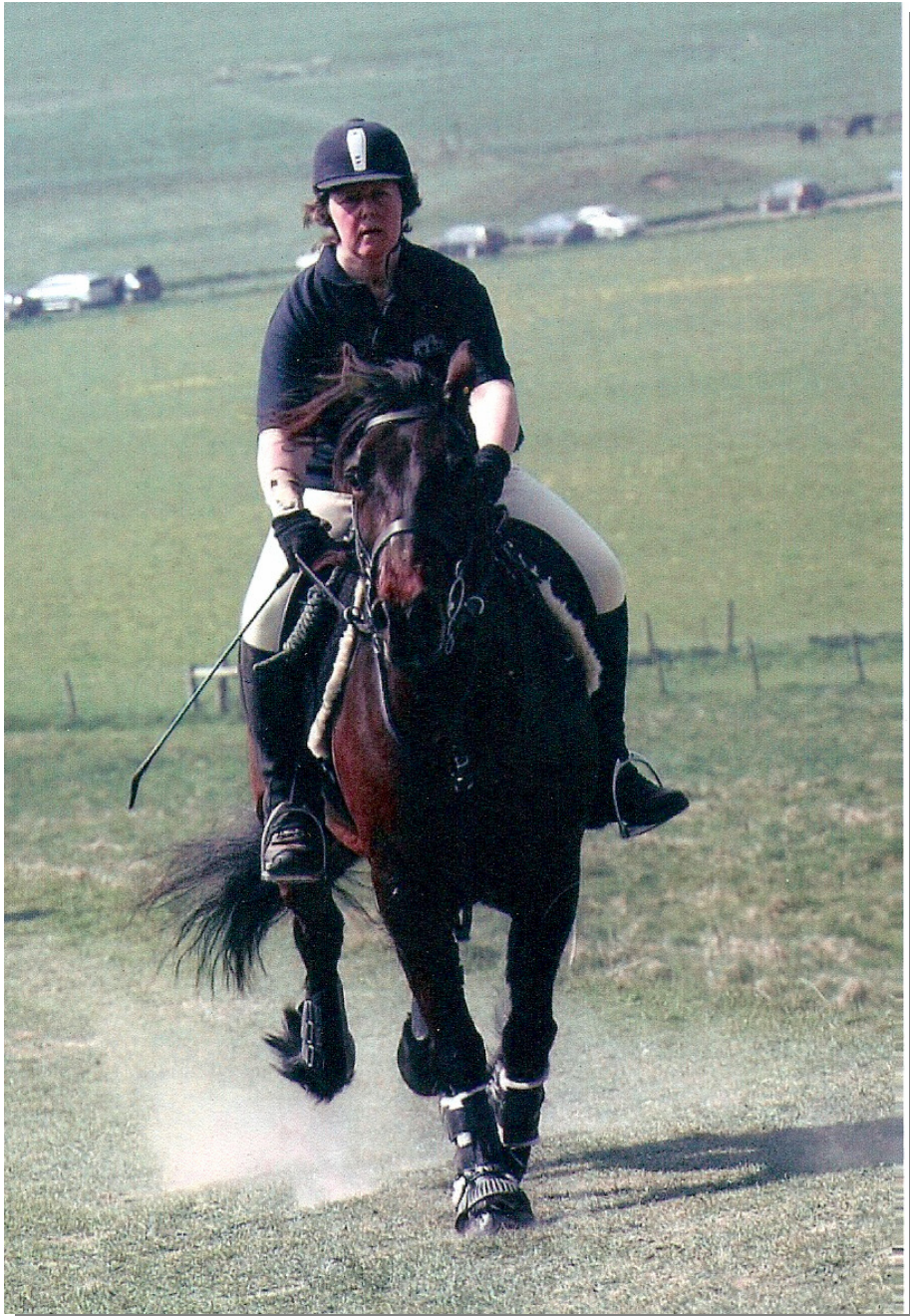


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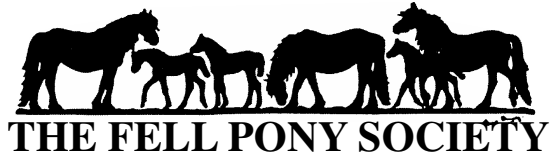
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*Nuttall and Sons' pony team drew the hearse through Askham village for the funeral of Joe Thompson*



*Karen Hemmings and Linnel Sunbird at last season's Overton Pleasure Ride near Marlborough, Wiltshire*



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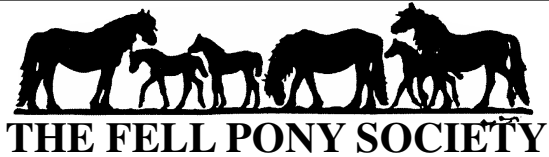


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*Champion at the Breed Show, Lunesdale  
Lady Rebecca. Photo (c) F Hallam*



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It's that time of year again - although the sun is shining the shows are being cancelled left and right as committee after committee looks at the soggy ground and says, "We might get them on but we'll never get them off!"

I am turning instead to producing my first edition of the Magazine, having taken over the reins from Trevor Good. Thank you for your years of hard work Trevor - I hope you'll have a bit more time to spare for your family and ponies now, but you didn't have to go and break a leg to get time off you know!

I am fortunate to have the background of Trevor's and Beth Slater's work to build on. Even so, if you received this magazine any time before Christmas I will count it a success. I'm not saying which Christmas.

Many thanks to all the contributors who have sent material for the Magazine before the deadline. You got priority! I have trimmed some of the offerings to keep the Autumn edition down to a manageable size, and held others for Spring.

My address for FPS copy is [sue@fellpony.f9.co.uk](mailto:sue@fellpony.f9.co.uk). Simple text files please without any fancy stuff. Reeds can't print animations! Can I also plead with you NOT to send me enormous photo files. Yes, quality is nice, and sharp is good, but images do not need to be poster sized for an A5 magazine! Please edit the image before you send it: 300 dpi is a plenty good enough resolution, max width 7.36 cm, max height 11 cm. How? Phone a friend, not me.

The Magazine accepts advertisements too, subject to space being available. Fees are detailed on page 21. Sizes will be a bit flexible—a quarter page ad will often go up a bit to a third of a page if the space allows. Full pages won't get any bigger though. Can't think why.

You can also post material on CD, or typewritten (if possible—then I can scan the text in, instead of having to type it), to Sue Millard, Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, PENRITH, Cumbria CA10 3TA, England. It would help if you say whether you want your photos back (return postage would be a clue) otherwise I'll assume that they can go through to the FPS publicity archive or the FPS web gallery. Do please put a return address on your letters AND the reverse of your photos, as neither I nor Elizabeth are psychic. Well, perhaps Elizabeth is but I am not!

**Contributions for Spring 2009 - well before 10th January please.**

I love reading all the stories about the ponies and their achievements, which go on to John Slater for the web site (see page 31), and I also like to see historical, factual and "how to do it" articles so if any of our experts would like to contribute, please do! I have put my money where my mouth is with a piece on carriage driving. I hope you enjoy this issue.



## Letters to the Editor

Six children from Cleveland, known as the "Grove Hill Litter Busters", recently won a North East award as community and environment champions because of the litter they pick up on a regular basis and the flowers and bulbs they plant in the gardens of OAPs etc. In August, their local Councillor, Joan McTigue, brought them to Cumbria for a day trip as part of their reward.

On a cold and drizzly day, they met Bill and Isobel Potter's Greenholme ponies and had rides on Sue Millard's Copsyhill Suzanne (Ruby).

Here is their thank-you letter:

Dear Mrs Millard

We are writing to thank you for inviting us to see the Fell Ponies in Cumbria last week. We had never heard of Fell Ponies until our councillor Joan McTigue saw you on television and told us all about it. As soon as we go back to

school, we will tell our friends and teachers about what we saw and what you told us about the ponies. It was the first time any of us had ever sat on a horse before - thank you for that too. Some of us had never been to the Lake District before and we all thought it was wonderful - to live there every day must be magic.

Thank you for being so patient with us and explaining so much about the ponies and how they live and breed. We loved seeing the foals the best. It was very kind of you to let us eat our picnic in your home because it was raining.

We would like to come back in the Winter when there is lots of snow. We have written a letter to be published in our newspaper telling them all about it and thanking the people who met us.

Very best wishes - "Litter Busters" Daniel McPherson, Chloe McPherson, Daniel McCluskey, Nicole McCluskey, Mason Wardle Mathews and Kenesha Bishop.

(Dictated to Cllr McTigue.)

Grove Hill, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.



The "Litter Busters" and friends. Far left, Bill Potter's stepgrandson Carl Black; back row, right, Cllr Joan McTigue. In the background, mares and foals of the Greenholme herd.



## Letters to the Editor

I had to write and let members know about Colin and Karen Turner, two wonderful Fell Pony stud owners, and how helpful they have been to me and my family and my mares.

This year we decided the time was right for my two mares Heltondale Gipsy II and Goytvalley Melody to go to stud, as my children have grown and because the ponies are 12.3hh and 13hh the children have gone on to bigger ponies.

It has always been my dream to breed from my mares so I set out to look for a compatible stallion and I found the stunning Murthwaite Gurkha and what a super pony he is!

As I am a first time breeder I couldn't have found two nicer people than Gurkha's owners, Colin and Karen. They have been so very helpful, more than I ever expected them to be, and they still are, that I want everyone to know, and how proud I am that I belong to a Society that has such wonderful representatives as this couple are.

It is so refreshing to find such genuine and helpful people these days and Colin and Karen care so much about the mares left in their care, about the owners, and of course the stallion. They are a credit to the Society in my eyes.

The whole experience has left me much wiser and far more confident in more ways than one. What more can I say except, "Thank you Colin and Karen. You are truly wonderful people." And a special thanks to Gurkha who is an exceptional stallion.

*Sheila Wilson  
Burnley*

*Right: Murthwaite Beauty II owned by  
Mrs Ann Abbott of Southminster,  
Essex, and ridden by her daughter  
Victoria*





I am writing to you in hope you might be able to provide some further information.

My name is Dr Beate Fankhanel. I am German and I am living in Devon for 4 years now. After having bought 40 acres of land last winter with my partner I have started establishing a smallholding that gives working horses a good deal of work.

I did some heavy horse work with different experienced farmers in our region, like Jonathan Waterer and Stuart Pattison, who work with Shires and Suffolks.

Last autumn I got to know a young Fell pony named Lunesdale Legend at a local pony rescue centre. Since early this year I am caring for him and he lives with a companion horse with me at the farm. We are growing together more and more and step by step we do longlining work as well as towing weights around.

Now we are at a point where I am searching for a farmer or horseman for exchange of information about working with Fell ponies, about equipment they find useful, about adequate workload for Fells and for the near future I am looking out for a partner Fell pony to establish a team.

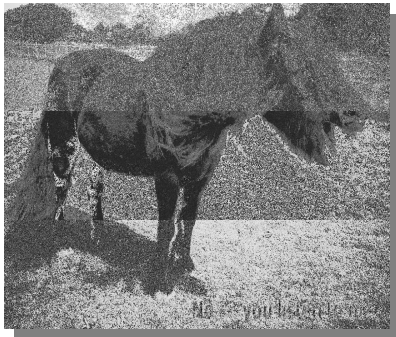
If you know of any people who would be interested in sharing this sort of information, I would be very grateful if you could either pass on my details to them or let me have their details.

I hope you can be of help.

*Dr Beate Fankhanel*

*Pyley Smithy, Poughill, Crediton, Devon, EX17 4LA.  
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I thought perhaps you might like to see the photo of my mare Bess (Sleddale Ruth III). I sent it to our local paper and they published it in a supplement called "FOUR SEASONS".



I had an enquiry from the people concerned for permission for it to be displayed in our new Discovery Centre, and if possible for it to be sold and the monies donated to the RSPB.

I gave my permission naturally, and I will go to the exhibition and see the picture for myself.

*Mrs Audrey Spencer, NE Lincs.*



## Chairman's Chat

As I write this, the nights are already drawing in, although I think summer ended in June! Very sadly, Lowther was cancelled, but we are extremely grateful to Mrs Sarah Harden who generously allowed our Breed Show to take place. Our intrepid members and ponies carried on with their usual tenacity in spite of being soaked most of the day. Many congratulations to all our winners and especially to our overall Champion, Mrs Morland's Lunesdale Lady Rebecca and to Emma Woolley, who will be trotting down to Olympia with Stennerskeugh Frances II. Again, our sincere thanks to our Show Committee and to all those who work so hard on your behalf to make all our shows and events so successful.

I have been to a variety of events this year, amongst which was Harewood Country Fair, where Jane Glass and I ran the FPS stand with Heather Mawrey's pony, Scaitcliffe Dark Amonite, stealing the show with a smile from beginning to end under fairly trying circumstances, proving again the excellent Fell temperament. Later, we went on to the Royal Show, where the Andersons' ponies again behaved beautifully, but the whole Show was definitely lacking in general public. However, I was thoroughly cheered up the following week by a lovely day at Waverhead, where there was a grand turnout and everyone enjoyed seeing the ponies and having a good natter, and we were all well fed in typical Waverhead style. Many, many thanks to Barbara and Hilary and the family and friends for a great day.

The DVD is progressing well - the filming is complete and Alan and Clive are now working on the editing and commentary, so hopefully it will be available soonish.

Council welcomed Professor Stuart Carter and Dr June Swinburne to our July meeting - they updated us on their procedures now that they have some new funding. They are optimistic that a carrier test for Fell foal syndrome will be found; this has been helped by considerable advances in research into human genes and DNA, which should be of benefit in identifying the gene which causes the syndrome.

We now have a new editor for our magazine as Sue Millard has gallantly taken over from Trevor Good, who sadly has resigned from Council due to pressure of work and the long distance travelling from South Wales. Our grateful thanks go to Trevor for all his hard work and expertise over the recent years.

