

Phew! The show reports need a tome to themselves, and whoever called this mega Magazine a Newsletter? we could give the Horse and Hound a run for their money I reckon!!!! Now the business part is done, now for the news .

Firstly I have an apology to make to Sally - now Guiry. Sally e-mailed a thank you letter for me to print in the newsletter to thank you all for her lovely figurine. Unfortunately the message is still locked away inside the now defunct dismantled old computer, I have tried to contact Sally on this matter without any luck and so i will recall from memory her message to you all.

'Many thanks to all the members at home and abroad who so kindly sent cards, letters and gifts on the occasion of the marriage of Sally to John, the figurine presented from the Society has been admired many times by visitors to their home, and will serve as a constant reminder of the time Sally was in office.'

I am sure that you all join me in wishing them both continued happiness in their married life.

FOR LOAN

Very Special Pony - Dalemain Tamarisk
f. 1978 Black pony 13.2hh

Ride & Drive, super pony with loads of experience,
a gentleman in every way.

Carriage - Harness - Tack available
Local person preferred please telephone
01228 560263 (Carlisle, Cumbria)



Photograph: F. Wilson

EDEN VIEW MOONSTROLLER

enjoying his 30th Birthday Party with a group of friends, Jonathon Wilson, breeder of Moonstroller on his left and his owner Jane Brindley on his right.

Thirty years since man walked on the moon and thirty years since Eden View Moonstroller's birth, all on 21st July 1999 - surely a reason to celebrate? - and celebrate we did! Party time produced his first guest in the morning, when Moonstroller met his grandson for the first time. Driving pony Admergill Alexander had traveled from Hertfordshire to be with him and the moment of meeting was recorded on the Radio. After lunch tandem, pair and single turnouts met for sherry on the village green with ridden event horse, his stable companion, a race-horse, ridden veteran rival Bowderdale Jess, driving class rival Foggy Gill Jack Flash and leading rein ponies. TV cameras recorded the Birthday Boy's arrival on the green and the departure of the guests for a 12 mile ride/drive - a Cumbrian experience for visitors from Derbyshire, Leicester and Scotland joining those more local. On returning 100 human guests took tea before assembling in the stable yard for the cake cutting - iced as it was in the colours strollers carriage, colours carried to victory on the racecourse three times this year, and the colours of the commemorative rosettes worn by the equine guests. With Champagne they toasted his birthday - so many people whom Stroller's life has touched over the years and so many happy memories of a very special day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EDEN VIEW MOONSTROLLER

TOWNEND PRINCESS II

July 1973 - February 1999

Princess arrived with us in September 1999, she was my first Fell Pony. Throughout her time with us she always impressed all who met her with her generous character and sometimes rather evil sense of humour, always patient and gentle with the weak and nervous, she would never suffer fools.

This was very evident when she was the mainstay of our Riding School. Many learned to ride on her, gaining confidence and skill, however, she was very adept at giving people "flying lessons" if they were slow at grasping the idea of gentle hands and light seats - especially when jumping, even though they would be let down gently to earth!

Princess was an excellent driving pony, she was used for RDA work, and on occasion would happily work in our nearby forest bringing home winter fuel. She bred several nice foals then went up to Perthshire to teach my sister in law to ride. Three years ago she returned South of the Border and went to live with the Skelton family at Greengill Farm Gilcrux where she ended her days, at the Skeltons request she was buried on the farm.

She leaves many happy memories behind her and will always be remembered for her patient, unflappable temperament, and an amazing understanding of the people she came into contact with.

A tribute to Princess by Christine Robinson, Mary & Henderson Dodd

SHILSTONE ROCKS BLACKBERRY

1966-1998

Shilstone Rocks Blackberry was an outstanding Fell Pony in every sense of the word and her death on August 12th 1998 saddened all those who knew her. Blackberry arrived in Wymeswold as a foal, almost by accident since she was spotted in the back of a dark barn when trying to help a friend buy a Connemara.

She had an outstanding show career from an early age, taking all before her, both in-hand and ridden, and in fact she was so successful that she was retired from the show circuit at the age of 6. Her showing was not just the serious stuff; as a yearling she had painted hooves and eye make-up to become the "fashion conscious pony" in a very large group fancy dress put on by Wolds Stud at the Ponies of Britain show (now Ponies UK) at Peterborough, as the "Not to be forgotten Ponies of Britain".

