



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Autumn Newsletter 2000 Volume 2



TOWNEND MADDY and TOWNEND MERRY
Twin Fell foals
born 30th May 2000
(Sire Guards Patrick Dam Townend Mulberry)



***LUNESDALE REBECCA BREED SHOW SUPREME CHAMPION
OWNED BY MR AND MRS MORLAND***



***WAVERHEAD PRINCE II SUPREME CHAMPION STALLION
OWNED BY MR J BELL Shown by Miss B Bell***

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

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| To retire 2002: | Mrs. E A Ball, Miss. M G Longsdon, Mr. J Bell, Mr. R B Sutcliffe. |
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| To retire 2004: | Mr. A W Morland, Mr. W S Potter, Mrs. M Raines, Mr. D Wilkinson |
| To retire 2005: | Mr. R B Charlton, Mrs. G Cockbain, Mrs. C Morland, Mr. I Smith. |

PRESIDENTS NOTES

It is a great honour to be voted President of the Society and I was delighted to take up this mantle in March of this Millennium year. Looking back over the Society's history it seems I qualify as the youngest person to hold this honorary capacity, and therefore my appointment has set a precedent of which I hope my predecessor, and the remarkable Molly Laing, would approve. Molly told me at the dinner dance held a few years ago at Crooklands that she intended to write the story of her life. Due to her inability to refuse work, she never had the time to write what would have been a fascinating' no doubt long book. More's the pity.

This year saw the inauguration of regional support groups, networking on a regional basis drawing together FPS members. Initially with funds loaned from the Society, these groups are developing well, so well that some groups have already repaid their loans and are now self-financing. They organise events of a varied nature, from demonstrations to pleasure rides, visits and socials. The existence of these support groups will in particular benefit members who -For many reasons feel too remote from the main centre of activity, the North West, and should help to keep members in touch with developments within the Society.

Finally, a thank you to those people who have helped the vets in Liverpool and Penrith this year with their continuing research into the foal mortalities. Every sample is important in putting together the complex picture of this condition and will contribute to the ultimate identification of the problem.

Sally Wood

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the Spring Newsletter I dwelt largely on Society administrative and financial problems. We have far to go and lots to learn, but are making good progress - so many of you have taken part in assisting in a variety of ways, Thank You.

I particularly wish, on your behalf to repeat my indebtedness to Barry Allen for his term as Council Member and Vice Chairman. His wise advice and extreme hard work, together with his humour and friendship, cannot be over emphasised; and that goes for his wife Cath as well.

Margaret Raines was elected Vice Chairman in May and has stepped into the breach in a seriously business like manner. That is just what we need and please Margaret do not burn yourself out! Derek, her husband, is of stalwart support and a wise adviser.

I am pleased to welcome Sally Wood as our new President, and I am sure her past experience as the Society Secretary will be of great value.

During the period without a Society Secretary, which I call "The 6 month Turmoil", most of you were tolerant and understanding. Thank You. Our difficulties were compounded by so many changes which are not of our making; EU Rules, MAFF pressure with no firm advice, much appalling inaccurate media coverage which is uncontrollable, low values for our ponies, incentives in ESA areas to reduce stocking levels, and so on.

To the Council Members and several others who spent many hours both in the office and at home we should be grateful. It was stressful both to them and their families - but, in carrying the can, we have learnt a lot and are wiser and more prepared to tackle the future. Various Council Members are now responsible for particular tasks and small working groups/sub committees have been set up to advise the Council and instigate action following their decisions.; these groups include: Finance Committee, Show Working Group, Publicity, Archives and Management of Sales articles.

As already publicised, Beth Slater is doing a fine job as Treasurer and her husband John is helping with membership, as well as publishing our Newsletters. I believe the various Area Support Groups are "getting into harness" and hence will play an increasing role in many spheres. Jackie and Bob Clegg are enthusiastically collecting and documenting much archive material, as well as exhibiting our Breed credentials and Sales articles at various shows. By the time this goes to print I hope we will have purchased a small exhibition trailer; - that will save considerable show/site costs and make the logistics of publicity and sales much easier.

Now, to the focal point of your Society. The Office and the Secretary's role. Caroline Singer started well, is business like and continues to grasp the task in a cool and efficient manner. I am delighted with her effectiveness and we must do all we can to assist and support her.

I have an apology to make, particularly to our younger members. At the AGM we did not have the Performance Awards available. I am very sorry to have disappointed the prize winners and not to applaud them sufficiently. Due to the administrative difficulties our lines got crossed. The awards have now been dispatched with a letter of apology and congratulation.

The Fell Foal Syndrome must be uppermost in some of your thoughts. In June Margaret Raines and I visited The Rare Breeds Survival Trust offices at Stoneleigh. We had a 2¹/₂-hour meeting with the Executives of that Society. Your Council have appointed them as the advisory body to resolve the problem that our breed contains. Their expertise is acknowledged internationally in the resolution of comparable breed problems and we are confident in their ability to give us the best advice available. Dr Ian Gill has written a separate article, which is published elsewhere in this Newsletter. He will voluntarily be guiding, advising and monitoring our plans to eradicate the "syndrome" from our breed. When the Scientists at Liverpool, and elsewhere, have definitively diagnosed the exact details of the syndrome and when

they have developed a marker test for ponies, Dr Gill will give us his best advice. This is likely to be a controlled breeding programme and he knows from previous experience that the chances of success are very high. Two points I must emphasise which many people seem to have misunderstood are: Firstly, as far as we have experienced, NO pony is going to die or suffer because of the syndrome after it is weaned or is about 6 months old; Secondly, when a Marker Test has been found, the choice of pony parentage remains with owners, BUT a parent that is "marked" by the test should NOT be destroyed and indeed is perfectly capable of breeding a fit offspring. Therefore, please ask for advice and do not be too hasty in your presumptions. Dr Gill has confidence in eradicating the syndrome and we must KEEP as large a gene pool of ponies as possible.

Fell Pony 2000 has done an excellent job in raising awareness of our problem, despite much unsolicited media drama attention, and has raised considerable funds for this particular problem as our charitable arm; we are much indebted to them. They finish their official role at the end of the year 2000

. None of us are in any way at fault for the totally fatuous but destructive press coverage we have received. Arnold Garvey, Editor of Horse and Hound, has been constructive, supportive and virtually correct in his considerable number of articles. Sadly, the general public do not read Horse and Hound, and the same comment could be made on the Countryside Alliance issue .

Dr Stuart Carter and Gareth Thomas, plus their team, become more and more optimistic, and we await their Liverpool University results. Gareth Thomas has been very active around the shows and studs, taking samples, micro-chipping ponies and communicating with the members. He has foaled six mares at Leahurst. All so far "happy healthy" foals, - and their samples have been of great value.

The Rules and Regulations are in the process of review. They will not be complete for this mailing. Please consult if you have any queries and we hope to re-issue them with the Spring Newsletter in 2001. This particularly concerns "Identification" and "Postal Voting". The outline of recent decisions is printed separately at the end of my report.

We have yet to clarify administration details, but hope to arrange considerable cost saving for micro chipping due to an offer made by BEVA (British Equine Veterinary Association). This may not cover the whole UK but may avoid a full call out fee from your vet. We also are investigating the training of our own approved microchip operators, but legislation and insurance are proving a problem.

The subject of Postal Voting for election of members to The Council has been discussed regularly at Council Meetings, and occasionally at General Meetings, and has continually been rejected. The chief grounds for rejection having been that fewer members would attend General Meetings and that members would vote for candidates about whom they had no particular knowledge to judge their capabilities.

Following the Spring AGM, and consequent upon a show of hands of about 50:50, the Council agreed to debate this subject at their next meeting on 11th July.

After two years of difficult negotiation your Council came to an agreement with the Dutch FPS about 31 ponies that had been exported to Holland without completing the correct procedures. We insisted that all 31 ponies be DNA tested and that their parents be DNA tested also. If they passed the parentage test then they would be recognised as correct in the Stud Book. The majority have now been recognised and we await a few results.

I cannot mention all the individual exhibitors and ponies that have been so successful in all spheres nationally as well as locally - there have been so many. But to all of you and your ponies well done, you are keeping our breed flag flying high. The NPS Breed WHP, Novice Ridden, Junior Ridden and Veteran Ridden Qualifier letter was lost in the "turmoil". The Forsman's took on all the WHP Qualifiers at their show in June, as usual, and The Hexham Native Horse and Pony Show agreed to take on the Ridden Qualifiers in July. The WHP entries were so poor for June that they were transferred to The Hexham Native Show in July; all things considered the entries for these qualifiers were excellent except for the veterans. For 2001 it is hoped to have the Ridden Qualifiers held earlier in the year at a suitable venue in Cumbria, and also the Main NPS Breed WHP Qualifier. The NPS Native Breed WHP Qualifier Offers 6 qualifiers, which can be at different shows, so it is hoped to find venues throughout the country for this qualifier.

As already referred to we have a worry about ESA's. That is an "Environmentally Sensitive Area". Carole Morland, one of your Council Members, has written an article elsewhere in this Newsletter, which poses our problem. We will attempt to persuade the parties involved to realise that our ponies should be "part of the Fell" and not be bribed to go. It will not be easy - but the Exmoors are succeeding and we are in close touch with them and others involved.

A subject, which I dislike mentioning, but which must be done, is the behaviour at General Meetings. I am tarred with the brush as a mediator and have no intention of changing. However, a 6hour General Meeting is not on. You could say that I should cut the debate short, but then I would be denying the twice a year opportunity for members to air their views. I therefore, ask you please to be concise and not repetitive, and help me to bring the views to an amicable conclusion. "And then we will have time for a general chat over tea".

Finally, I especially wish to give tribute and to thank those who have served on your Council and to welcome those new arrivals. Barry Allen has already had his commendation as the ex-Vice Chairman. I hope he will be back; he has retired and has free time!

Mrs Ailie Newall. It is hard to find a few words, it would take a book! 40 plus years on the Council. My Grandfather set her and her husband Gerald up in Fell ponies in

the 1940's. They already had "those" little Shetlands. Ailie breeds the best, and has a great eye.; she goes for action as well as type and kept our breed in the public eye more than any other during the 1950's to 1970's and she still goes on. She is of strong opinion and is so often right - "the Scottish touch"; a sister in law to the late Sylvia McCosh of Dalemain; it is in the family. I treasure the reminiscences of over 50 years as our neighbouring Fell Pony Stud in Northumberland. Ailie stood down due to private reasons and perhaps she will be back. However, she continues as the "boss" of the judge's panel and does it well. and we cannot thank you enough.

Christine Morton, Frank Wales of Lowthwaite's daughter, is an extreme enthusiast and clever breeder of ponies. She carries on the family tradition together with her sister Frances. Christine did a mammoth job in the office in difficult times, together with Cath Wilkinson and we thank them for their energetic and enthusiastic contribution to Council business and debate.

I am pleased to welcome the four new Members of Council. They have all contributed a lot to our breed and I am sure they will do so even more now that they are on the Council. They are Mrs Glenis Cockbain, Mr Ian Dixon, Mrs Carole Morland and Mr Ian Smith.

Just to give you even more to read - Sarah, Jenny, Lucie and I have just spent 2 weeks in the Andalucian Mountains of Southern Spain. Apart from a good measure of sun and warmth (what is that I hear you say), views to Gibraltar and the Rif Mountains of North Africa - one of our highlights was a visit to Jerez and The Spanish School of Riding and to watch the fantastic display of "Airs Above The Ground" they put on with their Andalucian Horses. If only we could do that! The locals in the mountain village also "promenaded" their beloved horses around their village for all to see most evenings. So much better than motorbikes or the like! We all have so much to learn!!

Good Luck, keep going and thank you for your continued support

Bob Charlton

Secretary's Report

Well, at the time of writing this I am suffering with a broken collar bone. I wish to thank those of you who have sent me 'get well' messages; they have cheered me up at what is a low time. The offending Connemara has now been sold and I look forward to purchasing my first Fell.

I would like to welcome our new members to the Society, 135 to date, and hope you enjoy reading your first newsletter.

I have had an eventful first few months attending as many Society events as possible. The Stallion & Colt Show was the first show where I was actually able to get amongst some Fells and see what the 'hairy beasties' looked like in the flesh and was amazed just how friendly and calm the two stallions that I went to see were. I

can definitely say it was then that my whole perception of the breed changed. I was then due to go to the WHP event held at Peter Forsman's. Unfortunately this was cancelled as there were only four entries.

In July I had the opportunity of attending the Stud Visit held by Bert and Carole Morland where the weather was perfect (see comments further on). The following day was Windermere Show where a light drizzle turned into a torrential downpour. After seeing a duck land on a newly created pond in the show ring, I decided it was time to retreat and went home to get dry. I was glad that I wasn't one of the exhibitors, who proved that they were made of harder stuff!!

After a short break, we had Lowther and the Breed Show in quick succession. There were a decent amount of entries at Lowther, though the main ring display and commentary was disappointing. The highlight for me was seeing Lunesdale Prince Henry doing what Fells are renowned for – his magnificent trot around the arena.

Finally the Breed Show. I saw bits of classes throughout the day and met many new and old faces from home and abroad whilst helping man the Sales Stand. At the end of the day I felt tired but happy – I really enjoyed this show. What made the day especially nice was that one member came up to the stand at the end of the show and said how much he had enjoyed himself. Luckily the rain held off until the end.

The shows made a loss this year and probably have been losing money for quite a few years now. As our Chairman has mentioned we now have a Finance Committee which is looking at ways of improving our current situation and raising money. We also have a Show Committee who will be looking at ways to make the shows more profitable. Suggestions are welcome from our members.

Winter is nearly upon us and with it comes OLYMPIA. This year, as far as I know, we only have one pony through from the Breed Show qualifier. I am sure I can say on behalf of all our members – Good Luck Julie Robinson and Lunesdale Rowan, our fingers and toes will be crossed – hopefully it will be 'our year', it's about time, and many of our members will be down there to cheer you on.

With that I would like to say a few thank yous. Firstly to Barry Allen for looking after me and showing me the ropes in my first week. To Jacki and Bob Clegg for their hard work and enthusiasm with taking the sales and display stand to shows and to Judy Hill for all her help and support. I wish to thank all the other people in the background that have helped in many ways, especially Margaret Raines and the Slater's. Not forgetting Bob Charlton and his suitcase – which I will eventually get into!!

Finally I wish to thank all our members for being understanding and patient with me.

An early Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Caroline Singer

PS The 1999 Stud Book should be available around Christmas time.

STALLION LICENSING

Colts are eligible from two years old, after 1 January of their second year. Owners must supply the Secretary with the contact details of a veterinary surgeon ***from a practice other than their usual one***, and Examination and Report Form is to be sent to the vet together with a letter, which is copied to the colt's owner, who also receives the DNA kit for the vet's use. The owner makes arrangements with the vet for the inspection, after which, if the colt has passed, the DNA sample is taken.

The colt must be micro chipped upon approval if not already done. The microchip sticker or number has to be entered onto the pony's passport by the person performing the microchipping and the Society has to be informed of that number. The cost of the vet's inspection is borne by the colt's owner.

The vet returns the Examination and Report Form to the Secretary. The licence is issued when the DNA testing confirmation is received, records updated and a stallion service book is issued in the Spring.

A COLT, WHICH PASSES THE EXAMINATION, MAY NOT BE USED FOR STUD PURPOSES UNTIL THE LICENCE IS ISSUED

The cost of a stallion licence, which includes the cost of DNA testing is £50.00 (non-members double fee). It is important to register transfers of ownership of stallions so that the service book is sent to the correct owner, thus avoiding delays. ***Stallion service books must be returned to the Secretary by 1 September annually.***

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Following rules apply:-

REGISTRATIONS

Filly Foals To be identified by either microchipping and/or five identification markings (including colour). In any event all filly foals must be micro chipped before being sold from the holding of their birth.

Colt Foals Five identification markings (including colour) are sufficient with colts being micro chipped upon licensing.

Secretary's Note

It is up to individual owners if they wish to microchip their colt/gelding instead of using identification markings.

You do not need to fill in any identification markings if you microchip your foal. I would suggest that if your foal has any distinguishing markings i.e. white star/foot, then this should be added to the form. Unless you are certain about keeping your foal for a number of years, it might be easier to register the foal by microchipping it first. When your pony is micro chipped you should mark/stick the microchip number on

the registration document whilst in the presence of the person microchipping.

DNA

The Council rescinded the rules regarding DNA testing. It was decided that there had to be random DNA testing of **2% of all foals**.