As ever, a million thanks to all who help our Society. Gold medals to everyone - we are a great team!

*Mary*



## From Our President

It was a great honour to be asked to be President of the Fell Pony Society and I had pleasure in accepting. It was quite a surprise to be asked and I will enjoy taking a bigger part in the Society, especially being able to attend the Council meetings. I think we as members have a great team of men and ladies on the Council and are very lucky to have such an excellent Secretary and Chairman.

Fell ponies have been a big part of my life for over 35 years when I was given my first Fell pony mare as a birthday present. Having a very busy life running two hill farms with my husband, Dennis, and five daughters, it was great to have a hobby and an interest away from sheep and cattle. The Tarnbeck prefix came from the beck which flowed past Tongue House farm from Seathwaite tarn, and as we got more ponies they lived out on the fells. My family have always been a great support and help. Judith, Helen and Ieuan have now taken over the showing; it is always nice to meet up with friends at the annual shows and also at the Fell pony meetings.

Sadly it has been a very disappointing latter part of the summer; 2008 has almost been the same as 2007 with a dry spring when we had no grass and then nothing but rain. This has meant quite a number of shows having to cancel as it just is not possible to get vehicles off the boggy fields and there is also the health and safety of the public and animals to consider,

The loss of Lowther was very disappointing, especially for the exhibitors who had travelled from abroad and from the south to compete at both shows. The Breed show managed to go ahead but exhibitors got a real soaking and ponies could not perform at their best. In spite of it all, I thought the exhibits were of a very high standard and exhibitors should be praised for their courage braving the weather.

I must say how much I enjoyed the open day at Waverhead; all thanks must go to Barbara and Hilary and their relations for a memorable day. I had the pleasure of meeting Mary Jean Gould-Earley at Waverhead; on her return she very kindly sent me two copies of the FPSNA Pony Express magazines and they have made me an honorary member of the FPSNA for the length of my Presidency - I send them my thanks. It was nice to read news of ponies that have been exported and see them breeding successfully; our home bred colt Tarnbeck Lightning was one of the first to go to America - he was out of our great mare Townend Lucy IV who is now enjoying retirement at the age of 28.

I hope the weather improves and we can have a nice autumn.

*Gwen Williamson*



## Secretary's Report, Autumn 2008

I've just checked what I wrote in last year's Autumn magazine and found that I said, "...preparations for Lowther and the Breed Show (it would be so much easier if they weren't on consecutive weekends)." Obviously the Show Committee took that on board, but perhaps I didn't mean that we should have them on consecutive days! Actually, the preparation as far as the office was concerned went relatively smoothly - it just went pear-shaped when Lowther cancelled us at the last minute and Margaret Murray appeared on my doorstep at 8.30 pm the night before the Lowther show was due to take place. We had a very busy hour or so ringing round; (the number of times I heard "but I've just bathed my pony!") we did manage to contact most people, but asking for mobile phone numbers on entry forms might have given us a 100% success rate - something to remember in the future. Having gone onto the Lowther Show field on Friday afternoon, I have to say I think they made the right decision - the mud at the Breed Show was nothing in comparison to Lowther on the Friday; it must have been a nightmare by the time they decided to cancel the whole event on Sunday. I thought the Breed Show went extremely well, despite the appalling weather in the morning - it was a great relief when it did fine up and we could pack up in the dry. I thought it was very brave of the field owners to allow us to go ahead, and the tractor driver did a brilliant job. We had visitors/exhibitors from the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Northern Ireland and the

USA, so it was a very cosmopolitan day. As usual, I didn't see much of the showing - it's only when I'm typing the results up for the website that I get to know what happened. The Stallion Show had the best weather of our shows this year - it was hot! That must have been summer; it's been downhill all the way since then, with many local shows cancelled again. My favourite day out was the Open day at Waverhead, blessed with fine weather, very well attended, superb food and really enjoyable to chat to people in a relaxed, non-competitive situation - many thanks to Barbara, Hilary and family for hosting it.

I didn't achieve my aim of getting the 2007 Stud Book out for the AGM, but it was available for the Stallion Show - unfortunately we've had to increase the price to £6, as £5 didn't cover the printing costs - one of the penalties of increasing foal numbers! Foal registrations are starting to arrive in a steady stream; the usual plea - if you're entering foals in the Annual Sale, please get your registrations sent in soon, well before the closing date for the Sale.

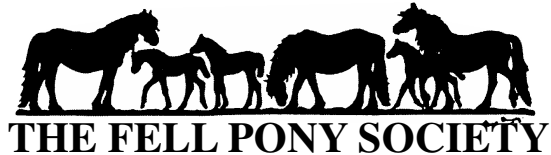
I attended a very interesting meeting in early July, together with other Breed Secretaries, at a legal firm who were giving us advice on compliance with changes to Company and Charity Law. As a small organisation, I think it is very important that we join with others to share knowledge and keep up to date with changes that affect our Society. I also attended a meeting of users of our Breed Society software, where various

enhancements to the system were demonstrated and I'm pleased to report that Council agreed that we could upgrade our system, which should make things easier and more streamlined in the office.

Membership is remaining steady at around 1200 and our finances are healthy. Merchandise sales have done

well at the shows, and the 2009 calendar and Christmas card are available now - see the pictures and prices on the back pages of this magazine.

*Elizabeth*



## **Notice of the Fell Pony Society Autumn General Meeting**

To be held on Saturday 25 October 2008 at 1.00 pm  
At Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes of 29 March 2008
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 6 Reports from Delegates and Sub-Committees
- 7 Semi Feral Herds
- 8 Members' suggestions
- 9 Any other business
- 10 Sarah Norris - Endurance Riding

Notice of General Meeting - Memorandum and Articles of Association  
5.2 The accidental omission to give notice to or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Fell Pony Society 2008

Held at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe on Saturday 29 March 2008

Miss Longsdon opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. During the winter there had been three sad deaths:

Frances Bell of the Waverhead Stud, a serious loss to the Society and a legend in her own time;

Neville Barlow who bred the Mardledale ponies in East Anglia, and Joe Thompson, Askhamgate ponies, a member of the Society for years and with Fell ponies all his life, carrying on the prefix from his father.

She asked members to stand in remembrance of them.

### **1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Ms S Albrecht, Mrs F and Miss L Awde, Miss B Bell, Mr & Mrs J M Billings, Mr P Boustead, Miss A Carshaw, Mrs S and Misses J & L Charlton, Mrs G Cockbain, Ms J Fairburn, Mrs H Fawcett, Mrs P Finch, Mr & Mrs W Ford and Miss D Ford, Mrs A Garcia, Mr M Goddard, Mrs D Key, Mr & Mrs A Morland, Miss A and Mr G Morton, Mr & Mrs R Muttitt, Mrs J Reekie, Mr W Robinson, Mrs A Shuker, Mr J Waples and Mrs J Ward.

### **2 Approval and adoption of Autumn General Meeting Minutes and Extraordinary General Meeting minutes of 20 October 2007**

Acceptance of the AGM minutes was proposed by Mrs S Brunskill and seconded by Miss J Glass.

Acceptance of the EGM minutes was proposed by Mr J Greener and seconded by Mr G H B Mallinson.

### **3 Matters arising from the minutes of the Autumn General Meeting held on 20 October 2007**

Miss Longsdon said that the Fell Pony DVD was progressing well and Clive Richardson was getting together with Alan Tibbitts to work on the narrative; it would possibly be ready by the summer.

The Southern Show would be held at the same venue as last year, Berkshire College near Maidenhead. It would be the 20<sup>th</sup> show and anyone who wanted to make the journey would be very welcome.

Derek Scott had retired from being our solicitor and Council had decided that he should be presented with the Queen Elizabeth Trophy this year. He has been an important part of the Society for many years, helping us in the process of becoming a Limited Company and then in attaining Charitable status. He was unable to be present today but had written to us and was most grateful, sending his thanks and best wishes.

A group had been set up to organise the trotting races, Richard Savage being the Chairman. Miss Longsdon asked him to say a few words and he thanked those who had helped and taken part last year. They proposed to hold five events this year; at the Cumbria Fell and Dales Show, South Cumbria Show, Tebay Show, Crosby Ravensworth Show and finally at

Lowgrounds Farm followed by a barbecue. There would be a stall at the Stallion Show selling second hand tack etc to raise funds. He emphasised that the events were intended to be fun, though they could get quite competitive, and they need lots of people to take part. Schedules were available on the platform and would be on the Society's website.

Miss Longsdon said that Vyv Wood-Gee was going to give her talk about her journey with Fell ponies from John O'Groats to Lands End to the Midlands West group on 1 November. There had also been two changes in the running of the Support Groups: the North West group was going to be run by the Fell Breeders Association and she extended our thanks to Beverley Hodgson for all the work she had done in getting the group started; the South East group was now being run by Roger and Sue Muttitt - again, thanks were due to Charmian Ross-Thomson who had started it up and was now handing over.

Council had discussed the various ideas on stallion licensing raised at the Autumn meeting - it was difficult to do something that suited everyone; ponies in the UK, Europe and the USA needed to be dealt with in the same way, so eventually they had decided to leave the situation as it was.

There was a piece on foal syndrome in the Spring magazine, giving details of new work being done on a carrier test. The Animal Health Trust had been given a grant of £113,000 for research so we would need to wait and see if they get any results.

Miss Longsdon said how pleased she was about the voting at the EGM which had allowed the Society to continue

employing Mrs Wilkinson; it was a very satisfactory result and we were very grateful for the Charity Commission - they had been extremely helpful in getting the situation dealt with correctly.

#### **4 Chairman's Report**

Miss Longsdon welcomed everyone again, especially our outgoing President, Mrs Newall.

The Show Sub-Committee had updated our Showing Rules - copies had been sent out to all members with the Spring magazine and she asked that members please read them carefully and take them on board. It was up to members to keep to the rules of the Society and it made life much easier for everyone if they did. A Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure had been prepared, with advice from the NPS and other bodies; Miss Longsdon commented that she couldn't help feeling that it was sad that we needed this, but copies would be sent out with all show entries and with the Autumn magazine, and it would be added to the information on the website. Council had put a lot of time and effort into this and she was appreciative of all they had done and of their loyalty and support over the last year, particularly Mrs Robinson, an excellent Vice Chairman.

Miss Longsdon thanked Mr Good for another excellent magazine and informed members that Council had had some preliminary discussions about the possibility of producing a year book and asked Mr Good to explain this to members. Mr Good suggested that all the show results could be moved into one book published at the end of each year with space for studs to advertise -

this book could be available to members and anyone else interested in the breed - it would be useful for people not in the society who wanted to find out where they could buy ponies. There could also be a photo gallery where members could submit their photos for a nominal fee. The publishing costs could be partly covered by the magazine being smaller - what did members think? There was a positive response on a show of hands - Miss Longsdon said Council would discuss this further and report back to the Autumn Meeting. Several questions were raised - it was confirmed that it was not the intention to replace the magazines. The general feeling was that members would approve if it was free but would not want to pay for it on top of their subscription, particularly as much of the information was already available on the website.

Miss Longsdon then thanked Mrs Parkin and Mrs Wilkinson for keeping everything up to date and efficient in the office, and the Brunskill family and Miss Glass for all their work selling our merchandise; she hope she hadn't forgotten to mention anyone - the Society ran with the help of its volunteers who were much appreciated.

Lastly she thanked Mrs Newall who had been an excellent President over the last two years; she had regularly attended Council meetings and given Council the benefit of her wealth of experience. She had also hosted a lovely Open Day at her stud last year. Members applauded to show their thanks and appreciation.

The Society's new President was Mrs Gwen Williamson - she thanked

members and said it was an honour to be appointed. Miss Longsdon thanked her for agreeing to take it on.

## **5 Result of Postal Voting for Council Members**

The following four candidates were elected for the full term of five years:

Miss Barbara Bell, Mr Thomas Capstick, Mrs Margaret Murray and Mr David Wilkinson. Due to resignations, there were also two vacancies for one year only and the following candidates would fill those spaces:

Mr Barry Mallinson and Mr Colin Roberts.

Miss Longsdon thanked all the candidates for standing for election and promised that Council would do their best to work them to death over the next few years! She particularly thanked Mr David Howe for standing and hoped that he would stand again.

## **6 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 October 2007**

Mrs Parkin informed members that there had been a change this year in the preparation of the accounts. Langdales, our accountants, had taken the decision to give up their registered auditor status after the introduction of international auditing standards, as the cost of compliance would be prohibitive for the size of their practice. They were still able to prepare our accounts as in previous years, and had proposed that they would have them audited by a firm with whom they already had an arrangement. However, further investigation showed that, as a small charity, we were under the thresholds for turnover and assets necessitating a full audit, and an Accountants report



was sufficient for the Charity Commission requirements, so we had decided to go ahead with this, particularly as it should result in a reduction in our bill!

Despite the fact that two instalments were paid for the DVD, the only unusual item in the accounts, we had still made a surplus on the year; this was largely due to general increased activity in registrations and transfers, merchandise sales and a sizeable increase in donations, some of which had been specifically towards the DVD. We were very grateful to those members who made donations, and to our patron, Her Majesty the Queen - their generosity was much appreciated.

There were no questions from members and adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Greener and seconded by Mrs Morton.

#### **7 Resolution to appoint HPH Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors as Auditors to the Society and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration**

As mention above, a full audit was no longer required, an Accountants report being sufficient for our needs. It was proposed by Miss Walker and seconded by Mrs Brunskill that we continue to use Langdales to prepare our accounts and any necessary reports.

Miss Longsdon thanked Mrs Parkin for her work as Treasurer.