She had her first foal Wolds Jackdaw and then returned to work carrying out all sorts of tasks, excelling particularly in the hunting field where she hunted with the Quorn and the Surrey Union. Blackberry was always at the front of the field, and was a tremendous pony to hunt, having excellent manners and tremendous stamina and speed. she was ridden and hunted by adults and children alike.

Returning to stud Blackberry had a foal by the Riding Pony Stallion Mr Chips and we showed both mare and foal in riding pony classes where a lot of smart people were astounded at being beaten by a Fell Pony!

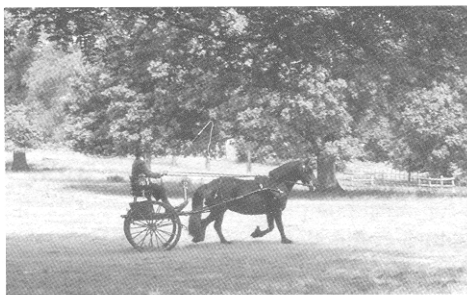
Wolds Black Chip (the foal) was also very successful in the Show ring. All of Blackberry's children achieved great success with Wolds Oriole being the most notable, qualifying for Olympia in the early days. At 15 years of age Blackberry returned to the show ring as a veteran and showed everybody how it should be done, taking ridden and in-hand championships. Blackberry was above all else a pony of tremendous character, who else would escape from a field and bring her friends three miles to her home in Wymeswold in the middle of the night. It was rather a surprise to find three ponies asking to be let into the yard when they should be in the next village! In the show ring she could be an angel or do the most spectacular elephant act, even as a veteran! Her ears were amazing as she could bury them completely if the horse next to her was the wrong colour or breed, although she adored Shetlands, presumably thinking they were foals.

She ended her days in the lap of luxury with a friend who attended her every need. There will never be another Blackberry, she left a deep impression on all who dealt with her, and we will greatly miss her.

Sorry I could not print the photograph that was sent to me, because the floppy disk was damaged. - Editor.

FELL PONY MARE & FOAL CARDS
designed by Jennifer Buxton

Gwen Williamson would like to say thank you to everyone who bought cards from her and also sold cards on her behalf. The profit of £420.00 was raised and sent on down to Leahurst towards their research into the Fell Pony Syndrome, Gwen is also very grateful to Jennifer Buxton who so beautifully designed the cards free of charge.



GREENHOLME KELLY

owned and ridden by Janet McDonald of Gloucestershire
competing at the British Driving Society Show

Curriculum Vitae of a Super Star

SHOWING - IN-HAND *Placed consistently including Championship at Berkeley Agricultural show 1996*

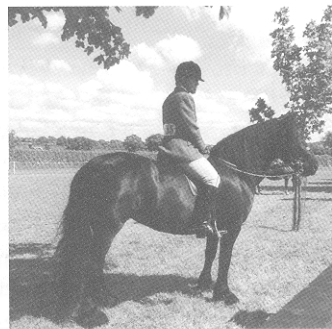
SHOWING - RIDDEN *1998 Bath & West: 2nd in Mixed Class and Best Fell in Class. 1999 Derby County: 4th in Mixed Class and Best Fell in Class*

DRIVEN *-Placed in driving trials, show drives and ride and drive classes*

DRESSAGE - Regularly placed and beating “posh” affiliated horses. Competing and winning at novice level. Working towards medium level at home (medium trot a bit of a challenge at the moment)

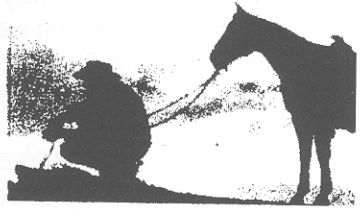
JUMPING - Regularly placed show jumping, usually double clear. Has done two one day events, both of which she won.

My assistant instructor at Pony Club, teaching long reining, lunging over fences a speciality, and more advanced dressage movements, including half pass, shoulder in etc. Hunts with the Berkeley, goes on fun rides with a variety of riders and also Fun Rides with Picnic and Whippet!! Basically she's a **Super Star**.