EXPORT

The only requirement now is that all ponies, regardless of sex, must be micro chipped before being exported.

Secretary's Note

I would remind those of you selling ponies that before the pony is to be exported, a Certificate of Transfer form must be filled in and sent to the office along with the pony's registration document and correct fee. There are no excuses why this cannot be done. The registration document will then be returned so that it can accompany the pony being exported.

SALE OF REGISTERED NATIVE PONIES

Friday 20 October 2000

Judging of the entries will commence at 0930 hrs. This year's judge is Mr Clive Richardson. Catalogues will be available from Friday 13 October. The cost for a catalogue is £2.50 payable to Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's plc, Agricultural Hall, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0DN. Tel No 01768 862323 Fax 01768 863962

The Secretary of the FPS will be in attendance to deal with transfers of ownership and general enquiries – please go to the Sales Stand in the foyer.

For those buying and selling Fell ponies please observe the following rules:-

All registration papers must be sent/handed in to the FPS Office no later than a week before the sale. These must be accompanied by a correctly filled out Certificate of Transfer form which has been signed by the vendor.

On the day of the sale 'Exit Passes' **MUST** be stamped by the FPS Secretary before any vehicle leaves the Auction. These passes will be checked at the exit gate.

Paul May (MRCVS) will be in attendance at the Auction to micro chip any ponies

REMEMBER – Those vendors selling this years filly foals must have the foal micro chipped if sold at the Sale or before she leaves her holding of birth.

SALES LIST OF REGISTERED STOCK

If you have a pony to advertise, please apply to the office for a form. At the moment it is a free service for both vendors and purchasers and in order for this to be a success the information needs to be correct and up-to-date. Please support it by letting the office know immediately if a pony is sold and/or can be removed from the Sales List.

The office is currently receiving at least five enquiries each week for registered fell ponies from riding and performance ponies to prospective stallions and brood mares.

I wish to thank Mary Longsdon for all her hard work whilst she has been doing the sales list, without her help and knowledge we would be quite a few members short. Mary wishes to thank Sally Rowe for all her magnificent help with the typing and

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Results of Council Elections 2000-

At the Society's AGM on 1st April 2000 there were ten candidates offering themselves for 5 Council vacancies.

Mr B Allen and Mrs A A D Newell said that they were not standing for re-election .

Mr RB Charlton, was re-elected and Mrs G Cockbain, Mrs C Morland, Mr I Smith and Mr I Dixon were successful as new candidates. Mr I Dixon would serve until 2003 as the extra vacancy had been created due to the death of Mr Mike Allen.

Nominations for Council Elections should be sent to the Secretary by 1st January 2001. Nominations must be in writing and signed by two members. Members are not eligible for election to the Council unless they have been Full members of the Society for at least five consecutive years.

Regulation Changes

Identification

1. The Council rescinded the present rules on registration (microchip and DNA of all filly foals).
2. All filly foals to be identified by either micro-chipping and/or five identification markings (to include colour). In any event all filly foals must be micro-chipped before being sold from the holding of their birth.
3. It was decided that there had to be random DNA testing of 2% of all foals.
4. For all colts five identification markings were sufficient with all colts then to be micro-chipped upon licensing.
5. It was decided by Council to rescind the rule of parentage testing before export. The only requirement now is that all ponies must be micro-chipped before export.
6. Please remember All ponies must be registered by 31st December in their year of birth with the following exception:- Recognised and approved 'Native Heath Breeders'. Equine Passport applications must be submitted by 31st May or before the first anniversary of foaling date, whichever is the sooner.

Postal Voting

A Sub-Committee has been formed to consider the process of Postal Voting and they will report to the January Council Meeting. Subject to that meeting's approval, there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting before the 2001 Annual General Meeting to approve Postal Voting and an application for Charitable status.

WE HAVE ARRIVED.

WEB SITE: The Fell Pony Society is about to launch it's own web site. This has been made possible by the generosity and expertise of one of our own members who wishes to remain anonymous. We will have a very professional site which we hope will be informative and user friendly. Procedures for registering and other rules and regulations will be available on site. Various forms for transfer of ownership, membership etc will be able to be downloaded. Show results, stallion/stud lists, sales lists, merchandise, a calendar of events, discussion of issues affecting the Society, photographs, your most frequently asked questions answered and much else will all be on line for the benefit of members, and others interested in the breed. We hope that it will help to promote and profile the Fell Pony and the Society, whilst providing a service for the benefit of breeders and all members.

This is of course a completely new venture for the Society and I repeat is not costing the society a penny. The raffle held at Bert and Carole Morlands' Open Day Gather has also very generously been donated to this venture.

It would be very helpful, if there are any members who do NOT wish to be listed, featured or otherwise mentioned in the future on this web site, if they would notify the office accordingly

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or views with regard to the site. **Margaret Raines: 01748 824547**

Full web site name:

<http://www.raresteeds.com/FellPonySociety>

REMINDERS

Stallion Service Books are due back now.

Junior and Senior Points Scheme: Closing date 15th January 2001

Youngstock and Performance Awards to Christine Robinson after the last qualifying show has taken place. Closing date 15.1.2001

Remember to keep a copy of your entry before sending it off.

Juniors and Seniors to Mrs CH Robinson, 6 Crossgates, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria CA14 4 TU

Endurance Awards Scheme : Return entry cards to Wendy Cresswell, Court Barn, Lingen, Bucknell, Shropshire SY7 ODY.



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2001 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription rates are as follows:

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| Full Member | £15.00 |
| Junior Member (Under age 18) | £ 7.50 |
| Family Member | £ 7.50 Family Member is a |

member with one full member in the Society in their family and wishes to be an Associate Member with no voting powers.

Subscriptions are renewable annually on 1st January. There is a period of grace of 3 months, until 1st April, at which time membership is deemed to have lapsed. A reminder letter will be issued in due course, after which no further mailings will be sent and privileges of membership of the Society are withdrawn.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Having been Treasurer for approximately six months I feel it would not be fair to give a full report of Income and Expenses until a year has passed. It does seem in general that the shows have not made a great deal of money, however Memberships are on the increase together with Transfers and Registrations. Sales goods have been selling very well since Spring with some new and interesting items to the fore.

The Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of Margaret Raines meets regularly to review purchases and sales and chase up any outstanding invoices!

Finally, thank you to all those members who pay their subscriptions by Bankers Order; this saves the Society time (and money!) As we are trying to centralise things all new Bankers Orders will be processed into Lloyds TSB, 5-6 King St., Penrith CA 11 7 AP Account No. 0254896 Sort Code 30-16-28 and it would greatly help if any members who have Bankers Orders with the Bank of Scotland could transfer to Lloyds by informing their bank of the change over. Forms are available from the Office and also at the Autumn Meeting. Looking forward to more members for 2001!

Beth Slater



Securing the future of the Fell Pony

From the outside of the Fell Pony world it is clear that there are many problems facing this wonderful breed. One of these is the Fell foal syndrome, which as many of you will know is my particular area of interest. Thanks to the help of many breeders this year and in particular some of the volume breeders, the research team has enough samples to continue in earnest with the next round of genetic testing this winter.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to encourage you to think about the long-term future of your breed, and **ask you not to reduce the Fell Pony gene pool any further by attempting to breed out this disease on the basis of rumours and hearsay.** Please remember that mating two carrier ponies leads to a 1 in 4 chance of producing a syndrome foal, but there is also a 1 in 4 chance of producing a normal non-carrier foal from the same mating. It is these normal foals that are going to play an important part in the future of the breed by maintaining a varied gene pool while simultaneously reducing the number of syndrome foals. Trying to breed out the syndrome without a carrier test may actually severely damage the breed by losing valuable gene pools unnecessarily.

By **Gareth Thomas** BVM&S, MRCVS, University of Liverpool

Fell Pony 2000 Ride Kirkby Lonsdale 14th May 2000.

There was a good turnout with 41 riders taking part. Over £330.00 was made for FP2000 and once again the weather was excellent!

Eight Fell Ponies who took part :
Heltondale Ruby VIII, Stennerskeugh
Joe, Tebay Vespa, Baronshill
Ariel, Townend Honour, Princess
Abigail of Bega, Oscar and Hadrian
Grateful thanks to all who helped make the ride a success



Fell Pony Syndrome: -just -another unwanted mutant gene

Strong evidence is accumulating which suggests that Fell Pony Syndrome is the expression of a recessive gene form (allele). When the gene responsible is present as two copies of this allele the foal suffers from the syndrome. When the allele is present as one copy and is therefore accompanied by the other normal gene copy the foal, although a carrier, is entirely normal but will pass the unwanted allele to half its offspring. **When two carriers are mated** there is a 25% **chance of any foal** showing the syndrome. This is exactly the same scenario as is displayed by any recessive allele in any breed where the expression of the allele is not desired. An excellent example of such a system is the occurrence of chestnut foals in otherwise black or bay breeds of horse or pony.

It is clear that the breeders will wish to get rid of the allele from the breed and the possibility of the implementation of such a programme has given sensation hungry reporters the opportunity to produce horrific scare-mongering headlines in some of our circulation led papers. When a test for the presence of the allele in carriers is available the control of the disease becomes easy and it can be gradually eliminated from the ponies with no damage to the genetic structure of the breed.

The syndrome will only show if the foal has received a copy of the defective allele from both parents. If one parent does not have the allele then, no matter what the constitution of the other, the foal cannot have the disease. The most efficient way to achieve such a breeding system is to use only stallions which have been tested and shown not to carry the allele. This programme will totally prevent the birth of syndrome foals and will reduce the commonness of the allele by 50% in every generation. At the beginning of the programme there may be some excellent stallions which on test are shown to be carriers and which, all else being equal, should not be bred from. If however they need, because of their excellent conformation or other desirable attributes, to be used they can readily be bred from provided that their sons are tested and only their nasty allele free sons used in future generations. All their daughters can be treated just as potential breeding mares. After a number of generations the syndrome allele will become so rare in the breed that only few females carry it and at this point mares can be tested and treated for breeding purposes just as were the stallions at the beginning of the control programme. The allele can then be totally eliminated from the breed.

Summary of the main points of expression and control if Fell Pony Syndrome is the expression of a recessive allele

1. If a foal with the disease is born both its parents be carriers.
2. The frequency of carriers is much greater than affected foals born.
3. The birth of foals with the disease can be prevented if one or other sex of parent does not carry the defective allele.
4. When a test for the presence of the allele becomes available it is easiest to test the stallions because there are less of them than mares.

5. If all the stallions used are free of the allele the frequency of the allele in mares will be reduced by 50% in every generation.
6. Carrier stallions can be used as long as only their non-carrier sons are used as stallions on future generations.
7. To totally eliminate the allele from the breed the females also need to be tested and only non-carriers used as parents. This can be done after a number of generations of selection for syndrome-allele-free stallions.
8. Breeding from animals which have been 'cured' but, because they suffered from the disease are known to have two copies of the defective allele and will therefore pass it to all their foals will maintain the allele in the breed and indeed likely increase its frequency. The disease will therefore remain in the breed and could increase frequency. Cured animals should therefore never be bred from.

By Dr Ian Gill

Chairman RBST Scientific Development Committee

VET OF THE YEAR

Having missed the deadline to propose our Vet Paul May (BVMS MRCVS) for the "Horse and Hound" Vet of the Year awards in 1999 we were determined to do better in 2000! With only a day to spare we sent in our proposal, outlining Paul's qualities within the specified 150 –200 words.

Ever since his first visit after coming into this area about 10 years ago, when we had to put down a much loved mare, we have respected him for his unfailing compassion and patience with animals and humans alike combined obviously with his professional skills. He was one of the first who began to question the reasons why a disproportionate number of Fell pony foals should be ailing and not responding to normal treatments. He shared everyone's obvious distress and tried everything to save them ,often giving up his own time to help. His input contributed to the first paper to be submitted to the Veterinary Journal on what was to become known as the Fell Pony Syndrome and his interest and concern for the Fell ponies is ongoing. He gave up his spare time to talk to the Breeders Association members, who because of his approachability were able to ask for information and advice.

Paul May has been a good friend to the Fell Pony Society over the years and we are really pleased and proud that he has recently been selected from hundreds of applications to be Vet of the Year 2000, winning the use of a Saab estate car for a year and £1,000 to donate to a charity of his choice.

Penny Randell

Margaret Wilson

Why did they not win a Saab too?? Or a Discovery!!

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

*Held at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe on Saturday 1st April 2000
The meeting opened at 1.20 p.m.*

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Edwards, Mrs. P. Fell, Mrs. J. Hopkinson, Mrs. J and Miss. V Jeory, Mr. W. Lloyd, Mrs. H Mcloughlin, Mr. P and Mrs. L Moor (Switzerland), Mr. D. Morris, Miss. A. Morton, Mrs. B. Muller (Germany), Miss. J Paterson, Mrs. P. Randell, Mrs. P. Robson, Mrs. H. Sands, Misses HE and JJ Smith, Mr. A. Thorpe, Mr. M. Westerbeek (Holland) and Miss. J Williamson.

2. Minutes of the Autumn General Meeting on 23 October 1999

Mr. D. Brunt objected to the form of the minutes in the way they related to Fell Pony 2000. He believed they were not a true and accurate record. He suggested the following modification to Item 5. "Mr. Dennis Brunt reported that Fell Pony 2000 would accept the decision of the Council to use the Rare Breeds Survival Trust to continue the project, provided that when full details of the project were forthcoming, they met the criteria laid down in the recent publication, "Fell Pony Dilemma II". He said that in view of Fell Pony 2000, any solution, recommendation or breeding advice that might be given to breeders as a result of any project, should recognise that breeders should be free to make their own mating decisions" (this amendment was subsequently agreed).

Mr. F. Wales complained that the Minutes had failed to record his expressed opinion that neither the Fell Pony Society nor fell pony breeders could afford DNA testing. The following sentence should therefore be added to Item 7. "Mr. F. Wales expressed the opinion that neither the Fell Pony Society nor fell pony breeders could afford DNA testing".

Subject to these amendments, Mrs E. Whitley proposed that the Minutes be approved. Seconded by Miss M. Longsdon.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising at the point as several issues would be raised later in the meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced Caroline Singer, the Society's new Secretary who was attending as an observer but who would commence her duties on 10 April. He mentioned that the office would remain closed for her first week to facilitate training.

Mrs. B F Slater had kindly agreed to become Treasurer of the Society. The Chairman thanked Beth and her husband John for producing a very good Newsletter at short notice and with little assistance. Mrs. E. Stockdale had also stepped in to help with the distribution. The only amendment necessary in the Newsletter was to the position of Show Affiliation Secretary which was now held

by Mrs. G Williamson.

The Chairman had sought legal advice prior to the Meeting regarding proposals at the AGM. Rules could be changed at the AGM but only on the condition that the item had been put on the Agenda . A vote taken on the day could only be a recommendation to the Council who had the ultimate authority to change regulations. The Chairman explained that much of the Society's business was in response to outside legislation, MAFF etc. We had to obey the law. The Council had a problem when the views of the membership were in conflict with the requirements of legislation. The Chairman understood the feelings of the membership who saw little reason for changing a system which had worked for years. Issues had to be clarified and regulations would be re-written when final decisions had been reached.

It is important that we should do all we could to raise the price of our ponies. The Chairman indicated that the Society would consider the use of a Webster in future. He then moved to the subject of the 31 ponies exported to Holland without complying with Society regulations. As was the case with any pony whose identification was questionable, the Society had insisted on parentage testing of the ponies before they could be returned to the Stud Book. Some breeders had refused to supply DNA samples from their ponies and the testing could not be completed. The decision had been taken in Council to nevertheless allow the return of the ponies but they would be identified in Society records as ponies whose parentage could not be proved.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the Meeting to Stuart Carter from Liverpool University, and to Gareth Thomas who would be working on the syndrome problem.

Mr. F. Wales had consulted his solicitor regarding the sale of a pony outside the Society regulations. He had been told that responsibility would lie with the purchaser. In this case the Dutch owners had been required to pay a considerable sum to DNA the ponies and their dams. Several members believed the Society should not have agreed to pay for the Stallions. Mr. Morland pointed out that in Council he had suggested that the Dutch buyers pay a penalty of £100 per pony. Mr. Mallinson wished to know how much the exercise had cost the Society in legal fees, administration and DNA testing stallions. The Chairman did not have the information immediately available – he believed the cost could possibly be a few hundred pounds. Mrs. S Wood (ex Secretary of the Society) believed that Society rules should be followed. If one wished to be a member and own ponies with papers, one had to do the right thing. Miss. J Brindley wanted to know why she, as a member, should pay for errors. Mrs. C Morton questioned the legal advice which had been obtained on potential liability of breeders, exporters and the Fell Pony Society. She claimed this advice had been misinterpreted and the Council misled. Mr Allen denied this and felt it was unwise to discuss the subject without the relevant paperwork. Mr. I Dixon had exported many of the affected ponies from his yard. He objected to the Europeans having to pay for identification of ponies going abroad. It did not happen in this country. The Chairman hoped that we would learn from the recent mistakes.