#### **8 Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Mrs Parkin told members that it had been a very busy winter in the office - she and Mrs Wilkinson seemed to have been chasing their tails since the New Year. They had finished registering all last year's foals, including the one that

was born on Boxing Day! She had hoped to try and have the 2007 Stud Book ready for the AGM, but it wasn't to be, with other commitments getting in the way, so hopefully it would be available at the Stallion show in May. The 2009 calendar was available and was on sale at the stand today.

The reminder slips for unpaid subscriptions, included with the mailing of the Spring magazine, had provoked a very positive response - just over 900 members had renewed so far and she was sure there would be one or two more when people started doing their show entries and realised that they've forgotten to renew their membership. Schedules and entry forms for the shows could be downloaded from our website and there were paper copies on the platform for those who preferred to collect them today.

She had attended the NPS M & M meeting at Stoneleigh last month. The NPS and BHS had both written to BEVA to ask why microchips must be inserted by veterinary surgeons in this country and not by trained licensed operators as is the case in Europe. We were also given information about differences in Scottish law regarding equine passports - she needed to confirm the details on this and then publicise it to our Scottish members. The NPS and BHS were also pursuing problems in France where some breeds, including the Fell, are not recognised by Haras Nationaux, and also in Germany where local societies are issuing passports and licensing stallions without reference to the relevant Breed Societies.

On the financial side, our bank accounts were still looking healthy, with the Trust Fund at over £9,000, the

Deposit Account at £40,800 and just under £3,000 in the current account, and all the instalments for the production of the DVD have now been paid. We had had confirmation of our grant from the Horserace Betting Levy Board, £5,700, which is much appreciated and pays our performance premiums and microchipping subsidies, and they were very interested to hear about our forthcoming DVD and were looking forward to seeing it.

Finally, Mrs Parkin thanked Katherine for all her hard work in the office, and Mary and the Council for their help and support, and said that she was looking forward to the show season and the opportunity to get out and meet people.

#### **9 Reports from Delegates and Sub-Committees**

Miss Longsdon said that Mrs Parkin had already reported on meetings with the NPS. Michael Goddard had attended a BHS meeting at which there had been a talk from Richard Drummond from Defra on infectious equine diseases which may come to this country as a result of climate change - papers were available from the office if members wanted more information and could also be found on the Defra website.

Mrs Robinson reported that there had been no meetings of the Conservation Grazing Sub-Committee through the winter, but that the Society had been offered land for grazing six to ten ponies in the Forest of Bowland - the legal documentation needed was being progressed and it was hoped that this would go forward. There were one or two other ideas in the pipeline.

Mrs Jones, Judges Sub-Committee, said that one new judge had been appointed to the panel - Mr Michael Rawlinson. Anyone interested in being assessed for Judges training needed to have been a member of the Society for five consecutive years and should contact her for more information. This year's assessment was scheduled for 27 September in Penrith.

Mrs Murray, Show Sub-Committee, said that everything was in hand for this year's shows. There would be a new show field for the South Cumbria Show at the Westmorland Showground which would give us more space than last year. She encouraged members to submit their entries in good time, and reminded them that this year our show at Lowther was on Friday 8 August, followed by our Breed Show at Brougham on Saturday 9 August - it was a horrifying thought from an organisational point of view and anyone offers of help would be gratefully received. There were also some changes of classes at the South Cumbria Show - there would be no Best Turned Out class, but there was a new Lead Rein class and a First Ridden instead - she hoped this would be encouraging for younger people.

Mrs Millard, Overseas Sub-Committee, reported that Mr Woolley had resigned and that Mrs Robinson was now the representative for North America, with Mrs Murray taking over Switzerland and Austria. Other representatives remained the same and they were considering appointing a representative for Denmark in view of the numbers of ponies and members there. There had been correspondence with the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy

(the American equivalent of our Rare Breeds Survival Trust) who had been listing Fells and Dales together, despite strong opposition from both Societies and they had finally agreed to separate the breeds in their records. Mrs Robinson would be judging at an M & M show in the US in September - there would be five Fell classes. The South Germany group had had a busy year, but the French branch would not be holding a show this year as the number of members did not make it financially viable. Fleur Hallam was having a book of her photographs of Fell ponies published later in the year and a lady in Sweden had offered to translate FPS documents.

Mr Charlton, reporting on behalf of Mrs Hill for the Publicity, Promotions and Projects Sub-Committee, said that Mrs Hill had recently visited Mrs Gina Feakins in Australia, where she has recently emigrated together with twenty three Fell ponies. They were not aware of any other Fells in Australia, though Mr Charlton remembered that the Fell Champion at the NPS show in 1949 went out there. He reminded members about the Sandringham weekend in May which included the opportunity for an organised ride and drive round the estate. Information about the weekend's events, accommodation and stabling etc could be found on the FPS website.

The North West Support Group had the following events forthcoming:

The Cumbria Fells & Dales show on 31 May with NPS qualifiers

A ride and drive from Dufton on 14 September, organised by David Howe

A Foal Show at Penrith on 1 November

Mrs Walker (formerly Mothersole) had taken over the North East group - Miss Longsdon congratulated her on her recent marriage and wished her all the very best. A member near Blanchland had offered to organise a pleasure ride in the autumn, 15 miles of moorland and forest tracks - anyone interested should contact Mrs Walker. She hoped in the longer term to plan a social event for each autumn/winter and a pleasure ride for the summer, as the area was already well supplied with other events. If members wanted anything else, would they please let her know.

Miss Longsdon reported that the Midlands West group had a full programme of events planned: the Derbyshire Fells & Dales show was at Bakewell on 22 June and Michael Goddard was judging the Fells; a social for new members was planned for the end of April at the Scotgate Stud in Ashbourne; a visit to the local Blue Cross Horse Rescue Centre at Burton was being arranged and there would be the usual 'Leg It' - see the magazine for more details.

Miss Glass reported on the several social events of the Midlands East group through the winter, including a very successful points presentation evening. Mrs Poole was organising a series of rides and small shows through the summer which were excellent opportunities for nervous/inexperienced children and adults to have a go for the first time.

The South East Group had a ride organised for 1 June in East Sussex.

Mr Ian Smith, our Press Officer, said that show reports and photographs should feature in a number of magazines this year - he was still interested in getting more information from our members in the South of England so that he could publicise and promote our ponies.

Mr Charlton said that the Performance Trials would go ahead this year as normal - he apologised for the absence of a report in the magazine - there had been confusion about who was preparing the report. He had been honoured to represent the Society at Westminster Abbey in November at a service celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr David Murray FRGS FMA briefly updated members on his work on conservation grazing and semi feral herds and stressed the importance of maintaining the herds on their native ground. He was also trying to put together a route along Hadrian's Wall which could be walked with pack ponies and asked for help from members who could assist with getting permission from landowners to do this.

### **10 Members' Suggestions**

Mrs Morton raised the issue of the new animal welfare transport regulations - various members expressed confusion over what was actually required - Miss Longsdon stressed that individual requirements could differ and that it was up to each individual to check - it was not a Society matter.

Mr Smith asked what the Society was doing to encourage the keeping of semi feral ponies on the hill - Miss Longsdon

replied that this had been discussed at length in Council and that one of the problems identified was the ageing of our breeders and the lack of someone to take over from them. We had contacted the RBST with our concerns and if we were to come up with a specific scheme to help the semi feral herds, there was a possibility of some funding. She asked members for their ideas and stressed the importance of our 'reservoir' of semi feral ponies to keep the breed true to type.

There was considerable discussion on this subject with many and varied suggestions as to what could be done, ranging from requesting Defra to stop restricting the numbers of ponies on the fell to the Society buying Fell grazing and encouraging young people in the Society to learn more about breeding semi feral ponies. Mr Murray suggested that the Society should try to get the RBST to recognise the semi ferals as a sub-population for grant purposes, as it does with some other breeds. Mr Smith felt that the Society should get the hill breeders together and talk to them about their ideas and suggestions. Miss Longsdon assured members that Council would discuss these issues and report back to the Autumn meeting.

Miss Meikle said that as she had not been a member of the Society for long, she found it difficult when voting for Council to know what each individual did and asked if minutes from the various committees could be published on the website to help members make a more informed decision. Miss Longsdon pointed out that there was an issue of confidentiality in some of the

matters that are minuted, but said that Council would look into it.

### 11 Any Other Business

Miss Longsdon thanked Miss Glass for organising the raffle and encouraged members to buy tickets. There was to be an Open Day at the Waverhead Stud on Sunday 15 June, by kind invitation of Barbara Bell and family - the day would start at 10.30 and there would be food available - all were welcome to attend.

Miss Longsdon and Miss Glass were attending the Yorkshire Game Fair at Harewood House on 25 and 26 May and need a nice smiley pony to be on the stand - if anyone could help, please let them know as soon as possible.

Mrs Robinson read out a letter from Amanda Coates who had showed

Brackenbank Megan for Mr & Mrs Wilkinson last year. She spoke of her happy memories of riding Megan, who had sadly died earlier this year, and had donated a trophy in memory of a very special pony, which was to be awarded to the best ridden Fell pony mare at a competition of the Wilkinsons' choice.

Mrs Robinson presented the awards for the Performance Points - Miss Longsdon congratulated all the competitors and thanked Mrs Robinson for organising it all.

Finally, Miss Longsdon thanked all those who had prepared the teas - there was no charge but members were encouraged to make handsome donations.



## Dates of Council Meetings Autumn 2008—Spring 2009

Your Council meets 6 times a year.

Many of the elected Council members travel long distances and all volunteer their time and expertise to manage the running of the Society's business, to organise the shows and the Sale, to help promote the breed, and to discuss any matters raised by FPS members.

Dates through to Spring are:

### 2008

11 November

### 2009

20 January

10 March

**Don't forget to vote! See page 29.**

## Advertising fees for Spring Magazine

Full page ..... £60

Half page ..... £30

Quarter page ..... £15

Small box..... £10

Picture in  
any of the preceding ..... +£10

Classified lineage, text only .....  
..... £2 per 20 words

Please send your advertisement to the Secretary, by 8th January, with the appropriate fee payable to FPS.

For web ads please see p 67.



## Foal Registrations 2008

Please remember that all foals need to be microchipped before registration.

Please ensure that the microchip barcode sticker is affixed to the registration application in the space provided below the silhouette, below the pony's name and sex.

All registration applications should be submitted to the office as soon as possible.

Any applications received in December will be subject to a double fee.



Photographs (c)  
Gina Feakins





## **Sub-Committees**

### **Conservation Sub-Committee**

Chairman: Mrs C H Robinson, 6 Crossgates, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria CA144TU. Telephone: 01946 862439.

Miss G M Callister, Mr R B Charlton, Mrs M Dodd, Mr W S Potter, Mr A Thorpe.

### **Judges Sub-Committee**

Chairman: Mr P Boustead, 33 Meadowside, Lancaster, Lancashire LA1 3AQ. Telephone: 01524 383665.

Secretary Mrs E Jones, Mill Cottage, Sparket Mill, Hutton John, Penrith CA110LZ  
Mrs G M Cockbain, Mrs D W Edwards, Mr T H Harrison, Mr A W Morland,  
Mr W S Potter, Mr P Metcalfe.

### **Overseas Sub-Committee**

Chairman: Mrs Sue Millard, Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3TA. Telephone: 01539 624636.

Mrs G M Callister, Mr TB Capstick, Mrs J A Hill, Mr GHB Mallinson, Mrs M C Murray, Mrs C H Robinson.

### **Publicity, Promotions and Projects Sub-Committee**

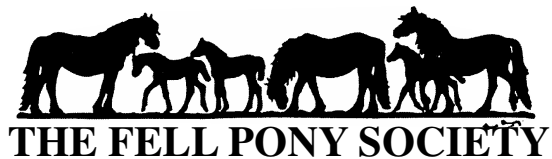
Chairman: Mrs J A Hill, The Bothy, Hall Lane, Bitteswell, Lutterworth, Leics. LE174LN. Telephone: 01455 552534.

Miss Jane Glass, Mr R B Charlton, Mr G H B Mallinson, Mr I Smith,  
Mr B Stamp

### **Show Sub-Committee**

Chairman: Mrs J E Ward, 10 The Hawthorns, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9LE. Telephone: 01697 342600.

Mr P Boustead, Mrs S Brunskill, Mrs S Charlton, Mrs M Dodd, Mr J Greener,  
Mrs M C Murray, Mrs CH Robinson.



## 2009 Membership Fees

Membership Type	UK Fee	Overseas Fee
Full	£25	£30
Associate	£15	£20
Junior	£15	£20
Family	£50	£60

The range of membership types has been extended to mirror the UK types, with an additional charge to cover the cost of Overseas postage.

An Associate member is unlikely to own a pony and therefore will not wish to take advantage of the pony related privileges of membership.

Family membership may be applied for by married or co-habiting couples and their children under the age of 18 years, all residing at the same address. The two adult members enjoy the rights and privileges of full membership, and the children the rights and privileges of junior membership. Full details are in Section 2 of the Articles of Association.





## Joe Thompson (Askhamgate Ponies) 1928-2008

Joe Thompson was born at Askhamgate Farm, the eldest of 4 boys. He farmed all his life, and followed his father's interests in cattle and Fell ponies.

The ponies came from lines kept by his father and grandfather in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the family lived in Heltondale. Joe did not register many of his Fells, concentrating most of his attention on his Shorthorn, Ayrshire and Friesian dairy cattle and mixed livestock.

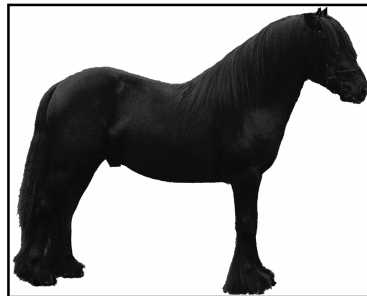
He was a quiet man, but always willing to share stories, such as his father buying up 3-year-old geldings from neighbours and thus cornering the

market when the mine representatives came to buy ponies for the collieries in County Durham.

