestock Office, NAC, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ or telephone 01203 696969.

## **RESULTS OF 1997 GRAND RAFFLE**

The raffle was drawn at the Social Luncheon held on 15th November at the Crown Hotel, Eamont Bridge. Winners were:

£100 cash - Mr N A Redfern, Armathwaite (no 4333), Pony rug - Miss E Newall, Cheddar (no 3537), Brandy - Mr R T Randell, Carlisle (no 3098), Bloodtyping Kit - Mr B Allen, Millom (no 3924), Farmhouse break - Mr R Goddard, Dorset (no 1091), Pet Portrait - A Foster, Cumbria (no 2986), Book - M Norcott, Lymm (no 0508), Camera - Miss P Moores, Marlow (no 6349), Glasses - Mrs Wapshot, Sussex (no 5390), Cushion - Mrs Allman, Cheshire (no 0662), Jumper - Mrs D Dodge, Devon (no 3712), Wine - Mr M Maughan, Carlisle (no 6561), Glass Horse - Mrs M Tupper, Sussex (no 5393).

The raffle made just over £1,100. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

## **PAMSHAPS Tour of the North of England**

Brian Eaton of Davenport in Cheshire is, in his own words, a "restored geriatric in his seventieth year", who is planning a tour by horse starting in May 1998. The route covers the area from Stockport in the south, to Hexham in the north, York, Ripon & Barnard Castle in the east, and Brampton, Penrith, Kirkby Lonsdale & Burnley in the west and will take until October to complete. Similarities will be drawn with a tour undertaken in circa 1770 by Arthur Young and others before him.

Brian was Director of Personnel & Management Services for Stockport MBC for 17 years until a stroke in 1989 forced his retirement. Following several heart attacks, he had quadruple bypass heart surgery in 1996 and is now fit and raring to go.

His association with horses started early with the encouragement of his grandfather in 1935, a stockman and horseman, and has involved working draft horses, stable lad, point to point jockey, Army Horse Transport service and showjumping trainer! He is being re-familiarised with packhorse training at the Defence Animal Centre, Melton Mowbray, having last done this training at Aldershot 50 years ago!

He will ride a rescued 15 hh Connemara gelding and is looking for a Fell of 13hh or less to loan or hire as his pack pony. The journey will record some of the historic roads and trackways of yesteryear which are still negotiable on horseback, whilst raising money for Peoples Acute Medical Services and Horse & Pony Sanctuaries. None of the donations are being used to subsidise the expedition itself. He is also being supported by the RSPCA, the Police and a farrier.

A journey of this type takes much preparation and importantly the team of man and equines needs to get used to one another before setting off if they are to succeed. If you have a steady pony you would be willing to loan or hire for about 8 months which may be suitable, please contact Brian Eaton on tel: 0161 483 0845 or write to 34 Devonshire Park Road, Stockport, Cheshire, SK2 6JW. If you would like to know more about the expedition, offer accommodation or other help in kind, or send a donation (payable to PAMSHAPS), Brian Eaton would be glad to hear from you.

## Travelling to Guernsey? Look out for Victor!

Murthwaite Victor, a black, 9 year old gelding, who lives on Sark in the Channel Islands with his owner Sarah la Trobe-Bateman, has been chosen as the symbol for the 1998 tourism campaign for Guernsey. They are preparing now for the 1998 carrying season on this unique and unspoilt island, where cars are banned, and tourism is big business over the summer months. He will be appearing on large posters in tourism centres, the airport and other public places promoting Sark.

## Competition

### WIN AN FPS SWEATSHIRT

All you have to do is send in a good colour photograph of Fell ponies in a winter scene which would make a lovely card for the Society next Christmas.

In view of the lack of snow in the UK this year, this could present a good opportunity for overseas owners in colder climates to take the advantage, although the photo could have been taken some time ago. All entries will be returned. It couldn't be easier.

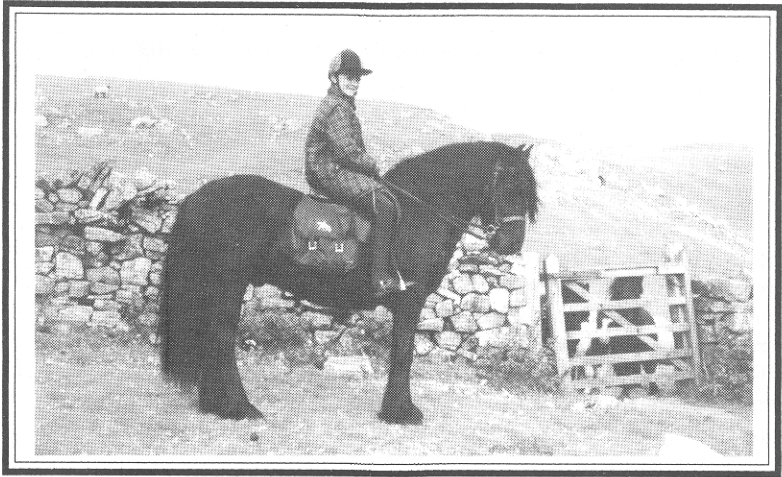
Closing date for entries is 11th May. Judge's decision is final. Send your entries to the Secretary's office and don't forget to indicate your sweatshirt size (small, medium, large, extra large) with your entry, in case you're successful.