LAKELAND'S TRAIL RIDER GUIDE BOOKS

A new and very interesting Lakeland's Trail Rider Guide Book to "The High Street Ride" was received at the Office, Chris Clark provides some background information on her involvement with Fell Ponies and how she came to write her guide books.



Chris writes:

I suppose my addiction for riding the high fells of Cumbria began at the same time as my introduction to the Fell Pony. This was during the 60's when I worked as a pony trekking instructor at the Tarn Hows Hotel, near Hawkshead. The Centre had a mixed bag of horses and ponies, and amongst these was a little black Fell mare named Mona. Mona was 32 years old, as fit as a fiddle and as artful as a box of monkeys. She knew all the dodges and shortcuts there was to know about the trekking game and she certainly taught me a thing or two.

It definitely was not love at first sight, and my first few weeks riding her as a lead horse were traumatic to say the least. She would do nothing I asked her to without a fight, and trying to open gates whilst mounted gave the riders behind me endless hours of entertainment. She knew exactly when I had leaned over just that little bit too much and she always picked this precise moment to slyly shuffle away, which placed that elusive catch once more just a fraction out of reach. In fact she was an absolute cow!

The one memorable day, she grew tired of playing games and turned into a superb lead horse, who showed me that without any indication from me, position herself in precisely the right place for every gate on every ride. From then onwards I have been one of the Fell ponies biggest fan.

Anyway that is a long time ago, and although I haven't exactly "gone on to do great things" I have enjoyed my continued association with the breed, combined with the varied terrain that the bridleways of Cumbria have to offer.

For the last 7 years I have had the pleasure of owning and riding a lovely Fell mare registered as Sleddale Beauty XXVII, called Bramble by me on good days and many other unladylike names on the bad days. Bramble was honoured during the early 90's by winning the title of Supreme Champion at the Southern Fell Pony Show. Although this was quite an accolade, I have discovered that I get more pleasure riding on the open fell that I do from the showing, and so that is what I have been doing. During this time Bramble and I have formed a partnership which is in itself a unique and fulfilling experience, one I can highly recommend.

Over the years I have ridden many routes some following ancient Packhorse and Drover routes forged by our ancestors during a different era. I have traveled along Roman roads, Corps roads, Monks roads, Trades routes and Smugglers routes to name but a few. I have enjoyed them all and thrived on the beauty mother nature has bestowed

on Cumbria, whilst at the same time gaining useful knowledge from the experiences and challenges she has placed before me.

Lakeland's Trail Rider Guide Books are simply a documentation of some of the rides I have enjoyed. They have been written for those who wish to get more from their chosen leisure activity than a short 'Hack Out' they offer the rider spectacular scenery, the odd challenge and the feeling of having achieved something. The routes wind their way over the open fells and meander through tranquil traffic free valleys. There are forests, lakes, streams and high level ridge rides that will undoubtedly charm and perhaps even challenge you as you traverse their lengths. They are worlds away from modern day living and they are waiting there for you to explore and enjoy. But be warned it may become an addiction!

The books contain daily route maps and clear directions. Daily mileage and high point reached each day. Accommodation details for you and your horse. Details of the equipment you will need to take with you. Helpful hints will help you make the most of your holiday. Details of local Vets and Farriers and advice on some hazards you may encounter en route. I have included information I think you might find helpful when it comes to riding the trail.

All the rider has to do is pick up the phone, book the accommodation, and get themselves and their mounts fit enough to cope with the journey

Go for it!!

Chris will be at the Autumn meeting with her books for sale - possible Christmas presents?

SUBSCRIPTIONS

SUBS DUE 1.1.2000

FULL MEMBERSHIP	£15.00
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP	£ 7.50
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£ 7.50

If you would prefer to pay directly from your bank - it will be one less item to forget immediately we reach the millenium!!!
contact the office for a
Bankers Order form

FELL PONY SOCIETY AREA SUPPORT GROUPS

The Council is planning a new venture to promote the Fell Pony and the Society, also to encourage fellowship amongst the members.

In order to do this we have sectioned the British Isles into seven areas (these may be adjusted later) which should enable all members to be within reach of several FPS events during the year.

We aim to make the activities as varied as possible, with the emphasis on being **'flexi, friendly and fun'**.