He married Ann Robinson of Low Lane, Tebay, whose father set up the Lunesdale Hunt. Joe was well known in the area as a stalwart supporter of the Lunesdale and Ullswater Hunts, and a sweet-voiced singer of both traditional songs and those of his own composition.

He is survived by Ann, and their four children. We send them our condolences and good wishes for Stephen's continuing interest in Fell ponies.

## Stallions at Stud: Advertise on the Web



One of the most frequent questions we get in the office is 'Where can I find a stallion for my mare?'

Earlier this year Council decided that stallions at stud could be advertised on our website at no cost. Go to our website and download an application form from the Stallions Listing page and advertise your stallion for free. Photographs can also be included. Forms are also available from the office.



## Semi-Feral Herds

With an ever-increasing membership and a record number of foals registered last year, the Fell Pony Society is certainly thriving. There are now people breeding Fells over the whole length of the country and Fell ponies are now to be found in increasing numbers in America and Europe and even as far away as Australia.

However, underneath all these positive indications for the future of the breed, there is another statistic that is a worry. The numbers of ponies that are running on the fells in Cumbria are falling, and on some fells they have disappeared altogether. Over the last twenty years or so, as the numbers of ponies and breeders countrywide has increased significantly, so the numbers of ponies and the people breeding them in their natural environment in Cumbria has fallen.

Today there are only nine hill breeders left that run their ponies on the open fell, and of these, only a handful have a significant number of breeding mares. A few more of these breeders are nearing retirement and have reduced their numbers down to only a handful.

In the last decade around ten hill herds have gone, the Heltondale and Tebay herds included, which were two of the largest herds running on the fells. Why then is this happening in the breed's heartland, when all around them the popularity and demand for the Fell pony is at an all time high?

Undoubtedly, the answer to that lies not with the ponies themselves, but



with the people that own them. These ponies that run the Cumbrian fells are all owned by hill farmers, and like other farmers all over the country, they have had to suffer many major changes and pressures and a huge increase in the levels of bureaucracy and red tape associated with the running of their businesses over the last fifteen or twenty years. One of the results of that is that many of the youngsters that would in the past have followed on in these hill farms have sought employment with better reward elsewhere. Some that have followed their parents on in the farm just had no interest in the ponies.

So one of the major reasons for the decline in pony numbers in these semi-feral herds is the lack of young people

following on and willing to keep the ponies. Of the hill breeders that are left, only two have young family that are interested in keeping the ponies on. One of those is Colin Roberts who, along with his sons, runs the Bybeck ponies on the Howgills at Tebay. While so many of the old established herds are being lost, they have come in and established a new herd that offers a glimmer of hope for the future.

Some may ask, since the breed is increasing and in good heart, if it really matters where the ponies are being bred? It is obviously encouraging and healthy for the breed to have so many breeders establishing studs all over the country and indeed there have been established studs breeding Fell ponies many miles away from Cumbria for a long time. However, the vast majority of these studs come back to Cumbria again and again, to the hill bred ponies, for breeding stock to introduce into their herds in order to keep them true to type.

Fell ponies have been on the Cumbrian fells for hundreds of years

and it was the environment and their management in it that made them what they are today. Taken away from the fells and bred on better ground with a different type of management, these ponies quite quickly lose many of the traits that make the breed what it is today, and it is for this reason that the hill bred ponies are so vital to the breed and why other breeders need to keep coming back for an infusion of 'hill blood' now and again.

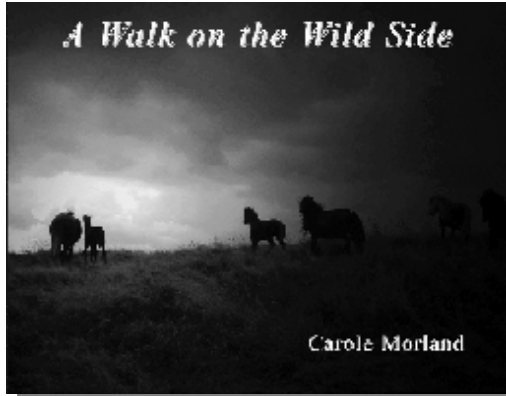
With so many ponies being bred away from the hills, now more than ever it is essential to retain these hill herds for other breeders to go back to in order to keep the breed true to type with the characteristic movement and hardiness for which it is renowned. It is a situation that is recognised and being looked at by the Fell Pony Society Council, but one to which there are no easy answers.

*Ian Smith*  
*Bracklinn Fell Ponies*



## A Walk on the Wild Side

Cumbria's Fell ponies are as special as the Dartmoor or New Forest ponies, but not as well known. 'A Walk on the Wild Side' hopes to redress the balance and tell the story of these almost wild herds of ponies in their natural landscape.

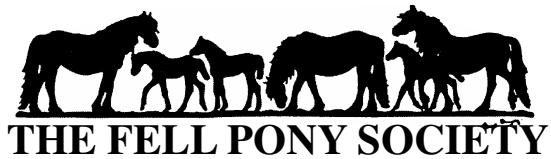


Carole Morland has had a life-long interest in horses. She was a successful trainer and driver of harness racing horses (being British Ladies Grasstrack Champion in the 1980s). Her interest in Fell ponies began 40 years ago when using them as trekking ponies on her father's caravan site in Sedbergh. On her marriage to Bert, who owned the semi-feral herd of Lunesdale ponies, they expanded the herd and bred and successfully showed at the highest level in the UK. She has judged Mountain and Moorland ponies in the UK, Ireland, the Czech Republic and Australia.

"On being invited to review 'A Walk on the Wild Side', I've been given the opportunity to enjoy a good read. I found this book on Fell ponies very informative and Carole Morland's enormous enthusiasm for the breed shines forth from every page. Beautiful photography is also included and gives a taste of envy of those who enjoy the fantastic Cumbrian fells on a daily basis. The author's understanding and knowledge of these semi-feral ponies' natural behaviour will hopefully inspire future generations to carry on these herds which are so vital to our national breeding stock." *Mary G Longsdon MBE*

"'A Walk on the Wild Side' gives a fascinating insight into the lives and interactions of these semi-feral Fell ponies. A very interesting, and at times amusing read, Carole rightly highlights the importance of these ponies to the Cumbrian fells and to the future of the Fell breed itself. A book that will undoubtedly be enjoyed by all native pony enthusiasts." *Ian Smith*

Price £12.50 (£15.00 incl P & P) from The Fell Pony Society, Ion House, Great Asby, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6HD and at the AGM, meetings, shows and the Sale, or from Hayloft Publishing: Great Skerrygill, South Stainmore, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria CA17 4DJ, <http://www.hayloft.eu/wildside.html> or from most bookshops (ISBN 190 452 4583)



## **Council Elections 2009**

The following members retire from the Council in 2009 and are eligible for re-election:

Mr G H B Mallinson, Mr P Metcalfe, Mr W S Potter, Mr C Roberts.

There is also a vacancy for two years owing to the resignation of Mr T D Good.

Members wishing to make a nomination for Council should obtain a form from the Office and ensure that it is delivered to the Secretary on or before 1 January 2009.

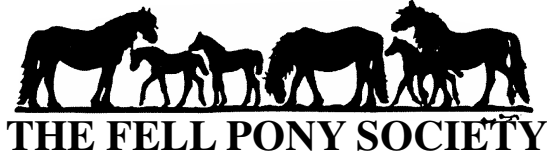
## **Postal Voting for Council Members**

Completed ballot papers have to be returned to the scrutineers appointed by the Council not less than 10 days before the date of the AGM.

No member is entitled to vote if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February 2009.

You will find details on Votes of Members under Section 7 of the Articles of Association, and Election to the Council under Section 8.6.

**PLEASE REMEMBER FOR 2009 AND SEND YOUR BALLOT PAPER TO THE SCRUTINEER BEFORE THE DEADLINE. DO NOT WASTE YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE IN THE RUNNING OF YOUR SOCIETY.**



## Calendar of Events 2008-2009

Details can also be found on the Events calendar on the FPS web site,  
[http://www.fellponysociety.org/calendar\\_of\\_events.htm](http://www.fellponysociety.org/calendar_of_events.htm)

**Please note: all dates are provisional.**

**Please check with the Office for confirmation of times and venues.**

### 2008

1 Nov Fell Pony Foal Show, Inglewood Equestrian Centre, Penrith. Schedules, SAE to Ellen Jones, Mill Cottage, Hutton John, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0LZ

21 Jun Derbyshire Fell & Dales Pony Show, Bakewell Show Ground Schedules, SAE to Mary Longsdon, Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1 NN.

### 2009

4 April Annual General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall Hackthorpe, Cumbria @ 1pm

7 Aug Lowther Fell Pony Show, Lowther, Cumbria. Schedules, SAE to Margaret Murray (as above).

16 May Stallion and Colt Show, Dalemain, Ullswater, Penrith. Schedules, SAE to Margaret Murray, Park House, Baldersdale, Barnard Castle, Co Durham DL 12 9UT.

8 Aug Fell Pony Society Breed Show, Brougham, Penrith Schedules SAE to Margaret Murray (as above)

30 May Cumbria Fell and Dales Show, Brougham, Cumbria. Schedules, SAE to Ellen Jones, Mill Cottage, Hutton John, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0LZ

13 Sep Southern Fell Pony Society Show. Schedules, SAE to Sadie Densham, The Spinney, Duns Tew, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX25 6JT

20 Jun South Cumbria Fell Pony Show, Westmorland County Show Ground, Crooklands, Nr Milnthorpe, Kendal. Schedules, SAE to Margaret Murray (as above).

20 Sep Performance Trials, Linnel Wood, Hexham. Contact Sarah Charlton, e-mail [bob.charlton@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:bob.charlton@ukonline.co.uk)

30 Oct Show and Sale of Ponies, Penrith Farmers' Mart, Skirsgill, Penrith

31 Oct Autumn Meeting



**Fell Pony Society Web site: [www.fellponysociety.org.uk](http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk)**

I am sure members will join me in thanking Naked Essence Web Design for creating and maintaining the Fell Pony Society website, and Magrathea Systems for hosting the FPS website. Our webmaster (who does not like to be named) spends many hours throughout the year updating and maintaining the society's website at no cost to the FPS or its members.

**[www.fellponysociety.org.uk/calendar\\_of\\_events.htm](http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/calendar_of_events.htm)**

It is possible to download most show schedules/entry forms/rules etc on the Events Calendar Webpage.

**[www.fellponysociety.org.uk/forms.htm](http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/forms.htm)**

Membership application forms are also available for downloading along with "Certificate of Transfer of Ownership" in English, French and German. Plus many other forms, even how to become a Council Member - "phew".

**[www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UKAreaSupportGroups.htm](http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UKAreaSupportGroups.htm)**

The Area Support Group WebPages are well used by members and include forms for downloading relevant to the

Support Group Area. Area Support Group WebPages can be used by any group member for your own News Letters, articles or events as long as it is relevant to the group and your Fell Ponies. Please e-mail articles to me or the office.

**[www.fellponysociety.org.uk/people\\_and\\_ponies.htm](http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/people_and_ponies.htm)**

One webpage that is under-used is the People and Ponies page. Do you have a story to tell about yourself or group of like minded people and your Fell Ponies? Then please e-mail it to me or the office along with photos, this includes overseas members too. There are some amazing photos on this page at present, but they are starting to get a bit dusty. When we get a new article these will still be available in the webpage archives.

*J Slater*

*Website liaison: John Slater, email: [johnvslater@talktalk.net](mailto:johnvslater@talktalk.net)*

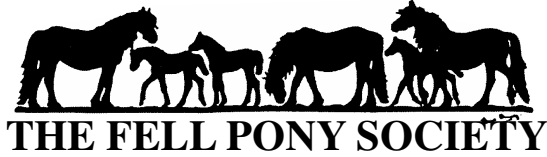
*(Stories from the Magazine will be passed on to John before the following issue: Ed.)*

## **The Summer of 2008, or How to Recycle a Very Old Joke**

The Secretary of the FPS was plodding across a boggy showfield when she saw a riding helmet lying on the ground. Being of a saving nature, she reached down to pick it up, only to find a very muddy FPS member underneath it.

"What are you doing down there?" she asked.

"Oh," said the member, "me 'n' the pony are stood on top of our trailer."



## The 200 Club

Still only £12 to join - and look at the prizes!  
All profit goes to the Society's funds.

### Winners 2007-08

Nov-07	Name	Prize
1st	Mrs N Banbury	£25.00
2nd	Mrs N Bond	£15.00
3rd	Mrs M Williams	£10.00
4th	Mrs SR Giles	£5.00
Dec-07		
1st	Mrs J Hewitt	£250.00
2nd	Mrs SF Laniado	£125.00
3rd	Mrs S Mallinson	£50.00
4th	Mrs R Chadwick	£25.00

### Jan-08

1st	Mrs JA Hill	£25.00
2nd	Mr JHR Cook	£15.00
3rd	Mrs CE Fergus	£10.00
4th	Mrs SR Giles	£5.00

### Feb-08

1st	Mrs G Flesher	£25.00
2nd	Mrs GM Noble	£15.00
3rd	Mrs F Stevenson	£10.00
4th	Mrs GR Blair	£5.00

### Mar-08

1st	Mrs JB Phillips	£25.00
2nd	Miss PA Crisp	£15.00
3rd	Mrs K Savage	£10.00
4th	Mrs J Grant	£5.00

### Apr-08

1st	Mrs P Laxton	£25.00
2nd	Mrs CE Fergus	£15.00
3rd	Mrs R Fiddes	£10.00
4th	Mr A Litchfield	£5.00

### May-08

1st	Mrs R Chadwick	£25.00
2nd	Mrs S Rowe	£15.00
3rd	Mr P Boustead	£10.00
4th	Mrs FJ Edmondson	£5.00

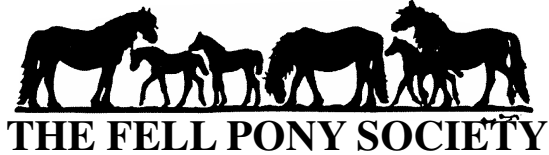
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1st	Mrs G Williamson	£25.00
2nd	Mrs P Randell	£15.00
3rd	Mrs R Fiddes	£10.00
4th	Mrs J Harrison	£5.00

Remember, your friends and family can join the 200 Club ... they do not need to be members of the FPS.