**Doris Mainka, from Lippstadt in Germany, riding her mare Heltondale Ruby II FP1829, flanked by 5 month old colt Black Fellow Finn FP50745C, and Doris's 18 year old Iceland gelding, under the watchful eye of Secretis Faoilean, a Deerhound. Black Fellow Finn was Champion Foal at the German Fell Pony Show 1997, his sire, Heltondale Black Prince III, belonging to Barbara Mueller of Nimsreuland, was Champion Stallion & his dam came second in the Mare class (5 years and over).**

## PLEASURE RIDE 1997

Polly Aldridge



**Rachel Brunskill and Peepings Nutcracker** observed by the "rude Shetlanders".

It seemed too fair to trail my two ponies down from Crieff in Scotland for the pleasure ride, and so I cadged a lift from Glenis Cockbain who lent me Carrock Amanda for the day. All I had to do was turn up at her farm and help her load the ponies. Admittedly, I usually enjoy preparing ponies for an event as much as the eventual event, so it seemed odd to have Glenis acting as a groom, but she was very cheery about it.

We met at the lovely village of Dufton, near Appleby and soon everyone was gathered on a grassy area, kindly lent by Mr Howe. Mrs Elsie Dargue and her daughter Pauline Robson provided an endless supply of coffee and delicious home made ginger bread, whilst we tacked up and stashed our gear away in saddle bags or rucksacks. The weather looked surprisingly promising but no one was taking any chances, and stuffed waterproofs in, just in case. My theory that the Northern England people are amongst the most sociable in the world was proved once more, and I soon realised that the crack was going to be excellent. I must admit that I had been looking forward to this day for weeks, and the sun was even shining on us which seemed too much to hope for.

We set off at a good Fell pony pace. I succeeded in dropping my jacket in the first five minutes and was left behind. Amanda gave me a great demonstration of her spanking trot as she took off in pursuit of the departing black cavalcade, whilst I was still struggling to get my feet back in the stirrups.

We were thirteen in all, which included one very solid piebald cob with her equally colourful jockey, Bobby McCaw, and Glenis' Dales mare, High House Tilly, who had recently qualified for Olympia, but was showing that she was equally adept out on the high tops as in the show ring. The ride was lead by Derek Byass on Peepings Moss Rose who, dressed in western tack, had been born and spent much of her life on the fells we were to cross.

Unfit ponies were certainly not showing any difficulties and it was only their profuse sweating which gave the game away, as they charged up the fell-side at breakneck pace. As we climbed higher and higher above the village, the views were spectacular with the

wonderful dykes and small fields so typical of the area, very apparent and stretching below us like a child's drawing of a map. We were following a track round High Cup Gill, a wonderfully spectacular punchbowl with sheer sides running into the valley far below. Far beneath us the beck sparkled a little silver snake and the sun tried to peep through the low cloud.

Derek suggested that as we were to go round the infamous High Cup Nick, perhaps some of us would prefer to walk. Many of us hastily got off and gingerly started to follow one another in single file. However, the going was not nearly as bad as it had sounded and though there were a few narrow craggy spots, it was not as vertiginous as we had anticipated. Most of us soon got back on board.

We all stood on the tops with the wind ruffling the wonderful manes and tails of our mounts, and surveyed the scene. Bobby McCaw's feisty mare pricked up her ears and started to jig about a little. She had spotted a pack of fell hounds out ahead of us, streaming across the greeny-grey landscape like white flakes of snow. He seemed glad of his pelham, as perhaps without it his keen mare might have been off to join in the hunt! Most of the other ponies were eager to participate too and everyone was on their toes for a while.

On the top of High Cup Plain we met a herd of "Peepings" ponies belonging to the Dargues and some belonging to Mr Howe. Derek asked if we would like to have a closer look and of course we all did. The free ponies were intrigued by this intrusion on their privacy and wanted to eye us up as much as we they. I loved the incredible length of some of the mare's manes and their bristly moustaches, which most of our lush grass fed beasts lose. Once we had avoided the possibility of a rodeo, we decided that we were all hungry and dismounted for our lunch. The ponies were soon munching the rough moorland grasses they rarely see these days, and enjoying our apples and other delicacies. Beer was fizzily opened by Bobby and savoured by both he and his characterful mare. Everybody was in fine fettle and still there was no rain in sight, although with the wind we were pleased we had brought our jackets. It was in fact a perfect day and for me far more enjoyable than any show, or riding club event.