5. Election of Council

The Chairman announced that Mr. B Allen and Mrs. A Newall were not standing for re-election, and Mrs C Morton had decided to resign from the Council. He thanked all for their contributions and paid particular tribute to Mrs Newall who had served on the Council for 45 years. With her husband Mrs. Newall had been instrumental in putting fell ponies “on the map”. Mrs Newall thanked the Chairman for his comments and said she intended to continue as Chairman of the Probationer Judges Scheme. Mrs Morton’s position would not be filled at this election as her resignation had been received after the notice of the AGM had been published.

Ten candidates were offering themselves for 5 Council vacancies. The candidate with the lowest votes of those elected would serve until 2003 (to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. M Allen). In line with the procedure introduced in 1998 all candidates were asked to speak on a question based on membership suggestions.

“In the future of the Fell Pony Society do you believe there is a role for the Fell Pony Breeders Association and, on a personal level, what do you believe your role will be as Company Director”

During the counting of the votes, Mr. J Langcake asked why Mrs Morton had resigned. She expressed the view that Society business affairs should be better handled and she had enough.

The successful candidates were:

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| Mr. RB Charlton | 95 votes |
| Mrs G Cockbain | 75 votes |
| Mrs C Morland | 72 votes |
| Mr I Smith | 66 votes |
| Mr I Dixon | 59 votes |

6. Election of President

Members were also asked for nominations of the position of President of the Society. Mr F Wales was proposed by Mr A Morland, seconded by Mr D Howe. Mrs. S. Wood was proposed by Mr. J Bell seconded by Mrs E Ball. Mrs Sally Wood was elected President for the next two years.

7. Re-appointment of

Messrs Stephenson Armstong & Co as Auditors to the Society.

The Chairman reported that financially it had been a bad year. Profit of £8,378 in 1997/98 had been turned into a loss of £1,973 during the year ended 31st October 1999. The significant factors affecting the figures were the £5,000 donation received from the late Sarge Noble last year, and additional expense this year on Secretary’s honorarium. Members raised various questions on such items as the “200 Club”, photography expenses and room hire.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr D Raines and seconded by Mr P Boustead.

Re-appointment of the Auditors was proposed by Mrs. S Wood and seconded by Mrs. E Ball.

8. Reports of Delegates and Sub-Committees

Miss. M Longsdon reported that Area Groups were progressing better than could have been expected. A Calendar of Events had been produced and these were available at the meeting. On the NPS front, Mountain and Moorland representative to the Committee had changed and were now David Mansell (Exmoors) and Dionis McNair (New Forests). Miss. Longsdon was also now responsible for sales and she wished to thank Sally Rowe for her assistance. Copies of the Pony Sales List were available. Mary made a special plea for owners selling a pony to let her know in order to prevent its repeated inclusion on later lists

Mrs. J Hill, who is a Group Leader, mentioned a sponsored walk by David Morris who intended to make a donation to Society funds. The Group Leaders were asked to stand and make themselves known to members. They were Beverley Hodgson (North West), Margaret Raines (North East), Mary Longsdon (Midlands West), Judy Hill (Midlands East), Michael Goddard (South West), Chairman Ross-Thompson (South East) and Judy Fairburn (Scotland)

Mrs. Newall reported that three probationer judges would be in training this year. and there would be another assessment day later in the year.

Mrs. C Robinson had forms available for the Junior and Senior Points Schemes and the Youngstock Performance Awards..

Mrs. M Raines stood in for Mr. R Sutcliffe to report on BHS matters. There was now a vigorous committee looking after natives. She gave notice that all equidae, including non-registered stock, must be registered this year. The effect for the FPS was 2 additional pages in passports. The legislation was due to the fact that we do not eat our ponies. The BHS was also concerned about strangles at present. A new series of hunter trials was being introduced with good prizes for Mountain and Moorland ponies. There was a plea from the Royal Welsh Show for a better response to their Mountain and Moorland classes. For the future we have been asked to consider a system for dope testing of ponies. Mrs. Raines finally introduced Pat Renwick, Vice-Chairman of the NPS who she described as a good friend and contact on M&M issues.

Mrs. Liz Whitley announced that the Southern Breed Show would be held again at Shotover Park on 10th September this year.

9. Foal Disease Research and Fell Pony 2000 Update

Dr. S Carter introduced his session with a description of DNA and micro chipping as he believed there was still confusion around as to the purposes of both. Microchipping was for the easy identification of the pony itself. DNA testing was to prove parentage of the pony. He explained that there had been a meeting recently with interested parties, including local vet Paul

May, to produce a plan of campaign for this year. It had been decided that the Research Team should try to get 6 pregnant mares to Leahurst. He could guarantee that they would receive first class care and treatment. They were also anxious to get their hands on syndrome foals – even if the condition was only suspected. Live foals were obviously preferred but they would take dead too. Dr. Carter mentioned a treatment which appears to have been successful in one or two cases. The product was Levamisol and Paul May was preparing a document on a course of treatment. Dr Carter made clear that the treated pony may not survive for long and, if it did, its offspring would invariably be carriers. He would welcome any suggestions or comments on the problem from breeders. He introduced Gareth Thomas and said that Gareth would microchip ponies free of charge if called out to take samples. Dr. Carter was asked what percentage of foals he believed to be syndrome foals. He said between 10% and 20%. Mr Morland felt samples and 8 of the ponies had proved to be syndrome foals. Mrs B Hodgson believed many foals were dying but not being reported. She asked members to co-operate with Leahurst as the size of this problem would not reduce.

Dennis Brunt then explained that Fell Pony 2000 was into its last year. The research team had gathered many samples and much information from breeders. He wished to thank the breeders and was confident that a solution would be available soon and made the point that research into the carrier test was not helped by the major grant which had been received. It was funded from money raised within the FPS. A raffle with very large prizes was to be run by Fell Pony 2000 and a resume of their second annual report would be sent out to members with raffle tickets. He then expressed his concern about the Council's approach to the problem of a breeding programme. once a test was available. and Fell Pony 2000 was anxiously waiting for further information on the findings of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. When would they be making their action plan known? Mr Brunt was concerned that the test would become available and no plans would be in place. Would they be taking temperament and type into consideration for example? Mrs. Raines replied that she had spoken to Lawrence Alderson at the RBST. They were constantly involved in problems like this. They have structures in place but they are awaiting further information regarding a marker test before they act. They are a top international organisation and it would be unfair to label them as anything different. They know what they are doing, claimed Mrs Raines. Dr Carter made the point that he could see the argument from both sides but was concerned that the RBST had not made contact with him. Mr. I Smith asked why the Council had decided to approach RBST rather than continuing with FP2000. Mrs. C Robinson said that breeders were more prepared to work with an independent specialist organisation than with FP 2000. Mr Brunt emphasises that FP2000 wanted a co-ordinating role – they would have worked with the RBST. They were worried that a test would be available soon and no breeding programme would be ready.

Mrs. A Johnstone (FP2000) placed the blame for the decision on the “executive” of the FPS (meaning Mr Charlton, Mr Allen, Mrs Slattery and Mrs

Ball) who had heard a presentation by FP2000 but had refused them access to the remainder of the Council. The Chairman responded that there had been full feedback to the Council and he reminded Mrs Johnson that FP 2000 had met the full Council at the Greenhill Hotel. The Council had specifically mentioned that they did not wish to have a formal presentation.

10. Presentation of Awards

New President Mrs Wood presented the Endurance Awards on behalf of Mrs. W Cresswell.

11. Members Suggestions

Postal voting – the Chairman had received letters in favour of postal voting. He explained that it was a subject which was regularly reviewed but was usually rejected on the grounds that it might affect attendance at the AGM. Various views were expressed – for and against – and a show of hands indicated that the membership appeared evenly split on the subject. Council would obviously have to take note of this.

Identification/Parentage Testing A letter received from Mrs B Muller in Germany suggested that it may be illegal to parentage test exported ponies if we do not do it for ponies transferred within this country. The Chairman indicated that the Society would be looking to the British Association of Equine Societies for guidance in such matters. He also advised the meeting that an offer from BEVA (British Equine Veterinary Association) had been received on the subject of micro chipping. They were prepared to supply vets (or trainee vets) to implant chips for an all inclusive charge of £5.00. and if the Society purchased the chips in bulk for £5.00 each that would make a total cost to the breeders of £10.00 The new Society regulation required all foals to be micro-chipped from this year. The Fell Pony Breeders Association in co-operation with the Society had identified “operatives” who would be trained to implant chips at a greatly reduced cost compared to normal vet charges. The proposal had however run into difficulties due to objections from the RCVS and the offer from BEVA was one for serious consideration. Mr. D Byas who had been instrumental in arranging the original plan, thought the new offer was good but advised caution in case it was for only a limited period. The Chairman agreed that the Society would have to seek a long term commitment. It was mentioned that Gareth Thomas would microchip for free any pony supplying a sample to Leahurst. A significant number of breeders voiced their concern about increased costs. Mr. Morland said that substantial part of the hill bred herd was in decline. He felt that the cost of the chips should be met by the FPS and implanting only by the breeder. He objected to the DNA testing of filly foals due to expense. Mrs Morland complained that, as already revealed by the Accounts the Society could not afford increased costs. Mr T Lloyd felt that there was a disincentive to breed and at present breeders should be encouraged. Mrs. Hodgson suggested that there should be a minimum price agreed for foals at sales, so buyers knew in advance that they would have to pay a reasonable price. Others felt this might be impracticable. Mr. Byas believed that DNA testing filly foals was proving nothing, so why go to the expense? The

Chairman explained that the intention was to start building the DNA records within the breed.

Mr. Morland attempted to form a proposal which covered microchipping, abandoning the DNA testing of filly foals and making parentage testing of exported ponies optional. Several counter proposals were put forward. Mr Allen suggested a show of hands to indicate whether the Council should reconsider all these issues at their next meeting. This was carried with an overwhelming majority.

The Meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.

Millennium Fell Pony



Reduce poaching on your land, buy a set of all terrain F.P.G.P.T.(Fell Pony Low Ground Pressure Tyres)for your Fell Ponies. Due to global warming environmentalists are warning of warmer wetter winters leading to increased levels of poaching by out wintered stock.

Benefits, Reduced shoeing bills. One set of tyres last up to 30,000 miles.

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Snow chains are available for the winter rider.

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Easily removed by undoing the four horse and pony nuts on each wheel.

Secretary's Note: The Secretary would very much appreciate the correct amount of postage being put on letters etc as incorrect amounts are costing the Society extra money. Thank you to all the members who are considerate enough to enclose a SAE.

Competition for 2001 Christmas Cards. And Notelets. We need some new wintery scenes for Christmas Cards and other scenes for new notelets and will run a competition in the Spring Newsletter for best photo. So get your cameras out!!

COVER STORY (TWINS)



Each year foaling time never ceases to bring eager anticipation tinged with apprehension especially with young mares foaling for the first time. Townend Mulberry was expecting her first foal this year. She wintered with the other in foal mares on Carrock Fell and was brought into the inside fields when foaling became imminent. Her expected date came and went and I began to hope she would get on with the job

as she seemed to be getting quite huge.

At last on the early evening check on the 30th May 2000 she had wax on her teats. Not really expecting any action that night I checked again just after dark and found her busy licking a tiny filly foal. How could a mare so huge have had such a small foal, (I was just asking her as you do!), if this was the best she could do! When I caught a glimpse of something further across the field, another filly foal, slightly bigger and was already on its feet.

I carried the little one with mother following to the other one, and ran (well tried) to impart the news to Eddie and get a halter but the first job was to remove another young mare from the scene as she wanted to be in on the action.

I carried the smaller foal, later to be named Merry, and not yet strong enough to walk the distance to the gate, and led Mulberry, whilst the bigger foal, later to be name Maddy followed bravely behind. As we arrived at the gate, Edwin Jnr, summoned from his bed, arrived with the ATV and trailer and the twins were loaded in and carried off with Mulberry following to a safe loose box.

The next problem was to get them suckling, short legs, hard udder, and tiny teats were serious drawbacks! Maddy eventually mastered the job but Merry found it hard going, so I decided to milk Mulberry and try to bottle feed her to make sure she had colostrum and give her the strength to keep trying. It was a good feeling when she started suckling and the milk disappeared from the bottle. Mulberry was brilliant and let me milk her every hour throughout the night and following day. Eventually by evening she was suckling on her own.

The next worry was whether Mulberry would be able to support two foals. We got some powdered milk to supplement their diet. Maddy seemed to be getting plenty and gave the bottle up after a couple of days whilst Merry continued with four small supplementary feeds a day for about a month, when she decided she was a big girl now and could give up her bottle!

They went back out to grass at about a fortnight old, when the weather was better and the grass growing. Although occasionally apart, they do most things together, staying especially close to each other when alarmed.

Over the years we had several sets of dead twins, usually aborted about February and March. Robbwater Ruth produced one surviving twin in 1989, but Eddie has never known live Fell twins, nor has anyone we have spoken to. It would be interesting to know if anyone does knows of any others.

They have certainly brightened our days, I wonder if Mulberry agrees!

Margaret Wilson

Minimum Values

I had always presumed that The Minimum Value forms as required by the Ministry Of Agriculture Fisheries and Food [MAFF] as part of the export procedures for equines was a relatively recent piece of legislation. I was therefore somewhat surprised to learn that such legislation has roots deeply embedded in English history.

Going back to Saxon times we discover that Athelstan, who was dedicated to the improvement of the horse, made the exportation of all horses illegal. This was probably almost impossible to police and fell into abeyance with the Norman Conquest.

The crusades saw an improvement in agriculture. This brought with it a need for heavy, draught horses these were imported into England from the Low Countries.

The regulation was re-introduced by Edward III in 1328 when he banned the exportation of horses not only overseas but also to Scotland. It remained a felony to export horses to Scotland for several centuries.

While in 1386 Richard II went even so far as to restrict the price that might be paid for horses within England. Dividing the country into what he perceived as the four major breeding regions, Lincoln, Cambridge the East and North Ridings of Yorkshire.

The Wars of the Roses devastated England. So it is not until the end of the fifteenth century, during the reign of Henry VII, that this regulation re-appears.

"Henry VII continued to prohibit the export of stallions, but allowed that of mares, when more than two years old, and under the value of six shillings and eight pence. This regulation was, however easily evaded; for if a mare could be found worth more than six shillings and eight pence she might be freely exported upon payment of that sum. [Modern Farriery, M. J. Miles MRCVSL, William Mackenzie, London, 1896] Henry VII's intention was to keep within the realm of England all the best horses. The exception given to mares may indicate that they were considered to be less important than stallions. What of geldings? Were they of even less worth than a mare?

When in 1588 the Spanish Armada threatened England, Elizabeth I could raise no more than 3,000 cavalry. This does not necessarily mean that the policy of Henry VII had failed. Times had changed. Henry VIII's insistence upon having only horses of full stature had led to the importation of horses from Turkey, Naples and Spain. While the continued improvement in agriculture and the introduction of the coach by Fitzgerald, the Earl of Arundel, all probably led to the use and possibly the breeding of horses for specific rather than general purposes. But predominantly the defence of England has moved on her defence is to be masterminded by the Royal Navy at sea, rather than by cavalry at home

The Minimum Value Certificates required today were designed to prevent the exportation of equines of little worth, whose destination may be presumed to be the slaughterhouse. As such, this legislation has little in common with the regulations of Henry VII..

C Morton

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The Scottish Group visit to the Balmoral trekking ponies.

On the fifteenth July, thirty one members, friends and family of the FPS Scottish group gathered together on Royal Deeside at Balmoral to meet, view and hear about the Balmoral trekking ponies and in the case of twelve lucky people take part in the afternoon trek around Balmoral estate.



The Fell ponies have rushed off in front— Riders on the Highlands in front of Balmoral Castle are Judy Fairburn Scottish Group leader and Jenny Charlton daughter of our Chairman .