Further details in the Spring Newsletter, but meanwhile the success of the scheme depends on your enthusiasm, **so all ideas - offers of help etc are very welcome.** Please get in touch with **Mary Longsdon (01629 640709)**

COCO, out of a Lowmoat mare, by a Waverhead Stallion, black gelding 7 years old, broken to ride, little used.
Contact Pam Copeland on 016977 48617

Dear Secretary,

It is many years since I first visited the Fell Pony Breed Show as a spectator and I remember a smallish gentleman with the voice of Goliath, this gentleman I was to find out later was called Dick Bicknell. I know many members will know the man to whom I refer. May I personally say how much a part of the Breed show, and many other shows, he has become. His voice carrying right across the show fields. We have to move forward and accept the PA systems, but I think the FPS is very fortunate to have Dick (just in case the electricity goes off). I have written this poem about him.

**When Dick is around
You can hear him yell!
Instructions for classes
He would tell!
A friendly chap with
Wit and charm
We should call him
The Fell Pony alarm**

Mr F Cowings



FOR SALE

BARONSHILL BEAUCEPHALIS

Bay Gelding 5 years old Approx 13.3hh
Superb outlook on life, good temperament, suit
any member of the family.

Details 0115 984 4729 (Nottingham) or 0961
997068 mobile

FELL PONY RIDE 2000

Starting from Kirkby Londslae on the 16th May 1999

Again, the weather was kind to us - Fell Ponies must have some influence somewhere! Eighty four riders enjoyed a 13 mile ride around part of Rigmaden Estate and bridleways with £768.00 being raised for Fell Pony 2000. Fell Pony Raffle Tickets were sold by Beverley Hodgson who did very well to get another £25.00 for the Fell Pony Society.

Twelve Fell Ponies took part: Blackash Breeze, Bury mill Wilfred, Hadrian, Heltondale Polly Perkins IV, Jossgreen, Sowermire Lizzie, Stennerskeugh Joe, Townend Honeysuckle, Wansfell Alma, Waverhead Rose, & Sally and Oscar (unregistered) and they all gave the Arabs a run for their money!

We remember Mike Allen for his brilliant car parking, and smoothing down a rugby official who didn't think we should share the car parking with a wedding!

We thank Joan Hopkinson, Beverley Hodgson, Rachel Wilson, my husband and friend - without all their help this ride would not have been able to take place.

Photograph: Pippa Allen on Jossgreen with her sister Emma riding Badger at the end of the Fell Pony 2000 Ride. Both ponies are in their twenties and completed the 13 mile ride in a faster time than some a lot younger!



WANTED

COMPUTER LITERATE MEMBERS WITH THEIR OWN COMPUTERS

The number of show results to be printed is increasing, and the job is quite time consuming when it comes to printing the twice yearly 'Newsletters'.

Therefore it would be of enormous help if one of the members with their own computer would be willing to record the Show results for the summer, and then send me a disk with the contents.

Due to the number of shows involved, it would be a better idea to produce a separate booklet with show results and leave the Newsletter for topical subjects, news, advertisements etc.

Arrangement would be made with show secretaries to forward marked catalogues with the results, directly to the personal involved.

So anyone with the time and interest to do this for the Society please contact Judith on 01768 891001.



FOR SALE: Filly foal and yearling filly by Heltondale Lucky Lad II who has been successfully showN. Sire/dam blood typed, parentage guaranteed. Black mare and gelding, 4 and 5 years who have won in-hand at Breed Shows. Broken to ride, excellent Olympia/WH prospects. Been in heavy traffic. 13.2/13.3hh top class ponies, good to catch, box, and shoe. Other stock including Broodmare blood typed. Champion when younger. Breed Show 1996 winner, been ridden.

Inglegarth Fell Ponies, Contact Mrs B A Hodgson on 015242 41428

MARKING THE MILLENIUM

I have been wondering what we can do to mark the millenium in some way, and at the same time raise revenue for the Society, initially we thought of a Calendar, but the cost was going to be quite prohibitive, and the crucial factor is selling them all before the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, and as some of you may have more interesting ideas in mind, and after doing a bit of research finding that Fell Pony owners are more reticent about being photographed in the nude than the members of the WI, the idea was dropped.

In the past I have seen some jolly good recipe books produced to raise funds and they are a lovely keepsake, and make super presents. Therefore I have decided to take the plunge and invite members to send in their favourite recipes, all recipes printed will include the name of the contributor and the name of their favourite Fell Pony. The recipe books will be designed in house, printed on good quality card with a spiral wire binding, and the price will be calculated on the size of the contributions, and the numbers printed.