Our descent was fairly stony and craggy, and there were frequent stops to capture the day on immortal celluloid. My camera had become quite damp from being in the saddlebags against poor Amanda's sweating flanks, and it was hard to take a decent picture while she insisted on rubbing her itchy head against me.

We had an amusing escapade with some naughty Shetlanders which rudely barged out through one of the gates on Peeping Hill. However, following some western cattle handling skills, a good deal of shouting and more than the occasional Anglo-Saxon oath, the skittish wee ponies were eventually rounded up and put back on the right side of the hill gate.

The village loomed closer and I just did not want to get back at all. It had been so wonderful to be doing exactly what a Fell pony is best at. Not being of the show mentality, I was in my element and my only regret was that I had not been able to bring my own ponies down. Just before the village we passed a farmhouse selling teas and ice cream. Glenis, Penny, Derek and I were now at the back and decided to stop for some ice cream. Amanda disgraced herself by taking a rude bite out of the owner's tub of bedding plants. This last vibrant show of late summer colour was wiped out in an instant. Despite her misdemeanour, I gave her my ice cream as she had really been very good and earned it. She thanked me by dribbling most of down my sleeve.

Back at the green, Mrs Elsie Dargue and Pauline were there providing yet more victuals for us, and were interested to hear how we had fared on the hill. It was an epic day full of fun, where all the ponies had behaved impeccably and everyone had enjoyed the lovely views. If Glenis will have me next year, I will definitely be back; spending a day on the fells with a speedy, sure-footed Fell pony, beats showing any day and is quite the best way to take in all that marvellous scenery.



## Fell Ponies in Switzerland

### Diana Slack

I bought my first Fell pony eighteen years ago at the sale of registered Fell ponies at Wigton. She was the two year old filly Lowmoat Nora. For several years we used Holly, as we named her, finding her an unusually willing and exciting ride. Barbara showed her under saddle and together they won a lot of prizes. When the time came to breed from Holly, her first filly foal was born in 1992, Raisbeck Gem. Gem was followed by two colt foals, Raisbeck Rueben and Raisbeck Barney.

As I had always been reluctant to sell my ponies at a horse sale, it was with great trepidation that I took both Gem and Barney (then a yearling colt) to the 1995 Fell Pony sale at Penrith. Barney became Champion in the pre-sale show and was sold to Mr John Stammers, Suffolk, who works with carriage driving horses who hoped to yoke Barney when old enough. Gem was 2nd in the ridden class and was sold to Peter and Lotti Moor of Grund, Switzerland. They also purchased a further 3 fillies from Eddie and Margaret Wilson, being Townend Scilla, Laurel and Dawn, and the stallion Townend Heath. These ponies and Gem were transported to Grund in December 1995.

In June 1996, Joanne and I were invited to stay with Peter and Lotti and their then new Fell pony family (Scilla had had a filly foal, Silka). We weren't prepared for the breathtaking beauty of our 3 hour car journey from Zurich airport to Grund, only 2 miles past Gstaad, the winter ski resort. Joanne and I arrived during a spectacular thunderstorm on the Saturday evening and we were welcomed warmly by Peter and Lotti into their lovely chalet. The land where the ponies live and where the hay is made was farmed by Lotti's parents. There is an old barn with stalls for the cows and a loft above to store the hay. Part of the chalet was lived in by Lotti's parents, but it has since been extended to make more spacious living quarters.

On Sunday we rode Heath and Gem (and 2 bikes) into the village of Saanen to visit and drink wine with Peter's parents. Have you ever drunk wine and then had to ride a Fell pony 4 or 5 miles home, along narrow wooded paths beside a river?

The week was happily spent riding, swimming in ice-cold mountain lakes, visiting family and friends, and shopping in the beautiful city of Bern. During a cable car trip to the top of Les Diablerets Mountains, Joanne and I met an Indian film crew and Miss Universe 1994!

We rode the ponies on a 2 day trip into the mountains. First to Peter and Lotti's "Heidi Hut" for lunch on the lower slopes, and then onto the farmhouse in the mountains. Here we drank wine, swam in the lake of Saanerslock, played bowls in the cow shed and slept at night on wooden beds. We rose early next morning to climb to the top of our mountain (I wasn't sure that part was so much fun) to watch the sunrise and drink hot tea from a flask. We could see the dazzling snow-capped mountains and sheep on the slopes, their bells tinkling.

Lotti took Joanne and I to visit their friends the Burger family who farmed about 60 miles away at Zollbruck. They had bought Townend Laurel and Dawn. Laurel has since had a filly foal and Dawn a colt foal, both by Drybarrows Jeff.

Unfortunately Sunday came, Joanne and I had to say our goodbyes and a big thank you for their wonderful hospitality and friendship. We had to leave their Fell pony family and the "little slopes" of beautiful Switzerland.

I have since received photographs of the ponies, their backs laden with heavy luggage during their days of trekking over the mountains, doing what Gem loves best - working hard. There was also a photograph of Gem with Peter and her trophy as Swiss National Champion Pony. I always knew she was special.