The pony man and the two trek leaders gave an introductory talk on the work of the trekking ponies, including a look at both traditional and more modern deer saddles, and gave a behind the scenes glimpse of the involvement of H.M The Queen, in the lives of her native ponies. Topics ranged from grass sickness to foaling and questions were encouraged by the pony staff.

Eight Highlands three Fells and a Haflinger took part in the afternoons trek and the history and breeding of the Fells in particular was discussed at some length before the group taking part in the trek mounted up and headed off in front of the castle for a two hour ride. I must say for one who did not take part in the ride that the sight of the ponies passing the front of Balmoral itself is one which will stay in my mind forever even the sun was shining!

For those of the group not able to take part in the trek the afternoon was filled with visits to other aspects of Balmoral including the ballroom, a look at the

beautiful carriage display stunning gardens, gift shops and much needed cups of tea! All in all it was a most successful summer visit enjoyed by everyone there. Some travelled from as far away as Somerset and Derbyshire to be with us on the day! My grateful thanks to all for making it such a memorable occasion not least the staff at Balmoral who made us feel so welcome.

As a footnote it may be possible to organise another trip along the same lines at sometime in the future if there is enough interest. Anyone who feels they might like to join in or to come along again please let me know you can contact me on 01340 871770, and we will see what we can do.

The Scottish Group are holding a Stud visit in Cumbria on the morning of the Autumn Meeting. Please note that the date in our Newsletter was incorrect and should be October 21st. Anyone interested please Tel Judy 01343 890472

Thankyou. Heidi Sands FPS Scottish Group Secretary.

North West England Beverley Hodgson

Tel: 01524 241428

During the year so far in the North West we have had two pleasure rides. One in the north of the area in April thanks to Christine Robinson and one in the south of the area in June thanks to Rachel Woodruff. Anyone willing to host a ride next year please let me know.

In May we had a very informative evening where a number of us learned a lot more about Le Trec from Anthea and Mark Kendrick from Windermere who very kindly gave up their evening.

In June Sue Millard, kindly offered a hands on driving demo and a select group of people had a most enjoyable time with a very patient Fell pony, thank you Sue and Tommy.

The week after Peter Forsman and family agreed to share the working hunter qualifier with some clear round jumping practice and a few Gymkhana games. The qualifiers were actually cancelled due to very low entries but the fun stuff went ahead. Unfortunately there wasn't enough juniors and seniors to have separate classes but the seniors somehow managed to hold their own. Everyone ended the day with smiles on their faces. Thank you Peter.

The Herdwick Inn Penruddock was the venue for a very enjoyable meal, which followed an informative slide presentation by Jean Ward. An appreciative group of members had a very pleasant luncheon in very good company. Thank you Jean.

Gareth Thomas from Liverpool University came to the area on 1 st September to give an update on the Foal Syndrome research so far. A slide presentation was followed by members questions. Refreshments were served and a raffle enabled me to cover the cost of the room hire, refreshments and boost group funds. Thank you to the generous members who donated raffle prizes and thank you Gareth.

Still to come this year Rachel Craystons ride on 30 September please Tel 01946 823259

After the autumn meeting there will be a chance for some of you to try side saddle. There is already a list of interested members if you would like to join in. Please let me know and I will add your name to the list.

The trip to Olympia will unfortunately not take place due to there not being enough people to fill a coach. The reason may be that not enough Fell ponies have qualified. So come on everyone qualify your pony and we can take all of your supporters to watch you next year.

I have asked Margaret Murray to do a Team demonstration. Some of you will already be familiar with the technique, interested members are welcome to contact me and we will arrange a date.

Due to the cost of postage I will not be sending out any more information sheets this year. For next year if you want to know what has been arranged for the area and you wish to join in you will have to send £2.00 to me payable to the FPS and your name will be added to the mailing list for 2001. There are many things that we have not yet tried in the area if anyone would like to arrange something near to where they live please let me know.

Photo competition postponed until next year. New schedules will be available at the Spring meeting.

Finally if enough people are interested in having a Christmas Lunch somewhere in December I will make a reservation. Please let me know if you are interested. Suggestions for a venue welcome.

North East England Margaret Raines

Tel: 01748 824547

NPS Mountain & Moorland Ridden Championships Monday, 18TH December 2000
NPS AREA 4 COACH TRIP TO OLYMPIA £35.00

Pick up points: Scotch Corner, A1; Boroughbridge, A1; Wetherby, A1; Ferrybridge A1 and Woodhall (M1) Details from : Margaret Raines 01748 824547

As the result of interest expressed by our NE supporters we were very privileged to be invited to the Lunesdale Stud along with members of the Breeders Association to see the herd brought down from the fells, a traditional "gathering" , on a glorious summer's day in early July. I wish to thank Bert and Carole Morland once again for all the hard work that went into organising such a memorable occasion. Ponies living up on the fell do not take kindly to their seasonal routine being disrupted and see no reason to appear on cue ,even if it was to create a riveting and enthralling spectacle. Stallions, Youngstock, Brood mares and their foals, together with a wonderful display by Julie Robinson and Paul Metcalfe, of the Fell Ponies Ridden and Driven versatility PLUS a lunch AND excellent and appreciative company, made a unique day. Thanks to everybody involved, not forgetting the "garage cleaners"!! and, most importantly, the Pony gatherer, Steve. If some of us went home with a better understanding of the difficulties faced by our semi-feral herds and their "keepers" then the day was even more of a resounding success.

The pleasure ride. from Linnels

Everybody involved, either on foot or mounted had a really good day, helped in no small measure by the wonderful venue. Thanks to Sarah Charlton for providing lunch and Juliet Rogers for leading the ride. Juliet's enthusiasm persuaded the less intrepid of us, ponies and riders alike, that nothing was impossible and resulted in "daring feats" of cross country riding and river fording ("up to breast high!") never before accomplished! A great time was had by all, and the next ride ,by Hadrians Wall, eagerly awaited.

Our next event is A Millennium Lunch kindly hosted by our Chairman and his wife, Sarah at their home, Linnel Wood, nr. Hexham. This will be open to all members of the Society to mark the year 2000. Tickets will be limited £7.00 each, so first come first served! The date has been arranged for the Sunday AFTER the Autumn meeting and Show and Sale, to enable some members from further afield to , hopefully, make a weekend of it!

Mid West England Mary Longsdon

Tel: 01629 640709

Pleasure Ride 25th June 2000.

At the first committee meeting of the Midlands West F.P.S.S.Group it was decided that we would start by having a ride in the Shropshire area as there seemed to be a good number of Fell pony owners in the county and surrounding areas. Burwarton Park's estate manager very kindly gave us permission to use the lovely park land and nearby Clee Hills. A 10 -- 12 mile route was chosen. Eleven registered Fell ponies entered plus nine friends and family on a variety of Welsh and other breeds.

The morning of the ride dawned fine and dry and by noon everyone was ready to move off. One or two of the ponies were rather excited!! and a couple of adults accompanied their young riders for part of the way.

The route took the party through beautiful scenery with wonderful views of the Shropshire Plain, the Longmynd Hills to Wales and beyond passing by lakes through woodland and onto open Moorland. The ride arrived back in the Park and



after ponies were attended to everybody enjoyed tea and each rider received a commemorative rosette. It was a very enjoyable event and due to the response it is hoped that a ride will be arranged at Burwarton again next year.

Fell ponies taking Part on the ride: Low Green Topsy (Michael Cresswell) Lownthwaite Osprey (Helen Liebscher) Bewcastle Bagpiper (Mary Longsdon) Brocklebank Bess (Pauline Norris) Fly by Night (Joanne Dewston) Scotgate Solitaire (Diane Key) Lownthwaite Wing Commander (Vicky Glaze) Hillhead Sammy (Sarah Banner) Lunesdale Black Orchid (Felicity Barrels) Rosie (Gemma Ireland) Claremount Queenie (Stephanie Edwards) **Other Ponies:** Helle (Ivan Meredith) Caffrey (Kelly Brunt) Honey (Lesley Weston) Cassie (John Glaze) Smoky (Dorothy Billings) Munchie (Julie Taft) Rosie (Amy Brennan).

Other Events:

A second pleasure ride is planned for October 8th 2000 at Waterhouses, Nr Ashbourne, Staffs and a luncheon with guest speaker kindly hosted by Mr. and Mrs Hugh Marshall at their home at Sudbury, Uttoxeter, Staffs on November the 19th 2000. More details are available from group leader, Mary Longsdon
Tel: 01629 640 709

Mid East England

Judy Hill

Tel: 01455 552534

We have many very enthusiastic members, some with skills, talents and facilities we can use, We have one of the largest areas and it is difficult to involve all members in everything. We hope to sub-divide so local support can be on hand for new members next year.

The MESH breeders have had a successful season; as far as I know all are happy and healthy foals but, there is a shortage of unrelated good stallions within reasonable travelling distance.

The Showing Members have been out and about 'showing the flag' and enjoying themselves. In breed classes, ridden and driving classes, not, forgetting the lead-rein and fun classes for our younger members. There is still a shortage of up to height, Ready-made family ponies who are as safe as possible on our busy roads.

We have found a few non-member Fell owners who are keen to join, if any others are known do pass on my phone number 01455 552534.

I hope to see many at our winter talks and social get together. Happy Christmas and please send in your 2001 subscriptions during January when you check on your FPS one.

Visit to the Lownthwaite Stud.

On Sunday morning following the A.G.M on the 1st April 2000 we visited the Lownthwaite Stud by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs Wales and their daughters Christine and Frances. It was a fine, cold morning as we met at the farm lying under Cross Fell. Our first glimpse was of the stallion, Linnel Rapier II, in his paddock. He was a handsome animal who looked thoroughly pleased with himself and delighted to have admiring visitors to parade in front of, as only a stallion could. He exuded kindness and generosity as well as power and strength. Christine told us he had never

had his back feet picked up or his teeth rasped but the evidence seemed to be that here in his natural environment both feet and teeth were in fine fettle.

We then climbed into the Land Rovers for a trek up the fell to find some of the herd. We were not promised that we would be successful and as we drove higher and higher through the bleak landscape our hopes dwindled. So many acres to roam and such inhospitable terrain made many of us think our own ponies were very pampered! The weather began to worsen- sleet, then snow covered the ground and when we alighted from the vehicles at the Radar Station, at 2800FT, locally known as the "Golf Ball" the wind howled around us. Taking samples of the grass for later analysis by Dodson and Horrell, we reluctantly agreed that we would find no ponies that day.

We made our way to the lower pastures and saw some beautiful mares and youngstock. While there an excited cry rang out and following the pointing of arms we saw high up on the fell the herd, like tiny ants, moving ever upwards. We had seen enough to satisfy our picture of a hardy and resourceful breed.

Returning to the farm we were warmly and royally entertained by the Wales family.

South West England Michael Goddard

Tel: 01258 817161

I would like to thank all those members who are working so hard in their various ways to start up the South West group, giving up their time and putting in a lot of effort to make it a success. A big thank you to Lizzie Briant who has put in a lot of time producing our South West Newsletters.

The Native Breed display at Hartbury College in Gloucester was a great success with the Fell ponies looking far the best of the display. I would like to thank Miss A Carslaw and Sleddale Fern, Glenda Goddard and Bewcastle Bella, Mary Longsdon with Bewcastle Bagpipe and dog. They did a magnificent display of pack ponies and shepherds.

Please keep me informed with all your results, problems, achievements and stories for our Area Newsletters or if you have any ideas for future events. Please contact Michael Goddard Tel 01258 817161 or one of the Area members.

Future Events

24th Sept 2000 Dorset Gathering

Starting at 12.30 with a meal followed by a visit to Bewcastle Stud. Contact Michael Goddard.

28th October 2000 Fell Pony Syndrome talk by Gareth Thomas BVMS/MRCVS at Taunton contact Michael Goddard,

Nov 2000 Devon/Cornwall Gathering. If you would like to help please contact Bob/Sue Macmara Tel 01566783471

November 25 and 26 th 2000 South West Christmas Equine Fair 2000. This will be held at Westpoint, Clyst St. Mary, Exeter and for the first time we will be having a

Breed Society stand and a Fell pony on display. Please come and see us and have a Christmas drink.

December 2000 Christmas/New Year Gathering near Devizes. Contact Helen Oram
Tel 01380 723561

South East England C. Ross-Thompson

Tel: 01580 819229

We have had an introductory meeting in March which was a great success. Everyone who came enjoyed a delicious lunch and chatting to the other Fell Pony enthusiasts. At the beginning of August we were very privileged to be invited to a Driving Demonstration with Graham Steventon and Miranda Purves. All who attended had a wonderful day. The Group saw all the different types of beautiful vehicles and sets of harness and we were able to have a real “hands on” experience with the driving, ending with a magnificent spectacle and display by the four in hand team.

We also have two fun rides arranged for the end of the month (September) and in October, and will end our first year with a Christmas get together when we can enjoy chatting about our lovely ponies and the year’s happenings

Charmain Ross-Thomson

Please Telephone your Area Representative for further information.

FOR ALL MEMBERS

N.E. Supporters Millenium Lunch on Sunday October 22nd @ 12 noon at Linnel Wood, Hexham by kind invitation of Bob and Sarah Charlton. Offers of help greatly appreciated. Please phone Sarah on 01434 673262 Everybody welcome but tickets are limited at £7.00 each.

Mountain and Moorland Display

We were kindly invited by Mrs P Harvey-Richards to take part in the Mountain and Moorland display which formed part of the final “Medal Ceremony” for the European Young Riders Championships organised by and held at Hartbury College in Gloucestershire. We were honoured that HRH The Princess Royal, who is their patron, was there to watch and it turned out a lovely afternoon. The M&M ponies were in local dress and the Fells depicted pack ponies and shepherding.

Ponies taking part Sleddale Fern (Anne Carslaw) Bewcastle Bella (Glenda Goddard) Bewcastle Bagpipe (Michael Goddard)

Thank you to all who helped, brought their ponies and supported in any way.

Mary Longsdon.



Fell Pony 2000 - Update

By the time you read this, we shall have completed our main fundraising initiative for this year. It is difficult to give results and let you know how much we have raised before we know ourselves, but from the support that we have received from all quarters we expect it is going to give us a good return. However, the results will be published in the Horse and Hound in their Wembley, Horse of the Year Show edition.

As this Newsletter has a widespread readership, let us take the opportunity of thanking all of you that have sold and purchased tickets for your support for the research work and the inevitable benefits that our Fell ponies will realise.

We should also like to thank the broad range of interests and organisations that have helped in selling our raffle tickets; in particular the other Native Breed Societies whose sale of tickets at their breed shows and other events was most welcome.

We cannot let this discussion about the Fell Pony 2000 National Raffle go by without a special thank you to Arnold Garvey, the Editor of 'Horse and Hound', and his staff and Mike Gill from Grandstand Media Ltd., for the facilities that they have afforded us in promoting the raffle, its drawing and the publication of the results. We are also grateful for the publicity and facilities given to us in our promotion of the Fell pony during the week of the show. Special thanks here to Ann Carslaw for taking the trouble to get her Fell pony 'Sleddale Fern' to Wembley and giving up her time to support the event during the week of the show and to those others who have assisted her in showing the general public what a magnificent animal we have in our Fell pony.

Most of you will by now, have had the opportunity of listening to the Vet. Gareth Thomas, one of the research team, who has been engaged doing a series of presentations about the syndrome and the research work, to the Fell Pony Society regional groups. Thanks here to the regional organisers for making the necessary arrangements and to Gareth for giving all of us the opportunity to have our questions and concerns about the disease answered.

It is good to see that the advisors to the Fell Pony Society council, the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, have published in their Autumn newsletter, *The ARK*, an article by Dr. Ian Gill. In this article, Dr Gill has outlined the approach to breeding out the syndrome from the Fell Pony breed that they are going to recommend to us. We look forward to hearing more on these proposals during the October General Meeting.

Now that the scientists are well underway with their research and the RBST breeding programme has been declared, it now remains for our council to do its part in informing and seeking the co-operation of its breeders and members to ensure the workability of the solution to preserve the Fell pony 'as we know it'.

Fell Pony 2000

Budge and Me



Budge (was 21 on July 7th 2000. We first met in May 1999 after friends told me that a “Dales Pony” needed a good home on loan. I decided to take a look at the pony called Budge as I had some bad experiences with another horse and wanted a confidence giver that was also forward going. Budge filled the bill and I fell in love with her there and then.

We had a lovely summer and by Christmas I was curious to find out more about Budge and who she had belonged to. Where had she come from? My friends came to the rescue again and gave me a phone number of a mother and daughter who had her for a few years. (Sue and Heather). After phoning them I find out that my Budge has a posh name GREENFIELD BLACKBIRD with a very exciting past, winning loads of shows and championships. She is also a registered Fell Pony --- not a Dales!!