So all you cooks, men, women and children, here I am awaiting a deluge of recipes and anyone who lives locally enough to be able to give physical assistance with the project will be welcomed with open arms (not really- but you know what I mean!) we would also like some offers of illustrations from the artistically talented members. We'll really make this a cook book to eat for!! any volunteers interested in helping please ring me or drop me a line.

Judith



CHRISTMAS IN MIND



SALES LIST INCLUDING NEW CORPORATE IMAGE GOODIES

Stud Book NPS Vols. 1898-1989 (hardback)

£10.00 + £2.25 p&p

(Stud Book £7.50 to new members joining Society)

FPS Studbooks: *Postage £5.00 for complete set*

Vol I (1981), Vol II (1982) & Vol III (1983) each

£ 1.00 + 50p p&p

Vol IV/V (1984/85) combined

£ 3.50 + 70p p&p

Vol VI (1986), VII (1987), VIII (1988), IX (1989), X, (1990) each

£ 1.50 + 50p p&p

Vol XI (1991) £2.00 +50p p&p

Vol XII (1992), XIII (1993), XIV (1994), XV (1995) XVI (1996), XVII (1997) each

£ 3.00 + 50p p&p

Vol XVIII £3.50 + 50p p&p * latest issue

Stud Book & Newsletter Binders

£ 4.80 + 80p p&p

Newsletters Back Copies each

£ 1.00 incl postage

Sweatshirts printed with Logo sizes S, M, L, XL

£14.00 + £2.50 p&p

Colours: Navy, Jade, Blue, Grey, Burgundy, Sage

Rugby Shirts printed with Logo sizes M, L, XL

£25.00 + £2.50 p&p

Colours: Navy, Dark Green with White Collars

An idea for Christmas ?

**Rugby shirts can be supplied in your own personal colours for Cross Country/
Team Events/Long distance riding in solid or quartered colours, also embroidered
with pony or own name - please write or ring for details**

Polo shirts in grey, navy or jade printed with the logo sizes, M, L, XL

£15.00 + £2.50 p&p

Baseball Caps with logo in Navy or Dark Green, one size only

Microfibre jackets with the logo Red or Navy £25.00 + £2.50 p&p



Two attractive scenes this year, a single Fell Pony standing in the
Snow & a Snow Landscape with Fell Ponies



1999 Christmas Cards (6 cards & envelopes per pack) £ 2.50 + 50p p&p

Ties with Logo, Navy, Burgundy or Dark Green
£ 5.75 + 50p p&p

Black & White golf style umbrellas printed with Logo
£25.00 incl postage

Colour greetings cards (blank for your own message) two designs
£ 2.50 + 50p p&p

Members Badges
£ 2.00 + 30p p&p

Leather key fob
£ 1.00 + 30p p&p

Car Sticker
.70p + 20p p&p

Picnic Mugs & Plates with Logo
£ 2.00 + 50p p&p

Colours: Red, Yellow, Blue, White & Green

Picnic Tumblers (clear plastic with logo)
£ 2.00 + 50p p&p

Books: One Fell Swoop by Susan Millard (paperback)
£2.75 + 50p p&p

Fell Pony Stallion and Mare & Foal Figurines by J Anne Butler
POA

Send order and cheques payable to **The Fell Pony Society**, Federation House,
Gilwilly Industrial Estate, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 9BL



COCO, out of a Lowmoat mare, by a Waverhead Stallion, black gelding 7 years old, broken to ride, little used.
Contact Pam Copeland on 016977 48617

WHO SAYS FELL PONIES CAN'T JUMP

Fell ponies can't jump I often find myself hearing, but I am a little Fell Pony who would disagree. My name is Heltondale Pride and this summer my owner took me to Weardale Agricultural Show and I was entered in a Chase Me Charlie class. Ha Ha!! I heard everyone saying, but there was I waiting my turn along with all the show jumpers.

We set off one after the other, up and up went the pole, one by one the other horses and ponies dropped out knocking down the pole, until eventually there were only a couple of us left - myself included.