Lotti & Peter Moor outside their chalet with their Fells.

## **"Where did all those Browns come from?"**

### **Barry Allen**

At the Windermere Show, several people commented on the apparent resurgence of brown ponies. The British hill pony which was probably the foundation of most our present British native ponies was brown but generally was lost to the more dominant genes of the horses and ponies crossed with them (the Exmoor being the only exception). As my own interest in them has grown over the years, at the back of my mind has been the thought that we should not lose these attractive ponies. The same thing has been said about the grey Fells. Time dims the memory but my recollection of the early 1980's is of considerably more brown ponies at the Fell pony sales than we see nowadays. It always seemed however that black ponies were preferred. I also remember, in my first year in Cumbria, visiting Keswick Show, where Henry Harrison seemed to have up to a dozen (in reality probably less!) of his brown Sleddale ponies covered in rosettes. They were all very much of a type and, looking back, this is probably where my own interest began, although I have owned and bred only black until recently.

So what is the reality of the situation? Are browns - and indeed greys - in danger of being lost? I decided to look through the stud books for comparisons. There are problems in doing this, of course. Prior to 1993, ponies could be registered at any age. We now record ponies bred in Holland and Germany, and the 1996 stud book shows browns and greys bred in Europe. I decided to include all ponies registered in a particular year. In the case of foals, I noted the colour at birth. Brown was taken to include all shades including bay. Black/grey was included as grey. These are the results:

|      | <u>Black</u> | <u>Brown</u> | <u>Grey</u> |
|------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1981 | 206          | 48           | 8           |
| 1990 | 192          | 38           | 12          |
| 1992 | 273          | 41           | 15          |
| 1994 | 233          | 48           | 7           |
| 1996 | 258          | 39           | 13          |

Betty Walker carried out a far more detailed analysis of colour and markings in Fell ponies in a previous newsletter and she found that, with far fewer ponies registered, brown was the dominant colour in 1920. Within ten years, however, black accounted for 73% of registrations. By 1971, brown Fells represented 30% of registrations.

It is said that *there are lies, damned lies, and statistics*, so it would be wrong to read too much into these figures. It could be argued, however, that the percentage of browns registered has fallen from 64% when records began to only 12.6% in 1996. My own view is that in numerical terms there has been little change over the past 35 years. Grey ponies, if anything, seem more popular and there is a nucleus of breeders of brown ponies to satisfy the market.

Returning to the Windermere Show, it could just be that judges are now looking on brown ponies with a little more favour, which encourages owners to take them to the shows.

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## **RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS**

### **NINTH SOUTHERN SHOW 1997**

- Class 1 Stallions 2 yrs and over  
 1st PACKWAY FALCON FP740C - Mrs C Rear.
- Class 2 Mares 4 - 8 years  
 1st SLEDDALE FERN V FP2010 - Miss A Carslaw.
- Class 3 Mares 9 yrs and over  
 1st LOWMOAT ROSE FP1694 - Miss E S Briant.
- Class 4 Brood Mares with foal at foot or certificate of service  
 1st HELTONDALE DELIA III FP1825 - Mr G Guy.
- Class 5 Foals  
 1st SEVERNVALE MOLLY - Mr G Guy.
- Class 6 Geldings 4 - 8 years  
 1st BEWCASTLE BOY BLUE FP650G - Miss M Longsdon & Mr R Goddard.
- Class 7 Geldings 9 yrs and over  
 1st SLEDDALE JOHN II FP657G - Mr & Mrs D S & Miss J Patterson.
- Class 8 Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding  
 1st SEVERNVALE HECTOR FP50589C - Mr G Guy.
- Class 9 Two Year Old Filly or Gelding  
 1st LUDWORTH CROWN PRINCE FP50358G - Mrs L Chamberlain.
- Class 10 Three Year Old Filly or Gelding  
 1st TARNBECK SHADOW FP2557 - Mr & Mrs D Williamson.
- Class 11 Veteran 15 years and over  
 1st TOWNEND LUCY IV FP18081 - Mr & Mrs D Williamson.
- Class 12 Pair Class  
 1st GREENHOLME LUCY FP2401 & MURTHWAITE ROLY FP50131G  
 O: Mrs E Whitley, Exh: Mrs E Whitley & Miss L Sanders.