Please send your name, address and cheque for £12 made payable to:  
The Fell Pony Society  
to Glenis Cockbain, Rakefoot Farm, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4TE





## Registration and Other Fees

To Register Colt or Gelding - registrations received to 30 November	£10	Duplicate Passport (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50
To Register Colt or Gelding - registrations received 1-31 December	£20	Transfer of Ownership (UK)	£10
To Register Filly - registrations received to 30 November	£15	Transfer of Ownership (Overseas - includes postage charge)	£15
To Register Filly - registrations received 1-31 December	£30	Transfer to Gelding	FOC
Late Registration - registrations received after 31 December (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	Stallion Licence (includes cost of DNA kit)	£50
		Register a Prefix - UK Rate	£40
		Register a Prefix - Overseas Rate	£60
		DNA kit	£50

### Please note the increase in registration fees for applications received in December

#### Microchipped foals

As all foals born in 2008 are required to be microchipped before registration, they will all be eligible for the £10 subsidy from the Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant, **unless** they are registered in Section X - such foals are not eligible for the subsidy.

#### 2009 Foal Registrations

Changes to EU Horse Passport regulations due to be enacted for 2009 may mean that foal registration forms need to be amended in order to comply.

Please do not use any old registration forms you may have in 2009 without first checking with the office. More information on this should be available in the Spring magazine.



## Stallion and Colt Show—10 May 2008

### Judges

In-hand: **Mr T C Thompson** (Drybarrows Ponies)

Ridden and Driven: **Mrs C H Robinson** (Kerbeck Ponies)

Reserve: **Mr P Boustead**

Best Foot Shod: **Mr J Britton**

### CLASS 1 Registered Yearling Colts

1<sup>st</sup> Bracklinn Jackpot FP71036C,  
Owner & Breeder: Mr I & Mrs M Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Waverhead Midnight Minstrel  
FP71001C, Owner: Miss B Bell &  
Miss H Lightfoot, Breeder: The  
late Mrs F A Bell

3<sup>rd</sup> Waverfoot JJ FP70989C, Owner &  
Breeder: Miss H Lightfoot

### CLASS 2 Registered Two Year Old Colts

1<sup>st</sup> Hedgethorpe You Can't Be  
Serious FP70825C, Owner &  
Breeder: Miss D J Chadwick

2<sup>nd</sup> Murthwaite Mr Right FP70853C\*,  
Owner: Miss E J Woolley,  
Breeder: Mr T B Capstick

3<sup>rd</sup> Wellbrow Minstral FP70784C,  
Owner & Breeder: Mr A Thorpe

### CLASS 3 Registered and Licensed Stallions 3 and 4 Years Old

1<sup>st</sup> Murthwaite Gurkha FP70591C,  
Owner: Mr C & Mrs K Turner,  
Breeder: Mr T B Capstick

2<sup>nd</sup> Murthwaite Timothy FP70695C,  
Owner: Mr C Roberts, Breeder:  
Mr T B Capstick

3<sup>rd</sup> Greenholme Warbler FP70294C\*,  
Owner: Mr P Metcalfe & Mr G  
Guy, Breeder: Mr W S Potter

### CLASS 4 Registered and Licensed Stallions 5 to 8 Years Old

1<sup>st</sup> Carrock I'm Yer Man FP51327C\*,  
Owner: Mr A Smith, Breeder: Mrs  
G M Cockbain

2<sup>nd</sup> Murthwaite Windrush FP51201C\*,  
Owner & Breeder Mr T B Capstick

3<sup>rd</sup> Guardian Van De Wildhoeve  
200200204\*, Owner: Mr R B  
Sutcliffe, Breeder: Mr G H Ottink

### CLASS 5 Registered and Licensed Stallions 9 Years and Over

1<sup>st</sup> Severnvale Hector FP50589C\*,  
Owner: Miss D J Chadwick,  
Breeder: Mr G Guy

2<sup>nd</sup> Lownthwaite Gary FP825C\*,  
Owner: Miss H & Mr S Lightfoot,  
Breeder: The late Mr H F Wales

3<sup>rd</sup> Severnvale Grey Bobby  
FP50712C\*, Owner: Mr G Guy &  
Mr P Metcalfe, Breeder: Mr & Mrs  
G Guy

### CLASS 6 Stallions 4 years and Over Shown Under Saddle

1<sup>st</sup> Guards Jester FP51006C\*, Owner:  
Mr P Saunders, Breeder: Mrs C M  
Dixon, Rider: Miss V Brooks

2<sup>nd</sup> Severnvale Grey Bobby  
FP50712C\*, Owner: Mr G Guy &  
Mr P Metcalfe, Breeder: Mr & Mrs  
G Guy, Rider: Miss D Sunter

3<sup>rd</sup> Greenholme Warbler FP70294C\*,  
Owner: Mr P Metcalfe & Mr G

Guy, Breeder: Mr W S Potter,  
Rider: Mrs J Robinson

**CLASS 7 Stallions or Geldings 4**

- Years and Over Shown In Harness**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Severnvale Grey Bobby FP50712C\*,  
Owner: Mr G Guy & Mr P Metcalfe,  
Breeder: Mr & Mrs G Guy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Restar Victor FP50838C\*, Owner:  
Dhr C C M van Dongen, Breeder: Mr  
& Mrs J W Langcake
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tebay Glenlivet FP254G, Owner:  
Dr M M Sanderson, Breeder: Mr D J  
Trotter

**CLASS 8 Stallion, Colt or Gelding 3  
Years and Over With Best Set of  
Feet Shod**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Murthwaite Gurkha FP70591C,  
Owner: Mr C & Mrs K Turner,  
Breeder: Mr T B Capstick,  
Blacksmith: Mr G J Holt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Linnel Reynard FP708C\*, Owner &  
Breeder: Mr & Mrs R B Charlton,  
Blacksmith: Mr S Heslop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Severnvale Grey Bobby FP50712C\*,  
Owner: Mr G Guy & Mr P Metcalfe,  
Breeder: Mr & Mrs G Guy,  
Blacksmith: Mr D Fearnhead

**YOUNGSTOCK CHAMPION**

Bracklinn Jackpot

**YOUNGSTOCK RESERVE**

Hedgethorpe You Can't Be Serious

**SUPREME CHAMPION**

Murthwaite Gurkha

**RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION**

Carrock I'm Yer Man

**VETERAN TROPHY** Lunesdale Henry

*See colour section for photo of Supreme  
Champion Murthwaite Gurkha*

*Below Left: Youngstock Champion  
Bracklinn Jackpot  
Below Right: Reserve Champion Carrock  
I'm Yer Man*



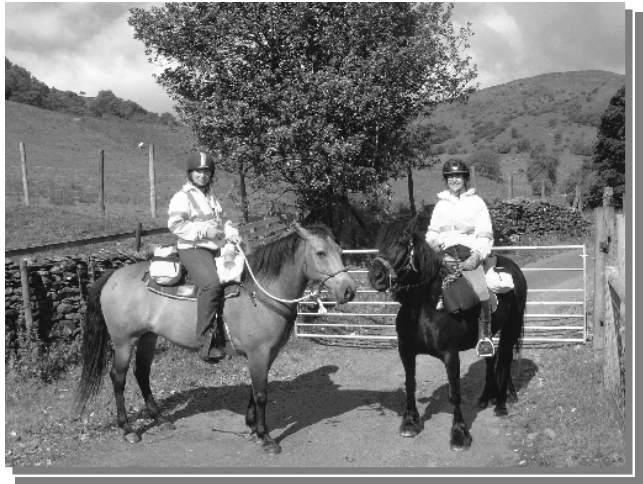


## **“Pride of the North” Ride**

*Perhaps 100 years ago, riding a horse across the North Pennines would not have been considered unusual, but in 2008, 2 women on horseback raised a few eyebrows.*

### **A bit of a trek...diary of a ride**

My sister Bridget and I decided to ride our horses from my home in Northallerton North Yorkshire to her home in near Kendal, Cumbria. I have recently been reunited with my Fell, Winton Beck Bob whom I bred 18 years ago. He is by Tarmoor Prince out of Bluecaster Bridie and had been leading a varied life including a successful WHP campaign, pony club, driving, dressage and endurance “down south”, but an allergy to ticks resulted in a return to the north. He may have opted for the ticks if he had known what was in store! Bridget would be on Hope, a 5 year old Appaloosa X New Forest that she has backed for western riding. Bob and Hope (yes OK, Bob Hope!) were not the greatest of mates on first meeting but became best buddies by the time we were done. Our plan was to use as many bridleways and off road routes as possible to meander across the North Pennines and raise some money for The Great North Air Ambulance.



### **Day 1. Brompton - Gilling West (20 miles)**

With plenty of fluorescent gear and bulging saddle bags we were ready. Everyone wished us well and we were impatient to be off. Bob was on a mission and was oblivious to Hope who had initial major concerns over carrying a very rattly collecting tin. A major part of the first morning took us on the same route as the Coast to Coast walk and we made slow progress as we were stopped by assorted and in the main international walkers suitably intrigued by our appearance including a couple of Canadians who thought we were the mounted police. A seasonal hail shower (in June!) dampened our spirits somewhat as did an enforced 5 mile detour later in the day when our bridleway clearly marked as such on the OS map had undergone a downgrading to a footpath. By the time we settled the horses it was 6.30 pm, and imagine our gratitude when our hosts offered us the farm pickup to drive to the village pub for our supper.

*Bridget and Hope (left) and Sara and Bobby, at the top of Bretherdale*

## **Day 2. Gilling West - Arkengarthdale (15 miles)**

I think you can really justify a full English farmhouse breakfast when you're out in the fresh air all day and are not sure where or when your next meal will be, so we made full use of our B&B hospitality before setting out. The rain had cleared and the sun was beating down as we climbed up into the hills past firing ranges and disused lead mines. The barren landscape looked like something off the moon and Bridget thought the new stone grouse butts were the latest Andy Goldsworthy sculptures. Some bridleways are only suitable for Fell ponies, sure footed with a low centre of gravity, and some riders wouldn't dream of riding a trail which might involve them dismounting. But these high level routes were the original packhorse trails not always designed to be ridden, and we were happy to ease the load on our horses by getting off and leading them. As we scrambled down the track into Arkengarthdale, I think Hope felt she had somehow returned to her Appaloosa roots and was crossing the Rockies. As we dropped down into the village we could see the riding stables where the horses were staying just across the valley but frustratingly there was no direct route. A good hour later, after making sure the horses were settled, we trekked back on foot to our accommodation and met our hosts just as they were setting off to collect us in the car.

## **Day 3. Arkengarthdale -Winton (18 miles)**

Another sunny morning, According to the OS map, there is a fantastic bridleway straight to our lunch destination at Tan Hill. Local advice tells you it turns into a bog. So we took the moor road, admired the scenery and felt like we were extras in *All Creatures Great and Small*. As usual Bob was in front, and this meant it was me who was dive bombed by indignant Lapwings protecting their nests. We met 2 women with their dog walking the Pennine Way, heading for Bowes. Their dog carried a back pack with his own provisions. Maybe we needed a packhorse.

Finally we could see the pub and enjoyed our lunch. More local warnings about bogs followed, so we stayed on the moor road and enjoyed our first views of Cumbria. That night's grazing had been arranged by our farmhouse B&B (the Marsden family in Winton) which was conveniently positioned about 50 yards from the pub.

## **Day 4. Winton - Appleby (11 miles)**

We tacked up in the farmyard and Bob was much admired by Jack Marsden whom I had competed against in driving classes. Setting off again we had quiet lanes all the way. A phone call to a local farmer and we were given permission to ride across his land. Every field in the vicinity seemed to be populated by Shetland ponies, but as we progressed up the farm track we were flanked on either side by coloured cobs including a magnificent stallion which came to check us out. Hope hid behind Bob at that point. The farmer proudly showed us his fields of Trotting mares with this year's crop of foals, and over the brow of the hill tucked down by the River Eden, his practice track. On a recent trip to Australia he'd seen a training buggy which hitched behind a vehicle allowing 8 horses to be

exercised at once. He came home and built one. It was doing a steady pace around the track with 8 youngsters midway through their 12km daily training. He waved us off up the lane which used to be the main entrance to the farm some time ago, and I don't think anyone had been down it since. We followed the bridleway south of the River Eden through to Great Ormside where the national cross country bridleway crosses the river. The water level was low so it was easy to cross, but impossible to get out on the other side because the current had undermined the bank. As we rode towards Appleby we were reminded that the Horse Fair had been only a couple of weeks earlier as the grazing circles were still evident on the road side where the horses had been tethered.

#### **Day 5. Appleby-in-Westmorland (0 miles)**



This was our scheduled rest day and all four of us enjoyed a lie in. The weather forecast was for heavy rain, much needed after a long dry period, but not nice for riding. We sampled the tea rooms of Appleby and watched Ascot. Every time we looked out on the horses they were either grazing or lying down. Our non horsey farming friend was surprised, he thought they would have been galloping round his field kicking up

divots and creating a crop of docks and ragwort overnight. I think we may be allowed to stay there again.