I met her owner Gordon in April and he told me that in her younger years with him she pulled a Round Top to Appleby for a few years. Now in May 2000 12 months after meeting Budge we now belong to each other permanently. and enjoy hacking out with our new friends Harry the Haflinger and Pam.

Budge and me would like to thank everyone concerned for bringing us together

Liz McKimm.



Greenfield Blackbird (17873) by Tebay Thunder out of Greenfield Bel with happy owner Liz McKimm

Pennine Bridleway Ride

In July 1999, the chairman of our Bridleways Group (North Lancs. Bridleways Assoc.) suggested we ride the proposed route of the Pennine Bridleway which is due to be opened in 2002. We decided to have four groups of riders, 3 to 5 in a group, with each group riding about 50 miles of the 200 mile Bridleway from Cumbria to Derbyshire.

Well, we have now done it! - and as one of the groups of riders included three Fell ponies I thought Fell Pony enthusiasts might be interested.

On Saturday, July 1st. five riders left Ravenstonedale for the first leg of the journey to Long Preston. This group included two Fell ponies owned by Cecelia Dixon of Newton in Furness, the young Sowermire Lizzie and the veteran Heltondale Sally. 'Sally' was ridden by Cecelia and 'Lizzie' was loaned to another rider. Cecelia continued the second leg of the Journey with 'Lizzie'.

At Long Preston on July 4th. three of us, Cath. Wood & Sue. Hargreaves from Overton riding the Fell pony, Abbey (Princess Abbey of Bega) & Shannon respectively and myself with Townend Banner (another veteran at 23 years!) joined Cecelia for the start of our 50 mile section ending at Todmorden.

We had two half days and two full days of riding in front of us with B & B already booked near Gisburn, Wycoller and Bacup. The route had been researched previously with information of the proposed route of the official bridleway added to knowledge from local riders (which was certainly a great asset) and a possible route was devised. We walked certain sections to ensure a smooth ride on the day and we accepted the help of local riders to guide us across the moors in the Burnley/Todmorden areas.

We were thankful to enjoy fine weather throughout the ride though we did experience the mists of 'Wuthering Heights'. Approximately half of the ride was on quiet roads and it is to be hoped that when the bridleway is fully opened any of these will be by-passed, though they were generally quiet and picturesque. There were also very busy major roads to be crossed and these will provide a problem for the route planners.

It was interesting to pass from the Lake District scenery we know so well to the more rugged, harsh and dramatic though equally stunning scenery of the moors and valleys of East Lancashire. The four days were a wonderful experience for both ponies and riders and, although this kind of holiday was the first time for three of us, I am sure it will not be the last!

Barbara Hartley

Discounted tickets for Olympia

Members of the National Pony Society may obtain discounted tickets for the ridden Mountain and Moorland Championship at Olympia on Monday 18th December 2000. Enquiries to the Fell Pony Society Office.

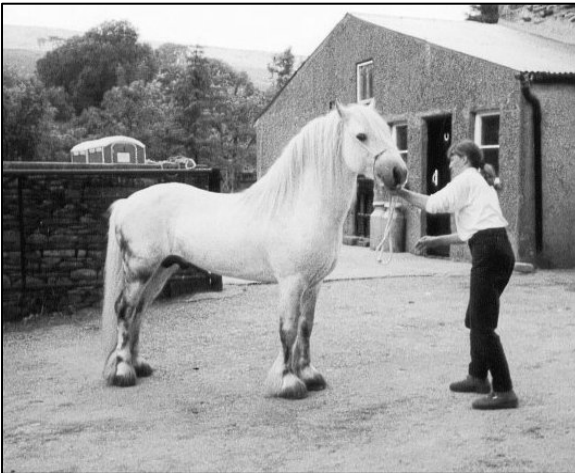
LUNESDALE STUD VISIT



When I heard about the visit to Bert and Carole Morland's Stud at Tebay I decided that it was an opportunity not to be missed. How often do you get the chance to visit a semi-feral stud where they bring the ponies to you?

The day arrived bringing glorious sunshine. Mum and I set off in good time with new films in our cameras, unsure just exactly what we would be faced with.

We made good time down to Junction 38 – especially with me driving!! Taking Beth's advice we headed towards Orton (obviously now we know it was the wrong way). We got stuck behind a farmer towing a trailer full of silage holding a conversation on his mobile whilst driving – who said farmers were behind the times?!? After asking directions we found ourselves travelling down a single track



LUNESDALE MOUNTAIN MIST FP716C

road, praying we didn't meet any oncoming vehicles. After coming down a steep hill we were faced with a row of cars driving into a field – at last this must be it. After managing to reverse the car into the field, we headed for the farm.

We were greeted by two fell 'babies' in the front field. Making our way towards the house we could see a big attendance in the yard. People were admiring the stallions in the loose boxes. Lunesdale Mountain Mist was quite happy for people to make a fuss of him, whilst Lunesdale

Henry called to his herd. A mare and foal were resting in the adjoining field.

After everyone had arrived we had a buffet style lunch which was prepared

by Carole. The food was superb and very quickly vanished. After this the 'show' began.

The two yearlings were brought off the front field and Rylstone Black Knight was led into the field. Two photographers stood in the middle and he was loose schooled so that we could all see him move. After his 'time' in the field he was cornered and caught again. He was led into the yard and run up in hand, he then stood so that people could take pictures. This was also done with Lunesdale Henry and Lunesdale Mountain Mist. It gave everyone present the chance to compare the three stallions.



LUNESDALE FELL PONIES IN ACTION

the foals were over this terrain. After what seemed like ages the herd emerged cantering down the side of the fell towards us. They stopped just short and began cropping the grass. By then the jeep had caught up and they were gently persuaded to come off the hill and filed down to the front field.

Mares, foals and youngstock mingled together with the odd scuffle of protective mums shooing away those that were a bit too inquisitive. Everyone was allowed in the field with the ponies and Carole held Lunesdale Rebecca so that photos could be taken of her and her foal.

After everyone had their fill, we were taken to a field beside the farm where Julie Robinson had brought her riding ponies for a ridden demonstration. First Lunesdale Prince Henry showed us his dressage skills before going on to do a 'proper' native show. He then showed us his jumping skills over jumps that weren't that small either. Julie then put Lunesdale Rowan through his paces, though it was explained that he was not as experienced as Henry. Whilst this was going on Henry was harnessed up and when Julie had finished with Rowan, Henry gave us a driving display. This reinforced how versatile fell ponies are, especially seeing Henry happy doing all the tasks that were asked of him. Julie brought out a third fell, this time a mare called Lunesdale Rosebud. Bert tied her tail up so that we could see her active leg action, we could see the affection he holds for her.

The photographers then left in a jeep to go up the side of the fell to get pictures of the herd before they were brought down. Some of us walked up the road to a rough track where the ponies were expected to come down and waited. We saw the group canter across the ridge, it was marvellous to see how sure footed even

There was commentary on each pony ridden and driven and after the display everyone filtered back into the yard where the Raffle was drawn.. A perfect ending to a perfect day.!

I wish to thank Bert and Carole Morland for providing an entertaining and informative day at Roundthwaite. I didn't know what to expect when I arrived that afternoon but I came away having learnt something, which I am sure everyone else there did too.

Caroline Singer

We were extremely touched by the many phone calls, cards and letters received after the Lunesdale Stud visit. Thank you all very much. Our apologies to those of you who phoned and asked to come after seeing the article in Horse & Hound (printed without our knowledge or permission) and who had to be disappointed as we had already invited the maximum number we had facilities for. Our sincere thanks to all friends and family who helped in many ways, especially Paul & Bev Metcalfe and Julie Robinson and their team for putting on the Riding, Driving and Jumping demonstration, Debbie Chadwick and Di Slack for bathing three fidgety stallions and Steve Robertson for spending many hours gathering the ponies on the fell and bringing them down on cue ! Also thanks to all who gave raffle prizes and bought tickets enabling us to raise enough for Mrs. Raines' **Fell Pony Society web site.**

Bert & Carole Morland

ESA Research

After speaking with people more involved with ESA than myself, this article is, however, as I understand it.

For those of you who do not know what ESA is about I will explain very briefly. Since 1994 farmers, including ourselves, have been encouraged to participate in one or more Tiers of the ESA. These tiers can cover things like dry stone walling for which farmers are given grants to renew so many metres per annum, re-roofing of old buildings with traditional stone slates, woodland conservation and wild flower preservation, all of which carry grants in return for the participation of the farmers. Recently they have extended their tiers to cover fell land, especially heather fells, and one of their aims is to reduce stocking density levels which in some cases could affect our feral herds of Fell Ponies. From what I have read, depending upon the type of tier entered into, the type of land, the present stocking density levels, the registered rights owned and for what type of animals, it would appear that some farmers could do quite well financially to join. As farmers are being **invited** to join rather than being forced, and in the case of a Commons Committee all the members must be in agreement. It would appear that MAFF and the ESA has no case to answer. Carole Morland



Across Country Challenge



Tailbert Lady (18144) and Jennie Selby

It was a warm sunny morning on the 25th June 2000, with the Isle of Man clearly visible out to sea when I, Jennie Selby, joined a small group of riders on the seafront at St. Bees, Cumbria. Although I was only riding for that morning the other riders would be crossing coast to coast from St. Bees in the west to Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the east over the following week. The Across Country Challenge was the idea of

Ben Goss of Gordonstoun School, Moray and his intention to raise awareness for Riding for the Disabled Association and the Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

My usual horse, a black Fell pony called Tailbert Lady, was ready and waiting for me. After much discussion about the Cumbrian weather and what to wear, we watched while a member of the group ran down to the Irish Sea and filled a cannister with water. This water would be carried for the whole ride until they reached the North Sea.

Having looked at the long legs of the other horses my leader, Carole, had suggested we lead the ride to set the pace. Lady however had other ideas, and determined to steal the show strode out in good style and had a private laugh when the others had to trot to catch up.

The ride passed through the pretty seaside village of St. Bees and we stopped for photographs in the grounds of St. Bees School. We then made our way up the steep hill out of the village and towards Egremont and boy was I glad I was riding! Once in Egremont, having negotiated traffic lights and roundabouts, not the usual hazards found on the Coniston Fells where I usually ride, it was unfortunately time to dismount. It was brilliant to be part of such an event and I enviously watched the other riders disappear into the distance.

Jennie Selby has been enjoying riding through Riding for the Disabled for several years. Her usual mount for sessions is Tailbert Lady, a twenty-year-old Fell pony who is regularly used for RDA work. For more information about the Riding for the Disabled Association telephone 02476 696510 And contact 0141 221 5066 for information regarding the Princess Royal; Trust for Carers.

STALLION SHOW 20th May



Heltondale Mountain Mist II owned by Mr P Miller 2nd Stallions 5 yo –11yo



Heltondale Roamer II owned by D&R Sandham 1st yearling colt



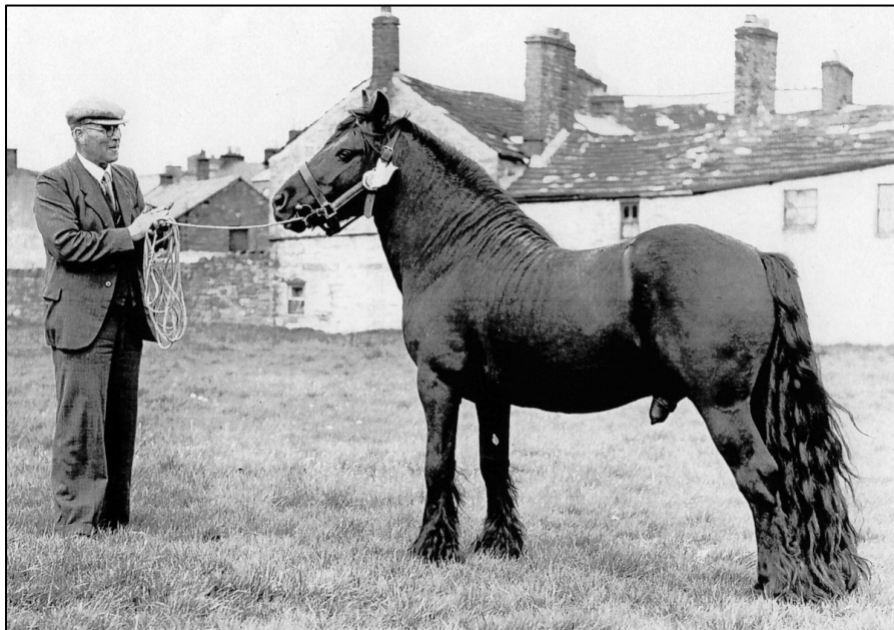
Heltondale Norman owned by A&A Thorpe

Blake Beck Boy

In September 1979 the Secretary the late Miss Peggy Crossland wrote:
NOTES ON THE REGISTRATIONS OF FELL PONIES BY DALES PONY
STALLIONS

Extract from the minutes of a Meeting of the Fell Pony Society, October 1st, 1948

“An old and out-of-date rule of the Society was revised and brought up-to-date. In the old days when the Fell and Dales ponies were all small ponies under 14 h.h. the rule re registrations was as follows:- “that a foal out of a registered Fell mare by a Dales stallion could be registered in the Fell Stud Book” It was realised that nowadays the Dales ponies were allowed up to 15.2 h.h. and were now an entirely



Harry Wales with Blake Beck Boy (2842) f. 1948 at a Stallion Show in 1950's held on Myers Field, Penrith. Blake Beck Boy was used in both the Fell and the Dales Society and had progeny registered in both Stud Books.

different breed to the Fell pony, whose height limit was 14 h.h. The new rule was laid down as follows:-“The progeny of a registered Fell mare by a Dales stallion may not be registered until it is two years old except by the discretion of the inspectors.”

March 25th 1958

Resolution: “that no colt or stallion may be registered on inspection only, but that both sire and dam must be entered in the Fell section of the NPS Stud Book.”

October 19th 1965

A grading up scheme for inspected mares was passed, whereby no colt from an

inspected mare or her progeny for three generations could be registered until gelded.

The last Dales stallion to be used in the Fell Pony Society was Master John, foaled in 1946 and registered as a Fell pony in the 1952 Stud Book.

Memo September 1979

In February 1978 the FPS told the NPS that they had no objection to the Dales Pony Society using Fell stallions on Dales mares, provided that this was stated on the Registration Certificate. However the FPS would review this concession in the Spring of 1980. The Fell Pony Society has no intention of allowing progeny of Dales Pony Stallions into the Fell Pony section.



THE CUMBRIA BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Founded in 1979 the society's aim has been to recognise and ensure the continued use of our bridleways and public access network across the county. Over the last twenty years they have been a source of help and information to users of this network by establishing field officers throughout the county to whom people can take their problems with access etc. Consequently the foundation has been cemented for consultation between the Bridleways Society and the County Councils, National Park and other major landowners.

As we have reached the millennium we intend to devote a large proportion of our time to dealing with the large number of errors which exist on the Definitive Maps, especially in the old county of Cumberland. As the government considers setting a limit on the time allowed for submissions to be dealt with we urgently need to press ahead with research. By submitting claims to correct mistakes for e.g. where a bridleway becomes a footpath at a parish boundary, we will add to the existing 1,250 miles of routes in Cumbria.

We would be grateful for any volunteers who would be prepared to help with the research at the County Records Office, Carlisle or on the ground surveying routes.

Please join our active group to help ensure the continued monitoring and upgrading of our rights of way.

RIDE THE CUMBRIAN FELLS

This is an ideal Christmas present for horse owners consisting of 22 researched rides of varying difficulty across Cumbria. Cumbria Bridleways are selling this book at £3.00 (incl P&P). The normal purchase price is £3.95 plus P&P..

For more information or to offer help contact either Keith Crocker on 01539 725238 or Carole Barr on 015394 41088.

Portrait of a certain Fell Pony- He knows who he is

Achievements

1st Lead rein egg and spoon Fourlands Gymkhana
3rd Tack and Turn Out Fourlands Gymkhana (under 10s)
2nd Compensation jumping (out of 2) Ingleton Gymkhana
Longest to get in trailer Scorton Endurance Ride
Best Loose Horse display Ingleton Gymkhana

Abilities

Able to completely destroy his own mane within minutes
Able to completely destroy buckets within seconds
Able to switch from Stroller to Dobbin within a day and back
Able to trash hen houses with bottom
Able to confuse a 16.hh Irish draught with an 11hand Donkey (well they were both grey)
Able to be-friend Guinea Fowl
Able to put on own bridle-most confusing
The best excuse his owner has ever had not to decorate her Kitchen-just no time to do it with a horse(s) to look after!