- Class 13 Stallions - ridden  
1st SUNNYBROWE JACK FP970C - Mrs S Prior.
- Class 14 Mares - ridden  
1st EAGLAND DAINTY FP2112 - O: Mr A Stirzaker, Exh. Mrs R Jubb.
- Class 15 Geldings 4 - 8 years - ridden  
1st TARNBECK BLACK DUKE FP871G - Miss J Timpson.
- Class 16 Geldings 9 years and over - ridden  
1st LOWNTHWAITE HOT SHOT FP394G - Miss D Boylan.
- Class 17 Novice Mares - ridden  
1st WOLDS CURLEW FP2169 - Mr & Mrs H Marshall & Miss J Glass,  
Exh. Mrs H Bennett.
- Class 18 Novice Geldings - ridden  
1st TARNBECK BLACK DUKE
- Class 19 Children (ridden by child 8 years or under, led by adult)  
1st HELTONDALE BEAUTY VIII FP1316 - O: Mrs L Keogh, Exh: M Keogh.
- Class 20 Children (ridden by child 6-12 years)  
1st HELTONDALE BEAUTY VIII - Exh. D Keogh.
- Class 21 Children (ridden by child 13 - 16 years)  
1st GUARDS ROBERT FP332G - O: Mrs L Peel, Exh: R Johnson.
- Class 22 Veteran (Pony 15 years and over)  
1st TOWNEND LUCY IV
- Class 23 Ridden Pairs  
1st GREENHOLME LUCY/MURTHWAITE ROLY
- Class 24 WHP  
1st HELTONDALE BEAUTY VIII Exh. S Hillier.
- Class 25 Novice WHP  
1st EAGLAND DAINTY
- Class 26 Driving Class (ponies 4 years and over)  
1st SHEPPARTON ALEXANDRA FP1373 O: Miss L Hill, Exh: Mrs S King.
- Class 26a Cone Driving Class  
1st DENE BRIAR BLOSSOM FP1603 - Mrs A Yemm.
- Class 27 Handy Pony  
1st GUARDS JONATHAN FP535G - Mrs S McKinlay.
- Class 28 Fancy Dress  
1st ROSEMERE HEIDI FP2100 - O: L Hodson & G Powell, Exh: F Powell.
- Class 29 Child Handler  
1st BEWCASTLE BOY BLUE
- Class 30 Two Generations  
1st GUARDS ROBERT FP332G - Mrs L Peel & HELTONDALE JOHN BOY  
FP625G - O: Mr & Mrs Warnecke, Exh: Mrs & Mrs Harris.

Champion - EAGLAND DAINTY; Reserve Champion -,SUNNYBROWE JACK.

The show committee would like to thank all the sponsors and helpers who make this show possible, and the exhibitors whose numbers rise each year. Many thanks also to Sir John Miller for his kind hospitality.

The 1998 Southern Show will be the tenth to take place. The organisers are hoping it will be the biggest and best to date. Please support it if you can.

## AUTUMN PERFORMANCE TRIAL, BLAWITH

- 1st (173.5 points) **ABBEY TULIP** Owner: Mr D Bradburn,  
Rider: Miss R Bradburn (age 13 years). Also Best Junior.
- 2nd (173 points) **TARNBECK SAVANNA** O/R: Mrs E Metcalfe.
- 3rd (164 points) **LOW HAYGARTH SANDY** O: Mrs T P Fell, R: S Martin.
- 4th (161 points) **MARLINGDYKE MILLSTREAM** O/R: Miss R Squire.
- 5th (160 points) **HELTONDALE EMMA** O/R: Miss R Woodruff.
- 6th (157 points) **RAMBLING BELLADONNA** O/R: Mrs L Dixon.

14 competitors turned out on the day. The top placings could not have been closer with half a mark between first and second places.

Well done to Rosemary Bradburn winning overall and as Best Junior. Commiserations to Elaine Metcalfe who was pipped at the post for the red rosette but won a special for the Most Attractive Pony, and a particular well done to Low Haygarth Sandy, ridden by Shirley Martin, who at age 18 years showed some of the younger ponies how the job should be done, coming in third on points. Angela Downing riding Heltondale Bellman III was Best Senior Rider.

Many thanks, as always, to Mr & Mrs R Baxter for their kindness in hosting the event at Pict Hall.

## OLYMPIA 1997

### NPS BAILEYS HORSE FEEDS M & M RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Overall: 2nd **DARRENSVALE JASON FP742C** owned by Mr & Mrs Russell Sutcliffe,  
3rd **TOWNEND BIGGLES FP438G** owned by Mrs S Peet, only 0.5 of a mark behind Jason, and in 7th place **TOWNEND CALLUM FP725G** owned by Miss E Briant.  
This year's winner was Rannock of Trailtrow, a 7 y.o. Highland pony.

## YOUNGSTOCK, STALLION & MARE

### AND PONY PERFORMANCE

#### AWARDS 1997

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 yrs and over, receives £50 and its Sire and Dam receive £50 each. Details of the Awards are as below.