#### **Day 6. Appleby - Greenholme (12 miles)**

Climbing to Asby Common it was getting cold and wet and windy. We sheltered under a tree, ate our emergency chocolate rations, and double checked the map. It was not a day to get lost. Sure of our route we trekked on, past more fields of coloured cobs with stallions, through the Great Asby Scar Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Café in Orton was too tempting especially when the owner suggested we could put ourselves and the horses in the barn at the back of the café and she would bring us our hot chocolate and toasted teacakes. We wondered if anyone mistook us for novel police speed cameras as we crossed the bridges over the M6 in all our fluorescent gear. We left the horses in the capable hands of Sue Millard and headed for our B&B for the night.

#### **Day 7. Greenholme - Kentmere (15 miles)**

Our gear had just about dried out overnight at the B&B. Sue had Ruby, her Fell pony, harnessed up in the yard when we arrived, and led us at a cracking trot in her carriage up Bretherdale where she left us to continue over Breasthigh Road. It

was steep and rocky so we adopted packhorse mode and led the horses. We dropped down sharply to the A6 and over into Longsleddale. Well named valley, lovely riding but you need a horse that does gates, there seemed to be one every 50 yards. We met the only other bridleway riders of the entire trip just before we climbed over Sadgill into Kentmere. This included a 28 year old Dales pony and Bob realised that retirement was potentially some way off! The trail into Kentmere was rideable all the way and we arrived at our friends' farm earlier than anticipated.

#### **Day 8. Kentmere - Hincaster (17 miles)**

Very bad forecast, heavy rain and winds, so decided on an early start. Heading south, I think the horses realised they were back on familiar territory.

Bridget and I both admitted we couldn't have had two better horses for the ride, forward going but sensible. This was Hope's first big trip and after the initial excitement she thrived on the work and coped with situations better than we could have imagined. Bob enjoyed the company and showing off his mature side which has taken 18 years to finally surface. Passing Sizergh Castle, we were looking forward to getting to our destination, and hoping the water heater was on. We passed the Hincaster village sign and on to the reception party by the village green, a bunch of garden flowers for us and carrots for Bob and Hope. A canter across the field for the cameras, and Hope still had the energy for a playful buck.



We completed our ride on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008 having ridden 108 miles and so far have raised £875 for The Great Northern Air Ambulance. We have not planned our next trip, but it is just a matter of time.

*Sara Hartley*





## Derbyshire Fell & Dales Pony Show 2008

### FELL PONY IN HAND CLASSES

Judge: Mr M Goddard

#### Class 1 Stallions

No Entries

#### Class 2

Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding

1<sup>st</sup> Carsington Keppel Cove, Mrs A Shuker

2<sup>nd</sup> Lownthwaite Romeo, Miss J Deakin

3<sup>rd</sup> Bybeck Harmony, Miss J Deakin

#### Class 3 Two Year Old Filly or Gelding

1<sup>st</sup> Mellormount Briar Rose, Mrs K Bennett

2<sup>nd</sup> Meadowvalley Moonflower, Mrs C Poole

#### Class 4 Three Year Old Filly or Gelding

No Entries

#### Youngstock Champion

Carsington Keppel Cove

#### Reserve

Mellormount Briar Rose

#### Class 5 Gelding, 4 Years and over

1<sup>st</sup> Lownthwaite Boxer, Mrs C Boardman

2<sup>nd</sup> Townend Badger, Miss S Clements

3<sup>rd</sup> Ludworth Albion, Mrs K Bennett

#### Class 6 Mares, without foal at foot, 4 Years and over

1<sup>st</sup> Greenhome Sapphire, Mr D Welch

2<sup>nd</sup> Shirdleyhill Tara, Mrs L & Miss C Brooks

3<sup>rd</sup> Roddlesworth Dot, Miss J Copeland

#### Class 7 & 8 Mare, with foal at foot

No Entries

#### Adult In Hand Champion

Greenholme Sapphire

#### Reserve

Lownthwaite Boxer

#### Class 23 Fell Pony Driving

Judge: Mrs J A Hill

1<sup>st</sup> Townend Badger, Miss S Clements

### FELL PONY RIDDEN CLASSES

Judge: Mr M Goddard

#### Class 25 Novice Pony in its first season under saddle

1<sup>st</sup> Greenholme Sapphire, Mr D Welch

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunnybrowe Prince, Miss M Wolverson

3<sup>rd</sup> Ludworth Albion, Mrs K Bennett

#### Class 26 Novice Pony not to have won 2 firsts in ridden classes

1<sup>st</sup> Greenholme Sapphire, Mr D Welch

2<sup>nd</sup> Ludworth Albion, Mrs K Bennett

3<sup>rd</sup> Scotgate Sebastian, Mrs S Thompson

#### Class 27 Traditional Ridden, Walk and Trot only

#### 7 years and under

1<sup>st</sup> Scotgate Spectrum, Miss J Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> Roddlesworth Dot, Miss J Copeland

3<sup>rd</sup> Spenruss Storm, Miss A Geraghty

#### 8 years and over

1<sup>st</sup> Lownthwaite Boxer, Mrs C Boardman



2<sup>nd</sup> Shirdleyhill Tara, Mrs L & Miss C  
Brooks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Inglegarth Drummer, Miss A  
Beardsall

### **Class 28 Open Ridden**

1<sup>st</sup> Scotgate Spectrum, Miss J Anderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunnycrow Prince, Miss M  
Wolverson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Meadowvalley Free Spirit, Mrs J  
Plumb

### **Ridden Champion**

Scotgate Spectrum

### **Reserve**

Greenholme Sapphire

### **Supreme Champion**

Greenholme Sapphire

### **Reserve**

Scotgate Spectrum

### **COMBINED CLASSES**

**Judge: Mrs D Key**

### **Class 18 Young Handler (14 years and under)**

1<sup>st</sup> Shirdleyhill Tara, Alice Brooks



2<sup>nd</sup> Mellormount Briar Rose, Laura  
Bennett  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bowthorne Duke, Isobel Haywood

### **Class 19 Young Rider (16 years and under)**

1<sup>st</sup> Wolds Storm Petrel, Alice Brooks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Meadowvalley Free, Spirit Jenna  
Plumb  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ludworth Albion, Laura Bennet

### **Class 20 Veteran Pony In Hand (Pony to be 18 years or over)**

No Entries

### **Class 21 Equitation**

1<sup>st</sup> Ludworth Albion, Mrs K Bennett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lunesdale Peter, Mrs S Thompson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Westwick Review, Mrs E Prady

### **DRESSAGE**

#### **Prelim 7**

1<sup>st</sup> Scotgate Spectrum, Miss J Anderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Greenholme British Queen, Miss Z  
Reid  
3<sup>rd</sup> Scotgate Sebastian, Mrs S Thompson

#### **Novice 21**

1<sup>st</sup> Scotgate Spectrum, Miss J Anderson  
Commended, Uldale Black Iona, Mr &  
Mrs K R Dorman

*Ready for the off. Three Group members get set for the first trotting race at the Midlands South West Group's annual "Leg It" and gymkhana (see report in Groups section).*





## 2nd Cumbria Fells and Dales Show—31 May 2008

The second Cumbria Fell and Dales Pony Show drew competitors from as far a field as Perth and Derbyshire. Organisers Hilary Fawcett and Ellen Jones were pleased with the entries, as they were up by 25% on last year. The show was held in a super flat field kindly loaned by Alan Jenkinson of Clifton. This meant that three extra rings could be accommodated and parking was plentiful for both spectators and competitors alike.

Supreme Fell Pony Champion was the stallion, Carrock I'm Yer Man, owned by Ian and Alistair Smith of Perthshire. This pony was bred by Glenis Cockbain of Keswick, and has been consistently successful, having been Supreme Champion at the Fell Pony Stallion Show twice. On his way to becoming Supreme Champion, Carrock I'm your Man won the NPS Novice Picton Ridden Fell class, The Traditional Ridden Fell Class and the Open Ridden Fell Class. This is his first season under saddle, and he was ably ridden by Chris Macmillan.

Reserve Supreme Fell Pony Champion was Brackenbank Romany bred and owned by David and Katherine Wilkinson of Flakebridge, Appleby. This pony has been consistently successful for the Wilkinsons. Her handler, Melissa Brennan is to show her in ridden classes as well.

Fell pony In Hand classes were judged by Mrs Sheila Edwards of Knock, Appleby. Mrs Edwards remarked on the quality and quantity of entries forward. The show organisers were grateful to the Fell Pony Riding Judge, Mrs Fiona

Cameron, Moffat, who deputised at last minute for her mother, Mrs Sheila Clarke of East Lothian who had to go to hospital suddenly. Mrs Cameron was impressed with the quality of all of her Ridden entries. She commented, "One would come into the ring, and I thought 'That pony looks good. I think I will have my winner here.' Then another would come forward, and I thought, 'Oh no, here's my winner,' and another couple may have come forward that were just as good! Very often, the top 5 or 6 ponies in the line up were outstanding. All winners in their own right."

Prestigious National Pony Society qualifiers were held for the first time at the show. Local Exhibitor, Robert Relph Briggs from Penruddock won the Fell Pony Home Produced qualifier with Townend Fern out of a big class of 16 ponies.

A new ring for this year was the Working Hunter Pony Ring. All classes were judged by Peter Boustead from Lancaster. Deborah Chadwick's Severnvalle Hector from Preston was the Fell Pony WHP Champion.

Cumbria Fell and Dales Pony Show would not have been possible without the support of two local Businesses. Paragon Veterinary Group from Newbiggin, Stainton sponsored the rosettes and sashes, and Carrs Agriculture very generously gave every class winner a bag of horse feed.

The show will remain very much in the same format for next year. The only change will be a separate junior ring hosting the young handler and

junior ridden classes to ease pressure on the other ridden rings. The show remains popular as it is. The organisers hope for the same fantastic sunny day that they had this year. Next year's show date is Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Further details can be obtained from joint organisers, Hilary Fawcett, 017683-41417 or Ellen Jones, 017684-83511.

*Photo in centre pages*

## RESULTS

**FELL PONY IN HAND CLASSES** - Judge:  
Mrs Sheila Edwards, Knock,  
Appleby-in-Westmorland

### 1. Yearling

- 1st Bracklinn Jackpot Messrs Smith
- 2nd Townend Rocky R Savage
- 3rd Brackenthwaite Khandi Mrs R Douglas
- 4th Wellbrow Archie Sharon McCubbin

### 2. Two Year Old Filly or Gelding

- 1st Brackbank Gypsy III Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bracklinn Honey C Savage
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Linnel Wanderer Leanne Huschka
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lownthwaite Flicka II A Morton

### 3. Three Year Old Filly or Gelding

- 1st Townend Fern R Relph-Briggs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brackbank Rosanna Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dalewin Instructor M Rawlinson

### 4. Gelding, 4 years and over

- 1<sup>st</sup> Townend Moonshadow II P Montgomery
- 2nd Farleton Freddie C Simpson

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carrock Whodathowtit C Richardson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Moorhouse Crispin Lisa McCulloch

### 5. Mares, without foal at foot, 4 years and over

- 1st Brackbank Romany Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
- 2nd Castle Hill Rose Miss C Crow
- 3rd Townend Eden P Randell
- 4th Lunesdale Henrietta C Eady

### 6. Mare, with foal at foot

- 1st Brackbank Rosie Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

### 7. Foal

- 1st Brackbank colt foal Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

### 8. Veteran Pony, 16 years and over (stallions excluded)

- 1st Carrock Pollyanna G M Cockbain
- 2nd Townend Septimus K Mayman
- 3rd Moorhouse Crispin Lisa McCulloch
- 4th Heltondale Daisy III Lucy Hogg

### 9. NPS HOME PRODUCED MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND CHAMPION

- 1st Townend Fern R Relph-Briggs
- 2nd Townend Septimus K Mayman
- 3rd Brackbank Gypsy III Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
- 4th Townend Moonshadow II P Montgomery

### FELL PONY YOUNGSTOCK CHAMPIONSHIP

**CHAMPION** Bracklinn Jackpot  
**RESERVE** Townend Fern

## FELL PONY IN HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

### CHAMPION

Brackenbank Romany

### RESERVE

Townend Moonshadow

## 10. Young Handler

### 8 to 11 years old

- 1st Ludworth Albion L Bennett
- 2nd Heltondale Daisy III L Hogg
- 3rd Brackenbank Romany M Wilkinson
- 4th Lune Valley Beauty Miss E Exley

### 12 to 16 years

- 1st Brackenbank Romany M Brennand
- 2nd Kerbeck Night Mystery S Messenger
- 3rd Moorhouse Crispin M McCulloch
- 4th Stennerskeugh Joe L Crossland

## 11. Best Turned Out

Judge: Miss Linda Willan, Newby, Penrith

- 1st Townend Ruffle J Williamson
- 2nd Brackenbank Romany M Brennand
- 3rd Wellbrow Maverick H Hafizullah
- 4th Ludworth Albion L Bennett

## FELL PONY RIDDEN CLASSES

Judge: Mrs Fiona Cameron, Scotland.