Challenges

1st scariest moment meeting Present Owner
2nd scariest moment having a bucket got caught up in his tail
3rd scariest moment seeing a pig
4th scariest moment seeing 27th wheelie Bin
5th Scariest moment seeing his own reflection

Influence on others

Able to develop language of owner to that of pure Anglo Saxon
Able to develop temper of owner beyond what she thought possible.
Able to make a hen hut his best friend
Able to scare owners mother without even seeing her
Able to reduce owners life expectancy by about 20 years
Able to reduce level of behaviour of owner to that of a toddler.
Able to make owner buy his Dad
Able to make owner become a Fell Pony Obsessive

But best of all:-

Enabled owner to fulfil her childhood dreams of going to horse shows and occasionally getting a rosette!!!!

OVER SEAS NEWS

I'd Cross the Ocean for a Fell – by Laura Hart of Michigan USA



Laura Hart with Hardendale Black Jack (BJ)

I begun my search for a Fell pony approximately one year ago .As I've ridden horses on and off all my life and leading trail rides I started looking for my own horse- the first one I bought because she was "pretty". Big mistake!! At the age of 36 I'd gotten back into riding with a drill team at our local stables and realised that I did not need to own a horse, I could own a pony. My husband said to me one day "why don't you look for a Fell pony?" Poor man, little did he know what chain of events that would precipitate! Eventually I discovered there were less than 30 registered Fell ponies in all of North America. I wanted a gelding, aged between four and nine years old, pure black with a good personality and at least "green broke", and there was not one to had in North America.

The search moved overseas to England where Fell ponies hail from and after a few false starts I began plans to fly over myself to pick one out. What an exciting thought!A more experienced horsey friend Holly came with me and she took to left side driving like a fish to water and we arrived at Penrith slightly rumped and tired. The following morning we went to a farm where a seminar was in progress. There we met our Fell pony contact, Mrs Christine Morton who with her father breed the

Lownthwaite ponies. We were introduced to national driving champion and legend, Mr George Bowman and his son George Bowman jnr and had a “Wild West” dressage show and an opportunity to ride the Lusitanos. We then went out with his other four in hand team of Cumberland cobs. and this whole experience was exhilarating and a great honour.

Then followed nine days of continued pony shopping and sight seeing and our search took us mainly around Penrith and Cumbria where Fell ponies are based. One pony was in Wales which we were more than happy to visit!! First we meandered through Northern England and Scotland and on the way had the honour to meet and visit some of the Fell pony breeders, who were gracious friendly and helpful. Everyone took an interest in these “Yankees” who had come all the way from America to buy a Fell! Part of my Fell pony dreams were fulfilled when one of the breeders Bert Morland who breeds the Lunesdale ponies stuffed about seven of us into a tiny Jeep-like vehicle and took us up the Fell to see his semi-feral herd of Fell ponies! Far off in the distance on the further “fells” we could see the rest of his herd that had not come in yet for spring.

During our ten days we looked at approximately seven viable ponies which would fit my criteria. We easily chose one named Hardendale Black Jack. “BJ” as his owner called him is a magnificent specimen of a Fell pony with very strong thick bones and prolific feather. His owner took us driving with BJ through a field full of cows and sheep and we then got an opportunity to ride him bareback. He was great and I bought him; my exporter got him to America in record time and BJ was at the farm in Michigan within 2 weeks. He arrived in fine fettle and ready to go and I am now working with him every day and making progress.

England is the most delightful place I’ve ever seen – the people are friendly relaxed and happy and went out of their way to help and give us directions, sometimes actually leading us there in their cars. The only problem we ran into was constantly getting lost – we constantly got lost in Penrith even after staying there for two days! But I am thankful that I have had this opportunity to visit England and discover the people and beauty and hope to go back another time to spend a larger amount of time with each Fell breeder and learn from them. Thank you everyone for making my experience so wonderful and memorable.

Laura Hart

The Fell Pony Conservancy of North America

The Conservancy has accomplished quite a bit in its first several months of existence. For those of you unaware of our presence, we are an educational support group comprised of North American Fell owners and enthusiasts seeking to share information and promote the Fell breed on our continent. We have a website where you will find links to our active breeders and several other links of interest including our newly formed e-group, an ongoing e-mail discussion of Fells on-line. We invite you to participate with Fell supporters in the e-group or by regular mail with any of

our members.

We also publish a newsletter every June and December called the Fell Journal. Your membership donation of \$10 US dollars covers your subscription. Our last newsletter was 28 pages of news and photos. We solicit your stories and photos to share in our Journal and we invite you to look into what we are doing on this side of the Pond. For further information see our website at www.fellpony.org or write to: The Fell Pony Conservancy of North America, Victoria Tollman, secr. 8786 Hwy 89, Westfield, NC 27053

Newfarm Midsummer's Night, grandson of this year's Supreme Champion Waverhead Prince II, will become the first licensed Fell Stallion to be registered and licensed as foundation stock with the American Warmblood Registry in the new division of Sport Pony. "Deryni" as he is affectionately called has sired five foals and expects another five in 2001.



Although he pasture breeds his owner Victoria Tollman's mares at Brough-Hill Farm, North Carolina where he also runs with his foals, due to the distance between North American farms, the outside mares were all successfully bred by cooled and frozen semen.

This photo was taken in April at the National Carriage Association's annual conference held in historic Williamsburg, VA in conjunction with the American Livestock Breeds

Brough-Hill Farms Newfarm Midsummers Night. Handler Sarah Volgeley.

Conservancy (a non-profit rare breed organization). Deryni, though only a three-year-old, represented his breed admirably.

Victoria Tollman.

Fell Pony Debut at Equitana USA 2000 (Louisville, Kentucky)!

For the first time ever, a Fell Pony was presented at Equitana USA in June 2000. Laurel Highland Farm's "Waverhead Robbie" was a great ambassador and made an impressive Fell Pony debut! Thousands of American spectators were able to see and learn about the Fell Pony breed for the first time at this show.

Shown by Krisztian Kery of Proud Meadows Farm (Cedar Hill, TX), Robbie was presented in harness, under saddle and in-hand. Robbie is a 1993 imported and licensed Fell stallion that only recently underwent training, previously

being used only for breeding by his prior owners. !

Although a true beginner in the show ring, Robbie made us proud. As one would expect from any Fell, he behaved like a perfect gentleman throughout the show. Krisztian also happens to be a professional stunt rider, and fortunately Robbie did not challenge his skills during the demonstrations! Once again it must be said that few Americans have heard of – let alone seen – a Fell pony, so shows like this go a long way to spread the word about such rare a gem as the Fell. At present there are 43 registered Fells in North America, with 8 of them here at Laurel Highland Farm (Cogan Station, Pennsylvania). Robbie is expected to compete in driving competition in 2001. We hope this will further increase awareness of this lovely pony breed, which we currently consider to be the U.K.'s best-kept secret!

Edward & Mary Jean Gould -Earley
Laurel Highland Farm
<http://www.laurelhighland.com>



Waverhead Robbie

Export

Note Sellers and Vendors Please note that it is essential that all documentation required for the export of ponies is correct and it takes at least 14 days to process any paperwork through the Office.

Please ensure that your correct export procedure is completed in good time to avoid any delay or disappointment.

STALLION & COLT SHOW

Saturday, 20 May 2000

Dalemain, Ullswater, Penrith, Cumbria

Judge: Miss J Brindley

Registered Yearling Colt. (14 entries)

1. Heltondale Roamer II FP50918C D&R Sandham (Breeder Mrs G. Noble)
2. Townend Rolo FP50992C Mr G Leece (Breeder Mr EM Wilson).
3. Waverhead Model IV FP51000C Mr J Bell (Breeder Mr J Bell).

Registered Two Year Old Colts. (5 entries)

1. Castle Hill Jerry FP50855C Mr D Crow (Breeder Mr D Crow).
2. Rundales Eddy FP50892C Mrs EM Howe (Breeder Mrs EM Howe).
3. Tunstall Jake FP50777C Mr and Mrs T Kell (Breeder Mr PG Turnbull).

Youngstock Champion

Youngstock Reserve

Castle Hill Jerry

Rundales Eddy

Registered & Licensed Stallions Three and Four Years Old. (7 entries)

1. Murthwaite Bross FP50539C TB Capstick (Breeder TB Capstick).
2. Wellbrow Leo FP50513C Messrs A&A Thorpe (Breeder A&A Thorpe).
3. Castle Hill Prince II FP50543C Mr J Ward (Breeder Mr D.Crow).

Registered & Licensed Stallions Five to Eleven Years Old. (6 entries)

1. Rackwood Robin FP923C Mrs KP Porter (Breeder Mr GR Coatsworth)
2. Heltondale Mountain MistII FP50429C Mr P Miller (Breeder late WS Noble).
3. Heltondale Norman FP50377C Messrs A&A Thorpe (Breeder Late WS Noble)

Registered & Licensed Stallions Twelve Years and Over. (4 entries)

1. Waverhead Prince II FP234C Owner and Breeder Mr. J Bell
2. Lunesdale Henry 6932 Owner and Breeder Mr and Mrs AW Morland .
3. Townend Flash VI 6206 Owner Mrs J Brownrigg (Breeder Mr EM Wilson).

Registered Stallions Four Years and Over to be Shown under Saddle. (3 entries)

1. Heltondale Rob II.FP754C Owner Mr D Eltringham (Breeder late WS Noble)
2. Peepings Enterprise.FP50627C Owner WF Dargue (Breeder late JS Dargue)
3. Rackwood Robin.

Supreme Champion

Reserve Supreme Champion

Waverhead Prince II

Rackwood Robin

SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS 28TH MAY 2000

Linnel Wood was once again the venue for these trials with many thanks to the kind invitation of our Chairman Mr R Charlton and his wife Sarah.

NOVICE

Dressage

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| 1. Linnel Pearl | Mrs S Charlton |
| 2. Kerbeck Fire Prince | Mrs C Robinson |
| 3. Linnel Joshua | Mrs Juliet Rogers |
| 4. Ludworth Adam | Mrs Anneli Cussons |

Cross Country

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| 1. Kerbeck Fire Prince | |
| 2. Linnel Joshua | |
| 3. Sunnyprowe Mark | Miss Sandy Mawson |
| 4. Ludworth Adam | |

OVERALL Novice

1. Kerbeck Fire Prince
2. Linnel Joshua
3. Ludworth Adam
4. Sunnyprowe Mark

OPEN

Dressage

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| 1. Guards Joseph | Sue Wardle |
| 2. Heltondale Pride | Megan Wilson |
| 3. eq Wintonbeck Bob | Judy Vanner |
| 3. Kerbeck Solar Fire | Ms Gillian Wilson |

Cross Country

1. Heltondale Pride
2. Kerbeck Solar Fire
3. Linnel Raffles
4. Guards Joseph

OVERALL

1. Heltondale Pride
2. Guards Joseph
3. Kerbeck Solar Fire
4. Wintonbeck Bob

Best Newcomer

Mrs Anneli Cussons

Best Junior

Miss Megan Wilson



WINDERMERE FELL PONY SHOW

Sunday, 2 July 2000

Brockhole, Windermere, Cumbria

The annual Windermere Fell Pony Show was held on Sunday at the Brockhole National Park Visitor Centre. The weather has always been kind to this show but decided this year that it should make up for past aberrations. A misty start



soon developed into continuous drizzle with long periods of heavy rainfall. This led to the cancellation of the bareback trotting race much to the disappointment of spectators and competitors alike.

The show was however a resounding success. Judge Mr David Lee from Halifax

Tarnbeck Sheba FP1628 (Sire Townend Duke III (7001) out of FP1202 Townend Sorrel) Sheba at 13 years with five Championships and a Supreme to her credit.

commented that the quality of the animals on display was exceptionally high and

that he had “not seen a bad foot all day”. Much of the hard work in preparing ponies for the show might have been considered unnecessary in such weather but the fell ponies at Brockhole proved that they are eye catching and able to perform spectacularly in all conditions.

By Barry Allen

Judge: Mr D Lee

Geld Mare In Hand, 4 years or over

1. Greenholme Kitty
2. Moorhouse Rosie
3. Marlingdyke Mo’Cridh

Gelding In Hand, 4 years or over

1. Townend Septimus
2. Kerbeck Fire Prince
3. Sladdale David

Veteran In Hand, 15 years or over

1. Sleddale Lulu
2. Rambling Bella Donna

3. Dalemain Tamarisk

Brood Mare, 4 years or over (in foal or with foal at foot)

1. Townend Dawn II

2. Tarnbeck Sheba

3. Rackwood Beauty

Foal

1. Kerbeck Fire Fallon

2. Carrock Foal

3. Wansfell Foal

Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding

1. Brackenbank Eva

2. Brackenbank Poppy

3. Wellbrow Lucky Lady

Two Year Old Filly or Gelding

1. Townend Carly II

2. Baronshill Bailey

3. Farleton Forrest

Three Year Old Filly or Gelding

1. Brackenbank Romany

2. Wellbrow Fancy

3. Waterside Dainty

In Hand Champion Townend Dawn II

In Hand Reserve Brackenbank Eva

Ridden Mare, 4 years or over

1. Greenholme Kitty

2. Lownthwaite Bramble

3. Moorhouse Rosie

Ridden Gelding, 4 years or over

1. Townend Septimus

2. Rackwood Royal

3. Sleddale David

Ridden Champion Townend Septimus

Ridden Reserve Greenholme Kitty

Ridden Pairs

1. Townend Septimus & Greenholme Kitty

2. Kerbeck Fire Prince & Kerbeck Night Mystery

3. Sleddale David & Marlingdyke Mo' Cridh

Trotting Race

Cancelled due to waterlogged course.

Overall Champion Townend Dawn II

Best Veteran Sleddale Lulu



*Heltondale Black Prince IIII
Champion Stallion with Sarah
Muller in Germany
Photo courtesy of Ms Sabine
Stuewer*

Royal Show Results

Stallion, Mare or Gelding, born in or before 1996

1. Lowmoat Flash FP1446 (Miss Paula Terry)
2. Heltondale Dido II FP1969 (CD Sanderson)
3. Heltondale Delia III FP1825 (George Guy)

Colt, Filly or Gelding, born in 1997 or 1998

1. Holling Briony FP3226 (C D Sanderson)
2. Townend Finty FP3057 (Mr D Eltringham)
3. Underwoods Icarus FPS0834 (T D & P M Good)

Colt, Filly or Gelding born in 1999 or 2000

1. Murthwaite Bracken FP50978C (Mr T B Capstick)
2. Lownthwaite Frank FP50981C (Mrs Judy Ann Hill)
3. Holling Hazel FP3383 (C D Sanderson)

Best Mare and the 'Sybil Lady Lonsdale' Perpetual Challenge Cup

Low Moat Flash

Best Foal

Mr CD Sanderson Holling foal

Best Yearling

Murthwaite Bracken

Best Fell Pony 2 year old

1. Holling Briony FP3226 (C D Sanderson)
2. Underwoods Icarus FP50834C (T D & P M Good)

Best Fell Pony

Champion. Murthwaite Bracken FP50978C (Mr T H Capstick)

Reserve Holling Briony FP32 (C D Sanderson)

Breeder of the best UK bred Fell Pony

1. Murthwaite Bracken FP50978C (T B Capstick)

Hexham Native Horse and Pony Show,

Linnel Wood 23rd July 2000-

Special Fell Pony Rosettes awarded

M&M Large in Hand 4 years and over

Waverhead Petal FP 1997 Mr and Mrs R B Charlton

M&M Large in hand Youngstock

Townend Flinty FP 3057 Mr. D. Eltringham

M&M Large Ridden

Lindertis Heather FP 2634 Mrs. E. Carpenter

M&M WHP Large

Linnel Joshua FP 945G Mrs J Rogers

NPS Junior Ridden

Peepings Nutcracker (FP 899G) Miss R Brunskill

NPS Picton

Lunesdale Rowan FP50384C Mr. P. Metcalfe

NPS WHP

Wintonbeck Bob

NPS Novice WHP

Lunesdale Prince Henry FP 50248C

LOWTHER HORSE DRIVING TRIALS AND COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, 5 August 2000
Lowther, Penrith, Cumbria

Judge: Miss J M Fairburn

Mare or Gelding, 4 – 7 years old, to be shown in hand. (14 entries)

1. Heltondale Misty IV Tebay Campbell Ton Victor/Greenholme Dusty.
2. Waverhead Pearl II Lownthwaite Gary/Waverhead Pearl.
3. Marlingdyke Mo'Cridh Drybarrows Jeff/Barncross Molly.