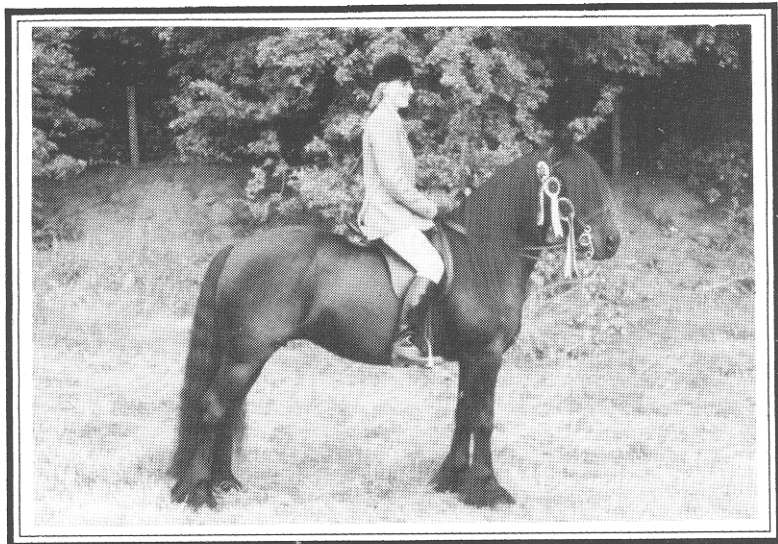
**Foal:** 1st **WAVERHEAD GARY FP50743C** Owner Mr J Bell  
S: Lownthwaite Gary (Mrs N Lightfoot); D: Barbondale Petal (Mr J Bell)

**Yearling** 1st **WAVERHEAD PEARL II FP2898** Owner Mr J Bell  
S: Lownthwaite Gary (Mrs N Lightfoot); D: Waverhead Pearl (Mr J Bell)  
2nd **KERBECK FIRE STORM FP50523C** O: Mrs C H Robinson  
S: Firequest of Kerbeck (TW & CH Robinson); D: Sleddale Rosemary III (C H Robinson)

**2 Year Old** 1st **INGLEGARTH ILLUSTRIOUS FP2734** O: Mrs B A Hodgson  
S: Waverhead Prince II (Mr J Bell); D: Greenholme Glory (Mrs B Hodgson)  
2nd **INGLEGARTH APOLLO FP50467C** O: Mrs B A Hodgson  
S: Lownthwaite Gary (Mrs N Lightfoot); D: Waverhead Rose (Mrs Hodgson)

**3 Year Old 1st TARNBECK SHADOW FP2551** O: D & G Williamson  
S: Townend Septimus (Miss J Williamson); D: Tarnbeck Sheba (Mrs G Williamson)

**Performance 1st TOWNEND LUCY IV 18081** Owners: D & G Williamson  
Sire: Townend Flash II (dead); Dam: Birkett Bank Polly II (dead)  
**2nd KERBECK NIGHT SERENADE FP1779** Owner: Mrs C H Robinson  
Sire: Frizington Duke; Dam: Sleddale Rosemary III  
**3rd TOWNEND SEPTIMUS FP723G** Owner: Miss J Williamson  
Sire: Heltondale Duke IV; Dam: Lunesdale Sandra  
**4th HELTONDALE BEAUTY VIII FP1316** Owner: Mrs L Keogh  
Sire: Heltondale Hero; Dam: Heltondale Beauty VII



**Townend Lucy IV 18081**

**Pony Performance Winner 1997 at age 17 years**

Lucy was going to be semi-retired in 1997 but was brought out again under saddle to replace Tarnbeck Maydew. She seemed to be at her best and very successful. Perhaps she did it for Maydew who was her best friend, pairs partner and winner of the Performance Award in 1994.

*Gwen Williamson*

**POINTS SCHEME 1997**

**Juniors**

- 1st (745 points) Rachel Brunskill (age 13) - Peepings Nutcracker FP889G (age 6)
- 2nd (595 points) Rosemary Bradburn (age 13) - Abbey Tulip FP1919 (age 7)

**Seniors**

- 1st (2255 points) Mrs Diana McGrail - Heltondale Lady VIII FP1402
- 2nd (1345 points) Mrs Susan McKinlay - Guards Jonathan F353G
- 3rd (1030 points) Miss Jane Brindley - Edenview Moonstroller G993
- 4th (990 points) Mrs Christine Robinson - Kerbeck Night Serenade FP1779
- 5th (885 points) Mrs Ruth Jubb - Eagland Dainty FP2112
- 6th (690 points) Ms Sue Wardle - Guards Joseph FP533G

## LOWNTHWAITE ROB PERPETUAL TROPHY

The President, Mrs Laing, is pleased to announce the winner of the Lownthwaite Rob Perpetual Trophy for 1997 is Guards Jonathan, owned by the late Mrs Susan McKinlay.

## "AT HOME" PREMIUM AWARDS 1997

Each year, the Society awards six premiums of £50 each to the stallions which have sired the highest number of registered foals in the year. To be eligible the stallions must have paraded in the At Home Premium class at the Stallion & Colt show the previous year, and the pony must also be blood-typed.

The premiums are made possible thanks to the Horserace Betting Levy Board's annual grant.