## 12. NPS Picton (Novice) Fell Ridden

- 1st Carrock I'm Yer Man Chris Macmillan
- 2nd Townend Moonshadow II P Montgomery
- 3rd Severnvale Denzil Julie Robinson

- 4th Hedgethorpe April Morning Miss D J Chadwick

## 13. NPS Intermediate Fell Ridden

- 1st Severnvale Denzil Julie Robinson
- 2nd Townend Ruffle J Williamson
- 3rd Bracklinn Jo-Jo C Savage
- 4th Darrenvale Darcy Charlotte Raftery

## 14. Novice Pony in its first season under saddle

- 1st Greenholme Sapphire L Welch
- 2nd Hillhead Archie J Williamson
- 3rd Ludworth Albion L Bennett
- 4th Carrock Whodathowtit C Richardson

## 15. Novice Pony Not to have won 2 firsts in ridden classes.

- 1st Townend Moonshadow II P Montgomery
- 2nd Hillhead Archie J Williamson
- 3rd Bracklinn Bertie C Savage
- 4th Lownthwaite Ronseal H Lightfoot

## 16. Traditional Ridden. Walk and Trot only

- 1st Carrock I'm Yer Man C Macmillan
- 2nd Townend Ruffle J Williamson
- 3rd Moorhouse Crispin L McCulloch
- 4th Carrock Whodathowtit C Richardson

## 17. Open Ridden Class

- 1st Carrock I'm Yer Man C Macmillan
- 2nd Moorhouse Crispin L McCulloch
- 3rd Townend Ruffle J Williamson
- 4th Greenholme Sapphire L Welch

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## Colour Photo Section



*Supreme  
Champion at the  
Stallion and Colt  
Show 2008,  
Murthwaite  
Gurkha  
FP70591C,  
Owner: Mr C &  
Mrs K Turner,  
Breeder: Mr T B  
Capstick*

*Samantha  
Greenwood's  
Dene Dusky Maid at  
the Spring Festival  
of Champions,  
April 2007, where  
she was In Hand,  
Ridden and  
Supreme  
Champion.*





*Fell and Dales Show: (Left to Right) Liz Jackson, of Sponsor PARAGON Veterinary Group, Supreme Fell Pony Champion, Carrock I'm Your Man, Owned by Alistair Smith, bred by Glenis Cockbain and and Ridden by Chris Macmillan; Claire Davison of Sponsor CARRS Agriculture; Reserve Supreme Fell Pony Champion Brackenbank Romany owned and bred by D & K Wilkinson, handled by Melissa Brennand (standing) and Fell Pony Ridden Judge, Mrs Fiona Cameron.*



*Fell and Dales Show:  
Reserve Ridden Champion and Overall Points Winning Pony, Moorhouse Crispin, ridden by Lisa McCulloch*



*Supreme Champion at the South Cumbria Show, Heltondale Dolly VIII, FP3440, Owners Mr P & Mrs E Greene*

*Reserve  
Champion at  
the South  
Cumbria  
Show,  
Banksgate  
Galway Girl  
FP4520,  
Owner Mr A  
Ashcroft*





*Reserve Ridden  
Champion at the South  
Cumbria Show,  
Bracklinn Jo-Jo owned  
and ridden by  
Courtney Savage*



*Left: Reserve  
Champion at the Breed  
Show,  
Heltondale  
Misty IV  
FP2878,  
owner Mr T B  
Capstick.  
Photo (c) F  
Hallam*



*Ridden Champion at  
the South Cumbria  
Show, Greenholme  
Sapphire, Owner Mr D  
Welch  
Rider Mrs L Welch*



*Below: Champion at  
the Breed Show,  
Lunesdale Lady  
Rebecca, FP3455,  
owner Mrs C A  
Morland.*





*Breed Show  
Ridden  
Champion Castle  
Hill Glen (left)  
FP50749G.  
Owner Miss C  
Holmes, Rider  
Miss B Ford.  
Right, Novice  
Ridden winner  
Greenholme  
White Heather  
FP3416,  
Owner Mrs I  
Potter, Rider  
Miss A Robinson.  
Photos (c) F  
Hallam*



*Bert Morland with four generations of the same female line: from left to right are Lunesdale Rebecca, (17 years old), Lunesdale White Rose (26 years old), Lunesdale Aurora (2 years old) and Lunesdale Lady Rebecca (8 years old). White Rose is dam of Rebecca, Rebecca is dam of Lady Rebecca, and Lady Rebecca (2008 Breed Show Champion) is dam of Aurora.*





*Brackenbank Rosie (above) 1st in Fell Brood Mare at the Cumbria Fell & Dales Show and at Dufton, Champion Fell & Supreme Champion at Tebay and Champion Fell & Reserve Supreme at Penrith. Brackenbank Romany (below), In Hand Fell Champion & Reserve Supreme Fell Champion at Cumbria Fell & Dales Show, Fell Champion & Reserve M & M Champion at NCPA Cumbria Summer Show and Fell Champion at Appleby Show. She also won the ridden class at Dufton.*



*Right, Andreas Ruppel's four-in-hand :*

*Hochtaunus  
Dusty,*

*Hochtaunus  
Cinderella,*

*Townend  
Heatherbell II,*

*Hochtaunus  
Hetty.*

*Photo, S  
Albrecht,  
Germany.*



*Below, Kerbeck Fell ponies transporting builders' sacks for the National Trust, who were doing path maintenance work at Black Sail, Ennerdale, in March 2007. The empty bags would normally either be airlifted in or workers would carry them in 10 at a time. Ponies were definitely cheaper, quicker and better for the environment.*



*Photo,  
National  
Trust.*

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- 18. Veteran Pony under saddle.**  
1st Moorhouse Crispin L McCulloch  
2nd Townend Septimus D Morrison  
3rd Kerbeck Night Serenade A  
Messenger  
4th Heltondale Daisy III L Hogg

**FELL PONY RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP  
CHAMPION**

Carrock I'm Yer Man

**RESERVE**

Moorhouse Crispin

- 19. Young Rider (Rider to be 16  
years or under as of 1st January  
2008) (stallions excluded)**

**12 years and over**

- 1st Bracklinn Jo-Jo C Savage  
2nd Spenruss Flight A Clowes  
3rd Townend Septimus D Morrison

**under 12 years**

- 1st Ludworth Albion L Bennett  
2nd Wellbrow Maverick, H Hafizullah  
3rd Heltondale Daisy III L Hogg

**FELL PONY DRIVING**

Judge: Mr Dave Stafford, Dinnington  
Northumberland

- 20. Any Vehicle, to be judged with  
Dales class 45.**

1st Cobbyhill Suzanne S Millard

**DRIVING CHAMPION Fells & Dales**

Cobbyhill Suzanne, S Millard

**FELL PONY WORKING HUNTER**

Judge: Mr Peter Boustead, Lancashire

- 21. NPS Mountain and Moorland  
Novice WHP**

1st Hedgethorpe April Morning Miss  
D J Chadwick

- 22. Pony not to have ever entered  
a WHP class before**

1st Greenholme White Heather, A  
Robinson  
2nd Browdale Raven Mrs J McLeod  
3rd Wansfell Alma A Pottinger  
4th Lowthwaite Ronseal H Lightfoot

- 23. Very Novice WHP**

1st Spenruss Flight A Clowes  
2nd Ludworth Major L Birch  
3rd Hillhead Archie J Williamson  
4th Greenholme White Heather A  
Robinson

- 24. Novice WHP**

1st Spenruss Flight A Clowes  
2nd Hillhead Archie J Williamson  
3rd Kerbeck Thor's Fire, C Robinson

- 25. Open WHP**

1st Severnvale Hector Miss D J  
Chadwick  
2nd Kerbeck Night Serenade, A  
Messenger  
3rd Kerbeck Fire Cracker S Kilburn-  
Wilson  
4th Hillhead Archie J Williamson

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**FELL PONY WORKING HUNTER PONY**

**CHAMPION**

Severnvale Hector Miss D J Chadwick

**RESERVE**

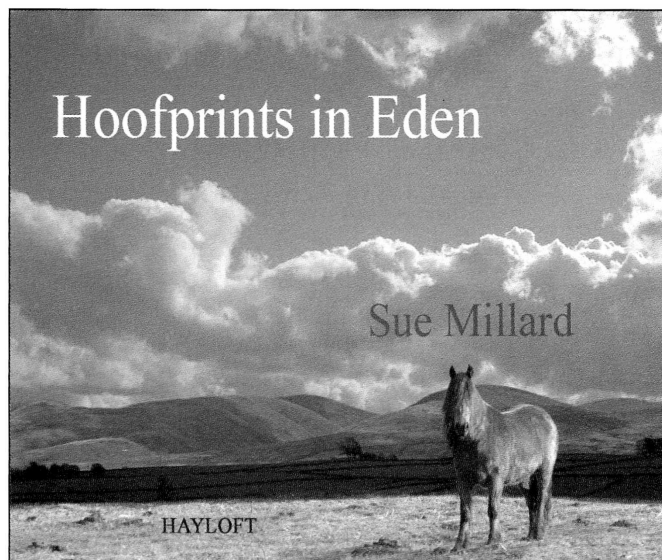
Ludworth Major, L Birch

**SUPREME FELL PONY CHAMPION**

Carrock I'm Yer Man

**RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION**

Brackenbank Romany



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## Yorkshire Game Fair—Harewood House 25-26<sup>th</sup> May 2008

The Fell Pony Society needed a volunteer to attend the Game Fair with a pony. As it wasn't being held all that far away I volunteered my pony Scaitcliffe Dark Amonite (known at home as Polo). Mary Longsdon and Jane Glass brought the FPS sales stand for the two days.

This was the first time the event had been held and the organisers were not experienced with arranging accommodation for ponies. We had hoped for some kind of pen made from gates or similar to stand the pony in next to the sales stand. Unfortunately what we got was a tent! They found us a hurdle sized gate but this was too low to rely on so we scouted round and found a long piece of wood which with a bit of adjustment with a saw fitted right across the front preventing Polo from escaping.

Polo is 17 years old and has done many things but he had never been asked to stand in a tent. I'm not sure he thought much of it especially as it was a very windy weekend and the back of the tent had a tendency to billow and flap.

Polo stood for two days while hundreds of adults and children patted and talked to him. I think people were surprised to find a pony among the trade stands.

We had a great view of the main ring which was only metres away. Not sure Polo agreed on the first morning when the helicopter which was parked in the ring took off. Also Polo was able to enjoy the brass band - by the 5<sup>th</sup>

performance on the second day he looked like he was enjoying the music!

At some points it was three rows deep with people trying to see and talk to Polo. His day improved when some people found carrots and polo mints which he does love. He behaved very well and never once looked fed up and we lost count of the number of photographs he had taken.

And just occasionally I got a look from him that said, "You owe me for this."

*Heather Mawrey*



*Polo "at home" to visitors at the Game Fair*



## South Cumbria Show—14 June 2008

### Judges

In-hand **Mr T B Capstick** (Murthwaite Ponies)

Ridden **Mrs B A Hodgson** (Inglegarth Ponies)

Equitation **Mrs T Brooks**

Reserve **Mrs C S Millard**

### CLASS 1 Geld Mare 4 years old or over with no foal at foot

1<sup>st</sup> Craggs Stardust FP3482, Owner Mr J E Greener

2<sup>nd</sup> Marlingdyke Mo'Chridh, FP2861\*, Owner Mr P Leach

3<sup>rd</sup> Brackenbank Romany FP3006, Owners Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

### CLASS 2 Gelding 4 years or over

1<sup>st</sup> Bracklinn Jo-Jo FP50985G, Owner Miss C Savage

2<sup>nd</sup> Baronshill Bailey FP50864G, Owner Mrs L Thompson

3<sup>rd</sup> Carrock Whodathowtit FP70174G, Owner Miss C Richardson

### CLASS 3 Veteran Mare or Gelding 15 years or over

1<sup>st</sup> Carrock Pollyanna FP1596, Owner Mrs G Cockbain

2<sup>nd</sup> Townend Septimus FP723G\*, Owner Ms K Mayman

3<sup>rd</sup> Stennerskeugh Joe FP692G, Owner Mrs J Coates

### CLASS 4 Brood Mare 4 years or over with foal at foot

1<sup>st</sup> Heltondale Dolly VIII FP3440, Owners Mr P & Mrs E Greene

2<sup>nd</sup> Brackenbank Suzanna FP4043, Owners Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Townend Dawn II FP2422, Owner Mrs G M Cockbain

### CLASS 5 Foal

1<sup>st</sup> Brackenbank Reyanna, Owners Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

2<sup>nd</sup> Cargenwater Prince, Owners Mr P & Mrs E Greene

3<sup>rd</sup> Brunswyke Filly Foal, Owner Mrs R Littlejohn

### CLASS 6 Yearling colt, filly or gelding

1<sup>st</sup> Greenholme Bobby Dazzler FP70932C, Owner Mrs I Potter

2<sup>nd</sup> Cargenwater Jane FP4651, Owners Mr P & Mrs E Greene

3<sup>rd</sup> Banksgate Aisling FP4537, Owners A & E D Ashcroft

### CLASS 7 Two year old filly or gelding

1<sup>st</sup> Banksgate Galway Girl FP4520, Owner Mr A Ashcroft

2<sup>nd</sup> Bybeck Gracie FP4383, Owner Mrs H Roberts

3<sup>rd</sup> Littletree Cornelia FP4423, Owner Miss E J Woolley

### CLASS 8 Three year old filly or gelding

1<sup>st</sup> Greenholme Stacey FP4274, Owner Mr N R Woolley

2<sup>nd</sup> Townend Fern FP4216, Owners Mrs E M Whittam & Mr R Relp-Briggs

3<sup>rd</sup> Lincoln FP70619G, Owner Mrs T Mallinson



**CLASS 9 Young Judges Class -  
Under 18 by 1 January 2008**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Courtney Savage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Woodruff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Robinson

**CLASS 10 Young Handlers - ponies  
of any age to be shown in hand by boy  
or girl aged**

**a) under 13 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Scaitcliffe Flint FP51259G,  
Owner Mrs S Macleod, Handler  
Alex Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronhill Breezer FP51205G,  
Owner Mrs L Thompson, Handler  
Glen Allen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Townend Septimus FP723G\*,  
Owner Ms K Mayman, Handler  
Demi Morrison

**b) 13 to 18 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Heltondale Emma FP1624,  
Owner Miss R Woodruff, Handler  
Emma Woodruff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brackenbank Romany FP3006,  
Owners Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson,  
Handler Melissa Brennan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stennerskeugh Joe FP692G,  
Owner Mrs J Coates, Handler  
Lucy Crossland