Mare or Gelding, 8 years old and over, to be shown in hand. (13 entries)

1. Waverhead Petal Heltondale Duke/Barbondale Petal.
2. Barbondale Ruby Greenfield Gay Lad/Barbondale Rosette.
3. Esther Maree of Inglegarth Townend Flash II/Sleddale Rosette XI.

Brood Mare, 4 years old or over, with own Foal at Foot. (4 entries)

1. Barbondale Petal Waverhead Model/Waverhead Jewel.
2. Lunesdale Lizzie Lunesdale Henry/Lunesdale White Rose.
3. Kerbeck Night Serenade Frizington Duke/Sleddale Rosemary

III. Best Foal Lunesdale Amber

Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding. (12 entries)

1. Heltondale Roamer II Tebay Campbell Ton Victor/Heltondale Bonny III.
2. Townend Sugar II Drybarrows Jeff/Townend Shula.
3. Brackenbank Eva Rackwood Prince/Barbondale Ruby.

Two or Three year old Filly or Gelding. (12 entries)

1. Lunesdale Eliza Heltondale Mountain Mist/Lunesdale Lizzie.
2. Baronshill Bailey Townend Duke III/Baronshill Eternal Flame.
3. Wellbrow Dinah Heltondale Norman/Heltondale Duchess.

Judge: Mrs A A D Newall

Mare, 4 year old or over, to be shown under saddle. (14 entries)

1. Lunesdale Rosebud Heltondale Hero/Lunesdale White Rose.
2. Esther Maree of Inglegarth.
3. Marlingdyke Mo'Cridh.

Gelding, 4 year old or over, to be shown under saddle. (11 entries)

1. Lunesdale Prince Henry Lunesdale Henry/Lunesdale Princess.
2. Peepings Nutcracker Lunesdale Jerry/Peepings Wild Rose.

3. Townend Septimus.

Champion:

Lunesdale Prince Henry

Reserve Champion

Barbondale Petal

30th BREED SHOW

12 August 2000 Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith, Cumbria

IN HAND CLASSES MARES AND FILLIES

Judge: Mrs S Hore

Mare 4 – 7 years old, mare with foal at foot not eligible. (23 entries)

1. Heltondale Misty IV FP2878 (Mr TB Capstick)
2. Waverhead Pearl II FP2898 (Mr J Bell)
3. Murthwaite June FP2361 (Mrs K Baggott)

Mare 8 years old and upwards, mare with foal at foot not eligible. (17 entries)

1. Tarnbeck Sheba FP1628 (D&G Williamson)
2. Waverhead Petal FP1997 (Mr and Mrs Charlton)
3. Esther Maree of Inglegarth FP1787 (Mrs BA Hodgson)

Mare 4 years old and upwards with own filly foal at foot. (7 entries)

1. Lunesdale Rebecca FP2026 (Mr and Mrs Morland)
2. Brackenbank Primrose FP2507 (Mr and Mrs Wilkinson)
3. Heltondale Lucky Girl V FP2271 (Mr A & A Thorpe).

Filly Foal. (7 entries)

1. Brackenbank Rosie (Mr and Mrs D Wilkinson)
2. Lunesdale Lady Rebecca (Mr and Mrs Morland)
3. Meres Jesta III (Mrs S Rees)

Yearling Filly. (12 entries)

1. Townend Sugar II FP3378 (Mrs P Randell)
2. Bracklinn Rosie FP3363 (Messrs. Smith)
3. Wellbrow Lucky Lady FP3307 (A and A Thorpe)

Two year old Filly. (14 entries)

1. Townend Faith FP3250 (Mr E M Wilson)
2. Lunesdale Songbird FP3175 (Mr and Mrs Moss)
3. Kerbeck Night Sapphire FP3178 (Mrs CH Robinson)

Three year old Filly. (7 entries)

1. Brackenbank Romany FP3006 (Mr and Mrs Wilkinson)
2. Border Duchess FP3107 (Mr J Bell)
3. Greenholme Petal FP3063 (Mr W Potter)

Female In Hand Champion **Lunesdale Rebecca**

Female In Hand Reserve **Heltondale Misty IV**

Heltondale Lucy X Trophy (best 3 yo filly bred by native heath breeder) Greenholme Petal

Please send all Show and Event Results to Sally Rowe, Wasphill, Bleadney, Wells Somerset BA5 1PH Tel/Fax 01749 672697 E-mail Rowe@Bleadney.freeserve.co.UK. Sally will then be able to collate the results for

IN HAND CLASSES GELDINGS AND COLTS

Judge: Mr J Langcake

Gelding 4 – 7 years old. (10 entries)

1. Pikestone Wandering Star FP50546C (Ms L Smith)
2. Barnend Jack the Lad FP50101G (S Forsman)
3. Baronshill Ballinasloe FP50451G (Mr S Brown)

Gelding 8 years and upwards. (12 entries)

1. Heltondale Black Diamond II FP748G (Mrs P Watts)
2. Guards Joseph FP533G (Ms S Wardle)
3. Wintonbeck Bob FP784 (Miss S Hartley)

Mare 4 years old and upwards with own colt foal at foot. (4 entries)

1. Lunesdale White Rose FP1871 (Mr and Mrs Morland)
2. Barbondale Petal 18113 (Mr J Bell)
3. Sleddale Rosemary III FP1415 (Mrs. C Robinson)

Colt Foal. (4 entries)

1. Waverhead Flash (Mr J Bell)
2. Lunesdale Prince Albert (Mr and Mrs Morland)
3. Kerbeck Fire Cracker (Mrs CH Robinson)

Yearling Colt or Gelding. (6 entries)

1. Lunesdale Major FP50923C (Mr N Woolley)
2. Murthwaite Bracken FP50978C (Mt TB Capstick)
3. Wellbrow Sinbad FP51027C (A and A Thorpe)

Two year old Gelding. (8 entries)

1. Baronshill Bailey FP50864C (Mrs L Thompson)
2. Ludworth Rufus FP50808C (Mrs A Cussons)
3. Farleton Forrest FP50852G (Miss C Simpson)

Three year old Gelding. (4 entries)

1. Wansfell Jason FP50700G (A Foy)
2. Wolds Turnstone FP50652G (Miss J Glass)
3. Linnel Cracker FP50649G (Mr and Mrs Charlton)

Male In Hand Champion

Lunesdale Major

Male In Hand Reserve

Waverhead Flash

PROGENY GROUP CLASSES

Judge: Mrs S Hore

Mare Progeny

best group of three registered ponies out of the same mare. (1 entries)

1. Sleddale Rosette Mrs BA Hodgson.
Progeny – Esther Maree of Inglegarth, Inglegarth Elsa Maree and Inglegarth Rose Maree.

Judge: Mr J Langcake

Stallion Progeny

best group of three registered ponies out of the same stallion. (4 entries)

1. Lownthwaite Gary Mr J Bell
Progeny – Waverhead Pearl II, Border Duchess and Waverhead Flash.
2. Heltondale Rover IV A and A Thorpe

Progeny – Wellbrow Lucky Lass, Wellbrow Fancy and Wellbrow Karl.

RIDING CLASSES – OPEN AND JUNIOR

Judge: Mrs C Johnson

Open Gelding 4 years and upwards. (9 entries)

1. Lunesdale Prince Henry FP50248G (Mr P Metcalfe)
2. Townend Hamish FP845G (Mrs S Peet)
3. Townend Septimus FP723C (Miss J Williamson)

Best Turned Out Lunesdale Prince Henry

Open Mare 4 years and upwards. (11 entries)

1. Hedgethorpe Bluebell FP2056 (Miss D J Chadwick)
2. Waverhead Rosanna II(FP2754) (Mrs A Johnson Rider V Johnson)
3. Lunesdale Rosebud FP1896 (Mr A Morland Rider J Robinson)

Best Turned Out Esther Maree of InglegarthMrs BA Hodgson

Junior Ridden, child 12 years or under – pony 4 years and upwards. (7 entries)

1. Townend Taggart FP50286G Rider: Aileen Douglas.
2. Waverhead Petal Rider: Lucie Charlton.
3. Marlingdyke Mo' Cridh FP2861 Rider: Caroline Faulkner.

Best Turned Out Pikestone Wandering Star(Rachael Smith)

Junior Ridden, child 13 to 16 years – pony 4 years and upwards. (8 entries)

1. Forfar Prince FP988G Rider: Jenny Robinson.
2. Peepings Nutcracker FP889G Rider Miss R Brunskill.
3. Sleddale Lulu FP1480 Rider: Rosemary Wilson.

Best Turned Out Sleddale Lulu (Rosemary Wilson)

RIDING CLASSES – NOVICE, VETERAN AND OLYMPIA QUALIFIER

Judge: Ms S Lawson

Novice Gelding 4 years and upwards. (14 entries)

1. Kerbeck Diamond Fire FP50359G (Mrs L Willis Rider Lewene Ennett)
2. Linnel Raffles FP946G (Mr & Mrs Charlton Rider L Harkness)
3. Ludworth Adam FP50260G (Mrs A Cussons)

Best Turned Out Pikestone Wandering Star(Rachael Smith)

Novice Mare 4 years and upwards. (14 entries)

1. Raisbeck Maddy FP2857 (Mrs D Slack Rider J Robinson)
2. Linnel Pearl FP2870 (Mr & Mrs Charlton RiderSarah Charlton)
3. Marlingdyke Mo' Cridh Rider Stephen Faulkner

Best Turned Out Sleddale Lulu

Veteran Ridden - pony 18 years and upwards. (2 entries)

1. Rambling Belladonna (19)FP1093 (Mr and Mrs Dixon Rider L Dixon)
2. Southwick Beauty (19)FP1152 (Owner Mr D. Eltringham /Exh Mr and Mrs Ashcroft.

Best Turned Out Southwick Beauty

NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds M & M Ridden (Olympia) Pony of the Year Qualifier. (17 entries)

1. Lunesdale Rowan FP50384C (Mr. P Metcalfe/ Rider J Robinson)
2. Bewcastle Boy Blue FP650C (Miss ES Briant)

3. Sunnybrowe Josh FP50137C (Mr J Mawson/Rider H Fawcett)

Ridden Champion Lunesdale Prince Henry

Ridden Reserve Raisbeck Maddy

Champion and Reserve judged from the Novice and Open Ridden classes only.

Best Turned Out Champion Lunesdale Prince Henry (J Robinson)

WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES

Judge: Mr D Lee

Novice – stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and upwards. (11 entries)

1. Linnel Raffles (Mr and Mrs Charlton Rider L Harkness)
2. Guards Joseph (Ms S Wardle)
3. Forfar Prince (Mrs G Robinson Rider J Robinson)

Intermediate – stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and upwards. (5 entries)

1. Stennerskeugh Joe FP692 (Mrs J Coates)
2. Heltondale Bracken VII FP50363G (Miss M Canter)

Open – stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and upwards. (4 entries)

1. Stennerskeugh Joe (Mrs J Coates)
2. Stennerskeugh DandyFP581 (Miss DJ Chadwick)
3. Lunesdale Prince Henry
4. Wintonbeck Bob

HANDY PONY CLASSES

Judge: Mrs B Dunne

Junior Handy Pony, riders 16 years and under.

1. Forfar Prince
2. Heltondale Bracken VII
2. Foggy Gill Jack Flash FP50017G (Miss C Simpson/Rider R Wilson)

Senior Handy Pony, riders over 16 years old.

1. Guards Joseph
2. Wolds Songthrush FP1678 (Mrs E Whitley Rider S Audley)
3. Windybank Duke's Rose FP1582 (Mr and Mrs Marshall Rider F Marshall)

DRIVING CLASSES

Judge: Mr J Wilson

Stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and upwards. (6 entries)

1. Little Feller FP806 (Mr A Brown)
2. Lunesdale Prince Henry (Mr P Metcalfe)
3. Windybank Duke's Rose

Cone Driving. (6 entries)

1. Foggy Gill Jack Flash
2. Edenview Moonstroller G993 (Miss JV Brindley)
3. Little Feller

FOOT CLASSES

Judge: Mr B MacDonald

Pony with the best set of feet shod - 3 years and upwards. (11 entries)

1. Guards Joseph
2. Peepings Nutcracker
3. Lunesdale Rowan

Pony with the best set of feet never been shod. (9 entries)

1. Farleton Forrest
2. Hollfrey Heather FP2842 (Miss MD Ford)
3. Kerbeck Night Sapphire

COSTUME CLASS

Judge: Mrs J McCosh

1. Waverhead Petal The Charlton Family
2. Sleddale Lulu FP1480 (Grace Eden and Molly Wagstaff)
3. Wolds Stud Miss J Glass

Packway Bellman Trophy for most points in Riding, Driving, Handy Pony and WHP
Joint Winners Heltondale Bracken VII (Miss M Canter) Forfar Prince (J. Robinson)

Supreme Champion

Lunesdale Rebecca

Reserve Supreme Champion

Lunesdale Prince Henry

**Fell Pony Society Southern Show
September 10th 2000**



Windybank Duke's Rose driven by owner Mrs E Marshall in the driving class.

The sun shone on the Millennium year Southern Show and we all enjoyed a rare glimpse of summer, albeit Indian. Entries were good but on the day many competitors were unable to attend – was it the sun or the forecast of rain? However,

we all had a good day and some classes were well filled, including the stallion and driving classes, which are not normally big classes.

We were well blessed with extremely helpful and efficient volunteers: it is good to see such an enthusiastic group of people in the region. Some of our helpers travel long distances, for example from Devon, Nottingham and Derbyshire, simply for the pleasure we get from seeing the happy faces. My sincere thanks go to all those who made my job so much easier and to all those competitors who obviously enjoyed their day.

Our sponsors excelled themselves this year with every class being sponsored – thank you to you all. However, despite this we made a small loss, something we shall have to try to redress next year.

The major winners are listed below and the full results will be included in the Spring News.

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| Show Champion: | Restar Gay Lad |
| Reserve | Underwoods Emperor |
| In-hand Champion | Restar Gay Lad |
| Reserve | Greenholme Kitsey |
| Ridden Champion | Underwoods Emperor |
| Reserve | Sunnybrowe Jack |
| Turn Out In-hand | Lunesdale Harrier |
| Reserve | Gamsworth Heather |
| Turn Out Ridden | Sunnybrowe Jack |
| Reserve | Underwoods Fortune |
| Working Hunter Pony | Lune Valley David |
| Reserve | Rosemere Hannah |
| Champion Mare | Greenholme Kitsey |
| Reserve | Townend Bonny |
| Champion Gelding | Underwoods Emperor |
| Reserve | Heltondale Lofty III |
| Youngstock Champion | Severnvale Molly |
| Reserve | Severnvale Sadie |
| Childrens Ridden | Lune Valley David |
| Reserve | Underwoods Fortune |
| Best Brown or Bay | Hades Hill Fay |
| Reserve | Meres Julie Ann |

These are the highest placed Fell ponies in Mountain and Moorland classes at the shows listed below

Shropshire & West Midland Show

Stallion, Mare, Gelding – 4 years & over

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Sleddale Jeffrey | Mr & Mrs Crane. |
| 4 th | Heltondale Del Boy | Mrs J Woolley. |

Royal Bath & West Show

Youngstock

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Murthwaite Bracken | Mr Capstick |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2 nd | Severnvale Sadie | Mr Guy |
| 3 rd | Drybarrows Enya | Mr Goddard |
| 4 th | Linnel Piper | Jones & Girdler |

4 years & over

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2 nd | Murthwaite Queenie | Mr Capstick |
| 3 rd | Clandon Flintstone | Mr & Mrs Mitchener |

Champion Dales or Fell: Murthwaite Bracken

Ridden Highland, Dales or Fell

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 2 nd | Heltondale Rob | Ms Dodge |
| 3 rd | Murthwaite Queenie | Mr Capstick |
| 4 th | Heltondale Bobby | Mr Capstick |

Surrey County Show

Dales or Fell in hand, any age/sex

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 st | Lunesdale Harrier | Mr & Mrs Windsor-Luck |
| 4 th | Clandon Applause | Miss Caswell |

Royal Cornwall Show

Dales & Fell Youngstock

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 st and Reserve Ch. | Rosmarth Raffles | Mrs Chadwick |
| 2 nd | Townend Echo | Mrs Watson |
| 3 rd | Carrock Abigail | Miss Neal |

Dales & Fell 4 years +

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 nd & Fell Champion | Townend Bonny | Mrs Watson |
| 3 rd | Limeguards Tamarisk | Mrs Devonshire |
| 4 th | Rosmarth Raindrop | Mrs Chadwick |
| 5 th | Clandon Flintstone | Mr & Mrs Mitchener |

Ridden Dales, Fell & Highland

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2 nd | Heltondale Rob | Mrs Dodge |
| 4 th | Rosmarth Raindrop | Mrs Chadwick |
| 5 th | Limeguards Tamarisk | Mrs Devonshire. |

ROYAL SHOW 2000

Organising a trade stand is never an easy task despite the smiling faces you may meet there during any show. It really is a 'swan' like operation where there is serenity on the surface with fast paddling going on under the water. This years Royal Show Fell Pony Society stand was just such an exercise.