The following is the complete listing of those stallions which paraded in 1996:

| <u>Name of Stallion</u>        | <u>No. Reg. Foals</u> | <u>Owner</u>        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Waverhead Prince II FP234C*    | 10                    | Mr J Bell           |
| Lownthwaite Gary FP825C**      | 9                     | Mrs N Lightfoot     |
| Linnel Reynard FP708C**        | 4                     | Mr & Mrs R Charlton |
| Firequest of Kerbeck FP511C*   | 4                     | Mrs C H Robinson    |
| Waverhead Rob II FP50108C*     | 3                     | Mr I Smith          |
| Lownthwaite Drake FP565C*      | 3                     | Mr W Lloyd          |
| Dene Fire Forever FP952C*      | 1                     | Mrs S Rees          |
| Heltondale Rob II FP754C*      | 1                     | Mr D Eltringham     |
| Townend Duke III 7001*         | 1                     | Mr G Jackson        |
| Heltondale Rocket II FP50035C* | 0                     | Miss D Ford         |

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

As was explained in the Autumn 1997 Newsletter, Council revised the criteria for eligibility prior to the Stallion & Colt Show in May 1997. A stallion must have sired more than 6 foals registered in the year following parading in the "At Home" premium class at the Stallion & Colt Show to be eligible for a premium.

## ENDURANCE RIDING

**Wendy Cresswell** writes:

It's around to the FPS Endurance Awards again. It seems to come around fast, although perhaps it's because I've had so many changes recently. We're settled well back in Herefordshire, the boys happy in their schools, the barn is growing nicely into a home, and Bramble finds the Herefordshire grass very palatable as is shown by her vast waistline! Nothing can be done about that until we put up a building for the ponies in the summer.

It is nice to see a few Fell ponies venturing into the 30 mile rides and doing well, in addition to those who cover a lot of miles at the shorter distances. Thank you for sending large SAEs which makes my life a lot easier. I look forward to hearing from you at the end of the coming season.

If anyone fancies having a go at Endurance, just send an A5 or A4 envelope for a mileage card and information sheet to:

Court Barn, Lingen, Bucknell, Shropshire, SY7 0DY.

You don't have to do a vast number of rides as you collect the mileage over the years. It's amazing how it soon mounts up.

I'm looking forward to being at the AGM in March when the awards will be presented. All the best for this season!

### **FPS ENDURANCE AWARDS 1997**

#### **HIGH POINT AWARD** and the Low Green Topsy Trophy

- 1st (859 points) Gamsworth William, owner Mandy de Belin  
2nd (400 points) Dalemain Wake-Robin, owner Nick Tweedie-Smith  
3rd (248 points) Lownthwaite Romany, owner Alison Knight

#### **HIGHEST MILEAGE COMPETITIVE AWARD** and the FPS Trophy

- 1st (363.5 miles) Gamsworth William, owner Mandy de Belin  
2nd (212.5 miles) Dalemain Wake-Robin, owner Nick Tweedie-Smith  
3rd (152 miles) Lownthwaite Romany, owner Alison Knight

#### **HIGHEST MILEAGE PLEASURE AWARD** and the Hillhead Minstrel Trophy

- 1st (325 miles) Uldale Raven Black, owner Fiona Carradus  
2nd (322 miles) Guards Joseph, owner Sue Wardle  
3rd (256 miles) Hillhead Minstrel, owner Pat Dodd

#### **MILEAGE AWARDS** (accumulative pleasure & competitive ride mileage)

- 100 MILES** Heltondale Emma, rider Rachel Woodruff (154 miles)  
**200 MILES** Waverhead Rose, rider Pauline Finch (226 miles)  
Sleddale Dainty, rider Edith Hockenhull (215 miles)  
Browedge Tommy, rider Julie Sellors (234 miles)  
Dalemain Wake-Robin, rider Nick Tweedie-Smith (212.5 miles)  
**300 MILES** Hillhead Minstrel, rider Patricia Dodds (356.5 miles)  
Hesket Raffles, rider Joan Hopkinson (354 miles)  
Mr Peat, rider Margaret Townsend (378 miles)  
**400 MILES** Lownthwaite Romany, rider Alison Knight (438.5 miles)  
Gamsworth William, rider Mandy de Belin (484.5 miles)  
**500 MILES** Uldale Raven Black, rider Fiona Carradus (541 miles)  
**600 MILES** Guards Joseph, rider Sue Wardle (634 miles)

### **STUDY DAY AT MILTON KEYNES**

Just a brief note to say the teach-in was enjoyed by a mixture of members and non-members, many of whom contacted the Society to say how much they had learned from David Lee and Margaret Murray who spoke about the ponies.

Thanks to the judges and also to the people who brought ponies for use in the demonstrations, including some who travelled a long way, without whom there would have been no event.



**TEBAY VESPA FP799G - Special Wedding Guest**  
(Sire: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor, Dam: Tebay Startrek)

John and I were invited to a wedding just before Christmas. It was the most interesting I have ever attended.