The big horse set off, and oh dear me! he knocked the pole down, now it was up to me, but I am only a Fell Pony and I couldn't possibly clear it - the pole was set at 4' 6" I set off YES was the cry! we were over and guess what I went clear to the sound of rapturous applause, I had won!!!!

So it just goes to show don't believe all you hear, we are very versatile little ponies and we are up there with the best of them.

Thanks to Susan Brunskill.

BREEZE


Good looking black mare with excellent movement will make super ridden/WHP s: Bewcastle Boy d: Heltondale Dusky VI. Backed and broken in May and now ready to go on for any activity, contact Miss Mary Longsdon 01629 640 709

TARNBECK LUCY s: Townend Septimus Supreme Champion at the Fell Pony Breed Show 1999 d: Townend Lucy IV Winning Performance Pony in 1997/98. Supreme Champion at Windermere and the Southern Show 1998. Shown as a youngster with many wins, has bred a foal - only for sale as overstocked. Contact Mrs G Williamson on 01229 581001

REGISTERED FELL PONIES FOR SALE

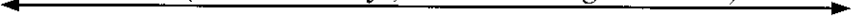
HUNTHILL SOMETHING SPECIAL,

black colt foal for sale at weaning. s: Heltondale Lucky Lad II (sire of this years Supreme Fell Stallion Drybarrows Jeff) d: Lowmoat Fiona (dam of Lowmoat Blossom twice winner of the Senior Points Shield). The foal has the looks and breeding to really be SOMETHING SPECIAL, he is well handled and wormed. For further details contact Heidi Sands on 01340 871770.




BROCKELBECK BLOSSOM

s: Murthwaite Ben d: Drybarrows Rolyan, registered black yearling filly. Second at the Royal Welsh Show. Dam also produced the Royal Welsh M&M Champion Brocklebeck Bess. Unflappable temperament, very friendly, vaccinated, wormed. loads well, used to farrier. For further details contact Brocklebeck Ponies on 01686 622217 (Newtown Powys, close to the English Border)




HAZELGROVE CHERRY

Black filly foaled May 1995. Home reared at Heald Brow, North Lancashire now moved to the Cotswolds. Sweet natured, good looking and easily broken in, ridden regularly since July 1998, going well with no problems Contact Sue Cartwright on 01451 850303.



LOWNTHWAITE DUKEDOM

s: Heltondale Duke IV d: Lownthwaite Duchess. 13.3hh Excellent in traffic. Broken to drive at 2 years old. Been ridden bare back but not formally broken to ride. Would be easy to do. Multiple winner as youngster eg Yearling winner at the Royal Show. £2,000 ono Contact Mr J White on 0102 877481 (Hants)



WOLDS WIGEON

s: Ralfland Victor d: Drybarrows Lady Jane, all black 3 year old filly. lunged, long reined, seen traffic, being ridden out regularly. Good ridden prospect, very enthusiastic and ready to go on, very lightly shown in hand. All inoculations, microchipped and regularly wormed. Contact Mrs Fabb 01628 671343

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Autumn General Meeting will be held on Saturday 23rd October 1999 at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, Cumbria at 1.00pm. Tea will be available afterwards.

Please forward any apologies to the secretary by 22nd October at the latest.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairmans Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Reports of Delegates and Sub Committees
7. Drawing of the Grand Raffle
8. Members Suggestions
9. Any Other Business

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1999/2000

- 22nd October Annual Sale of Registered Fell Ponies. Penrith Auction Mart. Contact the Auction Mart direct on 01768 862323 and for catalogues available approx 10 days beforehand. Apply to Penrith, Farmers & Kidd's, Agricultural Hall, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0DN. Overseas enquirers can fax: 00 44 1768 863962 for details.
- 23rd October Autumn General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith at 1.00pm.
- 6/7 November British Equine Event, Stoneleigh

2000

- 6th May Stallion Show brought forward one week due to other committments at Dalemain.
- 5th August Lowther Fell Pony Classes, Lowther Horse Driving Trials
- 12th August Annual Breed Show, Brougham, Penrith





Breed Show Supreme Champion Townend Septimus owned by J Williamson



Supreme Champion Stallion Drybarrows Jeff owned by Mr E M Wilson

If undelivered please return to:
Fell Pony Society, Federation House, Gilwilly Ind Estate, Penrith Cumbria CA11 9BL