I have been responsible for the stand for over 20 years when the Dartmoor Pony Society asked us to share theirs. Each year we encounter some new, 'blip' or hiccup, but every year it all 'turns out OK' on the day. The hardest part of the organisation is finding ponies to come. You may well be reading this and saying 'well they never asked me', or 'well, I could do that'. If so, then I would beg you to let me know who you are. We always have difficulty in finding ponies that fill the following criteria – much of which is laid down by the RASE and for which we have no control:

Have you got a really nice pony that is typical of the breed? Would the pony be happy in such a busy environment where it will be required to appear in the equine arena on at least one occasion each day and in the Grand Ring on two further occasions, all as part of a demonstration? Can you come down on Sunday lunchtime before the show and stay on with your pony until 'close of play' on Thursday afternoon? Would your pony be happy to stand with little fingers, balloons, pushchairs etc at their door, enclosed in the stable from 8.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. each day? It's a tall order isn't it?

This year we were very fortunate in having Don Eltringham bring down his Heltondale Rob and Townend Flinty, Rob for the display and Finty to stand for the 5 days on the Society stand for all to admire. Both of these ponies had previously been to do just these tasks and we were delighted that Don was agreeable to come again.

However, problems arose when Don's companion found himself unable to join him at the last moment and then Rob's usual rider had to stay behind to work. Still, we found a suitable rider in Roz Kellow, a staunch supporter of Fell Pony people and their work and Don was not on his own for long at the show.

Our second pony was to have been just 4 years old. He had been broken and going nicely, but as often happens with young ponies, he decided to be difficult just as his rider had offered his services. What to do? A quick telephone call to Jane Glass at the Wolds Stud and we were able to speak to Margaret Anderson who after a bit of wheeling and dealing with both her own and her daughter's work schedules, discovered that they could bring their much loved Wolds pony to assist. As there was room for an extra pony to take part my daughter Alison brought Waverhead Black Magic along to take part.

Finally the ponies were sorted out and that just left getting stock down from Cumbria and confirming the stand helpers. These are never too much of a problem as we have always been very lucky that both Jimmy and Frances Bell take their annual 'holiday' to join us as does Mary Longsdon. Frances who I am sure you all know as being famous for her cooking, keeps us all fed and watered during the week – all at her own expense. Jimmy adds the expert advice that is so important and I hold things together complete with my family and friends who help, support and assist when required. This year I was pleased to meet Caroline, our new Secretary who kindly offered to bring down some of the new stock for us to sell on the stand.

We always seem to meet the same nice, friendly people from the various breed societies that form a family unit in the Equine Focus Area, and it is always a happy atmosphere and I am sure that everyone goes away looking forward to next year. We have six opportunities to show our ponies to the world through the demonstrations which are ably put together and choreographed by Pat Renwick – Vice Chairman of the National Pony Society and, it is an opportunity that we cannot afford to let slip. We must be there to show the world our ponies, so, if you would like to join us and you and your pony meet the criteria, please let me know.

Oh, and incidentally, please come and see us and buy all your Fell Pony Society goodies at the British Equestrian Event, at Stoneleigh the first weekend in November.

Sheila Hardy

BREED SHOW 2000



Lunesdale Prince Henry Champion Ridden pony Owned by Mr P Metcalfe and ridden by Julie Robinson



Waverhead Flash Champion Foal owned by Mr J Bell and shown by Hilary Lightfoot.



Mrs S Rees with 3rd prize filly foal Meres Jesta III



Lownthwaite Bramble competing in one the Working Hunter Pony Classes.

Ponies No longer With us



MOUNTAIN DEW OF CLEVELAND F 1975 (Frizington White Heather/Scarhead Betty) Champion Stallion: 1984 in front of Dalemain House

Many of the members may remember myself and my father showing the grey Stallion, Mountain Dew of Cleveland- (Mty was his nickname) I am writing this article with tears in my eyes. Due to my father retiring from farming and the farm now being developed, an agonising decision had to be made with regard to Mty's future. To find a suitable place for a stallion, who has always been a handful, is not easy We could not sell him and he was too old to geld. He was 24 years old and still very fit and a great ride. We both enjoyed our early morning jaunts before I went to work; it set me up for the day.

He loved being shown, especially at the annual Fell Stallion Show, and performed to a crowd with such presence, extending like a dressage horse .round the show ring. He won the ridden cup 6 times and achieved dad's ambition to win the overall championship, which had eluded him for many a year with previous stallions he had shown..

Preparing him was a nightmare, with his relentless nipping and cavorting, but we still loved him to the end. He was such a character and at times you would think he was human. This is illustrated by the following little incidents.

In his younger days he would place his dung in one corner of his loose box, but as he aged he decided that this was no fun and too easy for me to muck him out. So he would do his business during the day but come the next morning it was spread all over and he had rolled in it, and you can guarantee this was when you wanted him to be clean. The exception to the rule was when I was away on holiday and dad looked after him. On returning my dad would greet me with, Mty's been clean all week! The following day after my return I would eagerly be wanting to ride him out; what was I greeted with but a skewbald, yes he had rolled and was covered in stains. When I told dad it brought a little rye smile to his face!

He also appeared on the BBC2 Townscape programme when our historic stables were featured. The presenter decided he would like to ride Mty into the stable yard through our impressive archway. However before he mounted him, Mty decided to stand on his foot with his full weight, which resulted in very bad bruising and Graham was limping for rather a long period of time. However he was a real star on the programme and played to the camera and behaved perfectly amazingly, especially as the presenter had not ridden before!

He was certainly a character and really such a big part of family life. He was a real all rounder for both riding astride and side-saddle. We also drove him. He was successfully shown (even though he was often mistaken as a Highland in the Mountain and Moorland classes). He broke the ice in the fact that Grey Fells were acceptable and I feel he did a lot to promote the breed.

I had a beautiful painting commissioned for my father's 70th birthday. He was thrilled and brought us both to tears when he opened it as he could not believe how perfect it was. He is such a perfectionist where livestock is concerned and this is not a bad thing on my part as he has taught me such a lot: as his knowledge with the ponies has been endless.

Finally I would like to dedicate this article to him, to all the happy memories we had with Mty. The gap will never be filled as Mty was a one off.

Sheena.K.Lawson



JOHNNIE LUNE (G 636)

foaled 1972

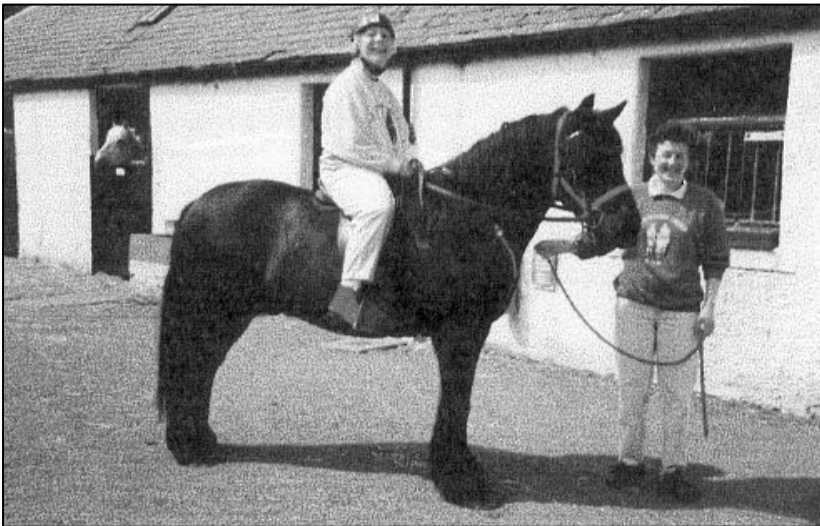
Sire Townend Prince 5118 Dam 13170 Lownthwaite Ebony Queen.

Dear old Johnnie, wise and steady, how we loved your gentle ways,
Kind to all our timid riders for so many happy days.
You were not a Derby winner, slow and careful were your speeds,
But your trusty quiet behaviour was ideal for our needs.

In your youth you were so handsome, coat so glossy, eye so bright and clear
But your dignity and kindness were the reasons why you were so dear.

When you get to pony heaven, tell them in that stable up above
That your many R.D.A companions send with you their gratitude and love.

Joan Bowden



Johnnie Lune was bred by Mrs. D Gladstone Thornhill, Dumfriesshire previously worked as a trekking pony in Dalbeattie before coming to Glenfarg Riding School, Perth where he has taught many children to ride and given confidence to nervous riders. He has been invaluable as an R.D.A. pony in the "Glenfarg Group RDA". Johnnie was used for the most handicapped riders for fifteen years because of his excellent temperament, reliability and steady paces and was presented with an RDA Long Service Award. He took part in all our activities, dressage, handy pony, gymkhanas, "fun days" out and the children always had a birthday cake for him on June 15th. Johnnie was one of the "stars" in our children's "Musical Ride video" competition taken in May and will always be remembered by his friends at RDA as a very hard working pony.

Johnnie Lune was put to sleep on June 28th 2000 aged 28.
Angela Stocks
Glenfarg Group Instructor RDA

The Glenfarg RDA would also like a 10 –15 years old Fell gelding (they already have Townend Tiffin a 7 year old) as their temperament is so good for their job.
Please contact Angela on 01577 830262



EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you to all of you who have contributed articles for the News letter. E-mail has made it a lot easier to communicate with Fell Pony owners in the UK and over seas and to get articles and pictures for the News Letter. Apologies if we have not used your article this time - it will be held over for the spring News Letter.

We would welcome any ideas or comments on how we can make improvements and wondered if there would be any interest in reprinting the very first Newsletter which was brought out in 1968 when Mrs McCosh was the Editor and is not now available

Thanks once again to Edith Stockdale and friends for packing and posting the News Letter ,and hope that you all enjoy reading it!

Deadline for articles for Spring Newsletter is 1st February 2001.

BITS & PIECES

**Please note that the FPS has a new e-mail address:
Fpsoc@bhs-inter.net**

The old e-mail address will continue for a few more weeks but will then be shut down so please amend your address books and start using the new address.

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| | COST | |
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| Rugby Shirt (bottle/gold/navy with white collar) printed with logo 1. | £25.00 | |
| Sizes - S, M, L, XL, XXL. | | |
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| Sizes - M, L, XL. | | |
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| P & P on all above | £ 2.50 | |
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| - S, M, L, XL, XXL. P & P | £ 5.00 | |
| | | |
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| Tie (burgundy/dark green/navy) printed with the logo. | £ 8.00 | |
| P & P | £ 0.50 | |
| Logo 1 Mare and Foal, far right of Society Logo, 'Fell Pony Society' underneath. | | |
| Logo 2 Mare and Foal, far right of Society Logo, only. Smaller logo. | | |
| Stud Books/Newsletters | Cost | P & P |
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| There are limited numbers of Stud Books from 1983 to 1989. | | |
| Newsletters (back copies). | £1.00 | |
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| Stud Book/Newsletter Binder. | £5.00 | £0.80 |
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| Leather with two brasses (FPS and FP2000 design). | £2.50 | £2.00 |
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| These will not be re-ordered once stocks are depleted - please ring the office before ordering | | |
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| Picnic Plates (red/yellow/blue/white/green) printed with logo. | £2.00 | £0.50 |
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| Extras | Cost | P & P |
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| Pen (black felt tip) | £0.50 | £0.20 |
| Pen (black ball point pen) | £2.50 | £0.20 |
| Pencil | £0.25 | £0.20 |

Book

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| Dales Ponies by Iona Fitzgerald This is a very interesting book about the history of The Fell and Dales ponies with plenty of photographs | £15.00 | POA |
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Cards

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| Brackenbank Fell Ponies (Christmas) Pack of 6 cards | £1.50 | £0.50 |
| Lownthwaite Lace (Christmas) Pack of 6 cards | £1.50 | £0.50 |

Special Gifts in Crystal (Orders Only)

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| 'The Wee Dram' - mini decanter (150 cl capacity, 24% lead crystal), two 6 cl tot glasses (15% lead crystal) and miniature bottle Glengoyne 10 year old malt. | £45.00 | POA |
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The above gifts are fashioned in smooth crystal, complete with a presentation box.

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| Set of two brandy balloons with coasters (23 cl capacity, 15% lead crystal) | £32.00 | POA |
| Set of two champagne flutes with coasters (20 cl capacity, 15% lead crystal) | £32.00 | POA |

The above gifts are fashioned in regular panel cut crystal, complete with a presentation box.

There are many other items available in various cuts of crystal. The above are to give you an idea of what can be ordered. Please contact the office, we will try to accommodate any request.

Many items are not held in stock. Please give the office at least two weeks to fulfil an order, especially near Christmas.

SUPER VETERANS



Bowderdale Jess
F. 1971
Sire Mountain Flash II
Dam: Bowderdale Black Beauty

Robbwater Ruth f. 1975
Sire Townend Flash II Dam
Waverhead Julie



Eden View Moonstroller f. 1969
Sire: Wharton Master
Dam Eden View Beauty
2nd in the Cone Driving Class





Townend Mulberry and Twin foals at play see article on Page 25

At Home Premiums 1999

Premiums were awarded to the six stallions siring the highest number of registered progeny in 2000-

Drybarrows Jeff FP50048C was awarded the Alan Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy for the stallion who sired the highest number of registered foals

| | Foals Registered | Owner |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Drybarrows Jeff FP50048C* | 20 | Mr EM Wilson |
| Greenholme Mikado FP50377C* | 13 | W S Potter |
| Waverhead Prince II FP234C* | 8 | Mr J Bell |
| Heltondale BellmanV FP50289C | 8 | Mr D Crow |
| Heltondale Norman FP50377C* | 7 | Messrs A &A Thorpe |
| Murthwaite Ben FP50128C* | 7 | Miss J Glass |





Stennerskeugh Susie driving at Brockholes with Mr R.W. Clegg



Heltondale Ben who is used all over the country in films and demonstrations with Mike Loades training him for jousting

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2000-1

- 20th October **Annual Auction Sale of Registered Fell Ponies**, at Penrith Auction Mart. Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's: Tel: 01768 82323.
- 21st October **Autumn General Meeting**, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe starting at 1.00 pm

Provisional dates for 2001

31st March or

April 7th 2001 Annual General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall
Hackthorpe, Penrith 1.00 p.m.

19th May Stallion and Colt Show, Dalemain, Ullswater

May 27th 2001 Fell Pony Performance Trial: Linnel Wood Hexham Including The
NPS Novice WHP Championship Qualifier For Fell Breed

June 2nd 2001 East Anglia Native Pony Society Show: Huntingdon Race Course
Fell Breed NPS Native Breed WHP Championship (2 Qualify)

June 26th 2001 Northern Horse Show: Grange Park, Wetherby.
Qualifiers for Fell Breed NPS Veteran Ridden Championship
Junior Ridden Championship Novice Ridden Championship
Native Breeds WHP Championship (2 to Qualify)

July 22nd 2001 Hexham Native Horse and Pony Show: Linnel Wood Hexham
Fell Breed NPS Native Breeds WHP Championship Qualifier (2
Qualify)

Aug 4th 2001 Lowther Fell Pony Show

Aug 11th 2001 Fell Pony Society Breed Show; Brougham Park Penrith (including
Fell Breed NPS Olympia Qualifier)

IMPORTANT All these dates are provisional and most have yet to be confirmed
Please check in your Spring 2001 Newsletter or with the Office after January 2001

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Autumn General Meeting will be held on Saturday 21st October 2000 at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, Cumbria at 1.00 p.m. Tea will be available afterwards. Please forward apologies to the Secretary by 20th October.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Reports of Delegates, Committees and Sub Committees.
7. Members suggestions.
8. Any Other Business.

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