When the Bride and Groom came out of St. Andrew's Church at Dent, Cumbria their two dogs and Fell pony were waiting. Boxer, as he is known, in full winter coat, looked immaculate, having been transformed from a muddy, wet bundle of hair by Heather Syred, a friend of the bride.

The best was yet to come. Alison (formerly Winn) wearing an antique gold shot silk gown and full veil mounted Boxer, posed for photographs with the guests and then rode round the churchyard, accompanied by bagpipes, and church bells. Boxer behaved impeccably, as if he attended his owner's wedding every day. Proving, once again, that Fell ponies can rise to any occasion.

Congratulations to Alison and John O'Neill. What a memorable day.

*Beverley A Hodgson*



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**SCALEHOUSE FARM B & B** in the beautiful Eden Valley. Stay in a comfortable old farmhouse with good home cooking. Home made bread with organic flour from local mill a speciality. Two double and 1 twin beds, bath, & shower rooms, large lounge/dining room. Stabling & grazing available plus 1 kennel. Quiet roads & tracks; excellent scenery. Warm welcome guaranteed. Contact Pamela Bonnick, Scalehouse Farm, Scalehouses, Renwick, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 1JY. Tel & Fax: 01768 896493.

**FULL LIVERY** available on small yard in Kirkburton area of Huddersfield. All year round turnout. Breaking and Problem horses very welcome. Also freelance dressage tuition offered. Please contact Lisa Kilvington on 01484 602723.

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**WOLDS STUD:** Variety of registered ponies from yearlings (2 fillies, 1 colt) upwards for sale, including 7 broken mares and geldings, black & brown. Special homes needed for WOLDS GARGANEY (f. 1994) black gelding, excellent show pony, professionally broken & full of potential, lease possible, also DRYBARROWS QUEEN BEE, 16 y.o. black mare ready for light work, steady & sensible, suit older/disabled rider, but not RDA. Details from Jane Glass on 01509 880261. (Leics).

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**SWISS MARKET CART** with 2 spindle back seats in very good condition. Circa 1880. Lovely for pleasure driving. Will suit 13 - 14 hh pony. Further details from Diana Slack on 015396 24667 (Orton, Cumbria).

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**WANT TO ADVERTISE?** Send details to the Secretary (closing date 1st September for Autumn Newsletter)

**SOLD YOUR PONY?** Don't forget to let us know so we can update the Sales List.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1998

- 14 March** SWPCA/Scottish BSPS/NPS Scottish Cttee. "Way of Going" Ridden Seminar, Gleneagles Equestrian Centre at 10 am. Contact: Mrs Fiona Roebuck on 01764 664327.
- 28 March** Annual General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, starting at 1.00 pm.
- 9 May** Stallion and Colt Show, Dalemain, Ullswater at 11.30 am. Schedules: send SAE to Barry Allen, Tarn Bank, Arnaby, The Green, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HZ.  
Also. Pony Pilgrimage starting point. Liaison: Mary Longsdon.
- 17 May** Tollbar Country Fair, New Hutton, nr Kendal. Contact Secretary Mrs S Braithwaite (eves. only) on 01539 726760.
- 24 May** FPS Spring Performance Trials, Linnel Wood, nr Hexham, Northumberland. Entries: send SAE to Barry Allen, as above.
- 5 July** Windermere Fell Pony Show, Brockhole, Windermere. Schedules send SAE to Barry Allen as above.
- 6/9 July** Royal Show, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh.
- 1 August** FPS Breed Show, Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith. Schedules: SAE to Mrs M Murray, Park House Farm, Baldersdale, Barnard Castle, Co Durham DL12 9UT, tel: 01833 650474 or Mrs M Laing on 013873 76272.
- 7/9 August** Lowther HDT & Country Fair. Fell classes on Saturday 8 August. Schedules: send SAE to Sally Wood, Keeper's Cottage, Guyzance, Acklington, Northumberland, NE65 9AA.
- 14 August** 5th Pound Cottage Native Pony Performance Day inc. in hand classes, Luccombe Farm, Milton Abbas, Blandford Forum, Dorset. Schedules: Mrs Jacky Hardy, Pound Cottage Riding Centre at above address with SAE. Tel:01258 880057.
- 29 August** Weardale Agricultural Show, St John's Chapel. Contact Mrs Humphrey on tel: 01288 537398.
- 13 September** FPS Autumn Performance Trials, Blawith, nr Ulverston. Schedules: SAE to Barry Allen as above. Further details/directions from Mrs Josie Baxter on tel: 01229 885255.
- 13 September** FPS Southern Breed Show, Shotover, Wheatley, Oxford. Contact Mary Longsdon, Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbys, DE45 INN, sending SAE.
- T.B.A.** FPS Pleasure Ride. Contact Mrs G Cockbain, tel: 017687 72133.
- 23 October** Annual Sale of Registered Fell Ponies, Penrith Auction Mart. Contact Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's for entry forms 01768 862323.
- 24 October** Autumn General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith at 1.00 pm.

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