**CLASS 11 Lead Rein Class**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bracklinn Jo-Jo FP50958G,  
Owner Miss C Savage, Rider  
Sophie Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bracklinn Bertie FP70072G,  
Owner Mr R Savage Rider Lucy  
Jones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Baronhill Breezer FP51205G,  
Owner Mrs L Thompson, Rider  
Alice Reid

**CLASS 12 First Ridden Class**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Baronhill Bailey FP50864G,  
Owner Mrs L Thompson, Rider  
Glen Allen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Townend Septimus FP723G\*,  
Owner Ms K Mayman, Rider Demi  
Morrison
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bracklinn Bertie FP70072G,  
Owner Mr R Savage, Rider  
Samantha Bell

**CLASS 13 Ridden Class for Mare 4  
years or over**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Greenholme Sapphire FP3556,  
Owner Mr D Welch, Rider Mrs L  
Welch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Townend Ruffle FP2611, Owner  
and Rider Miss J Williamson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Greenholme White Heather,  
FP3416, Owner Mrs I Potter,  
Rider Miss A Robinson

**CLASS 14 Ridden Class for Geldings  
4 years or over**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bracklinn Jo-Jo FP50958G,  
Owner & Rider Miss C Savage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Townend Septimus FP723G\*,  
Owner & Rider Ms K Mayman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Longendale Prince FP70927G,  
Owner Mrs J Huddleston, Rider  
Miss J Melrose

**CLASS 15 Ridden Class for Novice  
Ponies Mare or Gelding**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hillhead Archie FP51241G,  
Owners Williamson Family, Rider  
Miss J Williamson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Longendale Prince FP70927G  
Owner Mrs J Huddleston, Rider  
Miss J Melrose
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carrock Whodathowtit FP70174G,  
Owner & Rider Miss C Richardson

**CLASS 16** Equitation - Juniors -  
open to riders not to have achieved  
their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by 1 January 2007

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bracklinn Jo-Jo FP50958G,  
Owner & Rider Miss C Savage  
2<sup>nd</sup> Greenholme White Heather  
FP3416, Owner Mrs I Potter,  
Rider Miss A Robinson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Spenruss Flight FP2901, Owner  
Mrs S Clowes, Rider Miss A  
Clowes

**CLASS 17** Equitation - Seniors -  
Riders to be 19 years or above

- 1<sup>st</sup> Greenfield Polly's Lad FP50907G,  
Owner & Rider Mrs J Coates

**CLASS 18** Ridden Pairs

No Entries

**IN HAND CHAMPION**

Heltondale Dolly VIII

**IN HAND RESERVE**

Banksgate Galway Girl

**RIDDEN CHAMPION**

Greenholme Sapphire

**RIDDEN RESERVE**

Bracklinn Jo-Jo

**VETERAN POINTS**

Townend Septimus

**OVERALL CHAMPION**

Heltondale Dolly VIII

**OVERALL RESERVE**

Greenholme Sapphire



**Lowther Show—8 August 2008—washed out!**

It's never happened before but the ground was under water at our usual location on the Lowther Estate. The Show committee were geared up for a very busy two days with the Breed Show immediately following Lowther, so I don't know if they were delighted or disappointed to have only one show to put on that weekend - though I can guess.

At least it meant that competitors showing at both venues were dry at the beginning of the Breed Show (it didn't last!)

Lowther itself also lost a day to the weather and for the first time in 35 years the Sunday events, other than the conclusion of the Horse Driving Trials competitions themselves, were also cancelled.



**Stop Press Sept. 2008— Southern Show and Linnels Performance Trials**

Disappointingly, the Southern Show has been cancelled due to the ground being waterlogged. As this magazine goes to press the Charlton family were making the decision whether or not to run the Performance Trials, so we are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather allows them to go ahead. Results will be published in the Spring issue.



## 37th Fell Pony Society Breed Show—9 August 2008

### Judges

Classes 1 - 7 & 22 **Mr J Hunter**  
(Pikestone Ponies)

Classes 8 - 14 & 23 **Ms G Callister**  
(Threapland Ponies)

Classes 15 - 18 **Mrs R Eastwood**  
(Gowbarrow Ponies)

Classes 19 - 21 & 32 **Mr J D Lee**

Classes 24 - 25 **Mr C Parker**

Class 26 **Mrs P Bonnick**

Class 27 **Mr C Armstrong**

Classes 28 & 29 **Mr J Britton**

Class 30 **Mr M Goddard** (Bewcastle  
Ponies)

Class 31 **Mrs A A D Newall**

Best Turned Out Pony and Rider **Mr C  
Armstrong**

**Class 1 Mare 4 - 7 years old (Mare  
with foal at foot not eligible)**

1<sup>st</sup> CARLTONLIMA HARMONY FP3776  
f2002 Mr P & Mrs E Greene

2<sup>nd</sup> CASTLE HILL ROSE FP3615 f2001  
Miss C Crow

3<sup>rd</sup> TOWNEND EDEN FP4026 f2004  
Mrs M Wilson

**CLASS 2 Mare 8 years old and  
upwards (Mare with foal at foot not  
eligible)**

1<sup>st</sup> HELTONDALE MISTY IV FP2878  
f1996 Mr T B Capstick

2<sup>nd</sup> GREENHOLME PETAL FP3063  
f1997 Miss R J Potter

3<sup>rd</sup> LUNESDALE EVENING STAR  
FP2720 f1995 Mrs C A Morland

**CLASS 3 Mare 4 years old and  
upward with own filly foal at foot**

1<sup>st</sup> MURTHWAITE MAGIC MOMENT  
FP3852 f2002 Mr T B Capstick

2<sup>nd</sup> MURTHWAITE CLOUD FP3566  
f2000 Mr T B Capstick

3<sup>rd</sup> CARROCK PRINCESS FP4003 f2004  
Mr R Relph-Briggs & Mrs E M  
Whittam

**CLASS 4 Filly Foal**

1<sup>st</sup> GREENHOLME CAITLIN f2008 Miss  
R J Potter

2<sup>nd</sup> MURTHWAITE FILLY FOAL f2008  
Mr T B Capstick

3<sup>rd</sup> MURTHWAITE FILLY FOAL f2008  
Mr T B Capstick

**CLASS 5 Yearling Filly**

1<sup>st</sup> WELLBROW ARUNA FP4628 f2007  
Mr A Thorpe

2<sup>nd</sup> WELLBROW ALMA FP4590 f2007  
Miss M Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> BANKSGATE AISLING FP4537  
f2007 A & E D Ashcroft

**CLASS 6 Filly - 2 years old**

1<sup>st</sup> BANKSGATE GALWAY GIRL FP4520  
f2006 Mr A Ashcroft

2<sup>nd</sup> BYBECK GRACIE FP4383 f2006 Mrs  
H M Roberts

3<sup>rd</sup> RACKWOOD MELODY FP4418  
f2006 Mrs E A Walker

**CLASS 7 Filly - 3 years old**

1<sup>st</sup> MURTHWAITE BRACKEN'S LASS  
FP4291 f2005 Mr T B Capstick

2<sup>nd</sup> BRACKLINN STELLA FP4177 f2005  
Mr A Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> BRACKENBANK ROSANNA FP4182  
f2005 Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

**CLASS 8 Gelding 4 - 7 years old**  
1<sup>st</sup> FARLETON FREDDIE FP51244G  
f2001 Miss C Simpson  
2<sup>nd</sup> TOWNEND MOONSHADOW II  
FP70140G f2003 Ms P  
Montgomery & Mrs M Williamson  
3<sup>rd</sup> GREENHOLME DUKE FP70487G  
f2004 Mrs J McGuinness

**CLASS 9 Gelding 8 years and upwards**  
1<sup>st</sup> LUDWORTH MAJOR FP50963G\*  
f1999 Mrs J Birch  
2<sup>nd</sup> GUARDS JOSEPH FP533G f1987  
Ms S Wardle  
3<sup>rd</sup> DARRENVALE DANDY FP51041G  
f1999 Mrs J Taylor

**CLASS 10 Mare 4 years old and upward with own colt foal at foot**  
1<sup>st</sup> LUNESDALE LADY REBECCA  
FP3455 f2000 Mrs C A Morland  
2<sup>nd</sup> TOWNEND SUGAR FP2897 f1996  
Mr J W Cockbain  
3<sup>rd</sup> BRACKENBANK ROSIE FP3463  
f2000 Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

**CLASS 11 Colt Foal**  
1<sup>st</sup> LUNESDALE WAR CRY FP71129C  
f2008 Mrs C A Morland  
2<sup>nd</sup> BRACKENBANK FLASH HARRY  
f2008 Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson  
3<sup>rd</sup> THORNBECK SOLITAIRE FP71126C  
f2008 Mr J M Rawlinson

**CLASS 12 Yearling Colt or Gelding**  
1<sup>st</sup> BRACKLINN JACKPOT FP71036C  
f2007 Mr & Mrs I Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> SEVERNVALE HEReward  
FP70958C f2007 Mr G Guy  
3<sup>rd</sup> TOWNEND ROCKY FP71049C  
f2007 Miss C Savage

**CLASS 13 Gelding - 2 years old**  
1<sup>st</sup> KERBECK FIRE QUEST FP70819G  
f2006 Miss C Nowell  
2<sup>nd</sup> BRIAR FP70888G f2006 Ms R  
Dalton  
3<sup>rd</sup> LINNEL WANDERER FP70753G  
f2006 Miss L Huschka

**CLASS 14 Gelding - 3 years old**  
1<sup>st</sup> CARGENWATER DANCING DARIUS  
FP70724G f2005 Mr & Mrs G H B  
Mallinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> DALEWIN INSTRUCTOR FP70652G  
f2005 Mr J M Rawlinson  
3<sup>rd</sup> LEO FP70620G f2005 Miss C  
Nowell

**CLASS 15 Riding Class for Geldings - 4 years old and upwards**  
1<sup>st</sup> CASTLE HILL GLEN FP50749G  
f1997 Miss C Holmes Rider Miss B  
Ford  
2<sup>nd</sup> MURTHWAITE SARGE FP51107G  
f2000 Miss T Barlow Rider Miss T  
Barlow  
3<sup>rd</sup> TOWNEND MOONSHADOW II  
FP70140G f2003 Ms P  
Montgomery & Mrs M Williamson  
Rider Ms P Montgomery

**CLASS 16 Riding Class for Mares - 4 years old and upwards**  
1<sup>st</sup> TOWNEND RUFFLE FP2611 f1994  
Williamson Family Rider Miss J  
Williamson  
2<sup>nd</sup> STENNERSKEUGH FRANCES II  
FP3650 f2001 Mrs J Woolley  
Rider Miss E Woolley  
3<sup>rd</sup> GREENHOLME SAPPHIRE FP3556  
f2000 Mr D Welch Rider Mrs L  
Welch

**CLASS 17 Riding Class for Ponies 4 years old and upwards**

Ridden by a boy or girl 13 years or under on the day of the show

- 1<sup>st</sup> BRACKLINN JO-JO FP50985G  
f1999 Miss C Savage Rider Miss C Savage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SCOTGATE SPECTRUM FP51228G  
f2001 Mr & Mrs G H B Mallinson  
Rider Miss N Jackson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> DENE DANAE FP2735\* f1995 Miss  
G Gibson Rider E McLoughlin



*Castle Hill Glen, FP50749G. Owner Miss C Holmes, Rider Miss B Ford.  
Photo F Hallam*

**CLASS 18 Riding Class for Ponies 4 years old and upwards**

Ridden by a boy or girl to be aged 14 or over and not to have attained their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1 January in current year.

- 1<sup>st</sup> CASTLE HILL GLEN FP50749G  
f1997 Miss C Holmes Rider Miss B Ford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TOWNEND PATIENCE FP4024  
f2004 Mrs S Burton Rider Miss E Burton

- 3<sup>rd</sup> HARDENDALE HEATHER BELL  
FP3485 f2000 Mr G H B Mallinson  
Rider Miss P Coates

**CLASS 19 Ridden Veteran Class - Mare or Gelding to be 18 years or over**

- 1<sup>st</sup> MOORHOUSE CRISPIN FP761G  
f1990 Mrs G L Gwilt Rider L McCulloch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TOWNEND SEPTIMUS FP723G  
f1990 Miss K Mayman Rider Miss D Morrison
- 3<sup>rd</sup> GUARDS JOSEPH FP533G f1987  
Ms S Wardle Rider Ms S Wardle

**CLASS 20 Riding Class for Novice Geldings - 4 years old and upwards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> MERES JAVLIN FP70262G f2003  
Mr P Saunders Rider Miss A Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GREENHOLME DUKE FP70487G  
f2004 Mrs J McGuinness Rider  
Mrs J McGuinness
- 3<sup>rd</sup> DARRENVALE DANDY FP51041G  
f1999 Mrs J Taylor Rider Mrs J Taylor

**CLASS 21 Riding Class for Novice Mares - 4 years old and upwards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> GREENHOLME WHITE HEATHER  
FP3416 f1999 Mrs I Potter Rider  
Miss A Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> BYBECK EMILY FP3996 f2004 Mrs  
J E Boyd Rider Ms L Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> WELLBROW SATIN FP3938 f2003  
Miss L Butterworth Rider Miss L Butterworth

**CLASS 22 Mare Progeny  
No Entries**

**CLASS 23 Stallion Progeny**

- 1<sup>st</sup> MURTHWAITE LOOK AT ME  
Murthwaite Morning Glory,  
Murthwaite Magic Moment,  
Murthwaite Dawn Chorus  
Mr T B Capstick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CARROCK I'M YER MAN  
Bracklinn Isla, Bracklinn Norah,  
Bracklinn Jackpot  
Smith Family

**CLASS 24 Driving - Stallion, Mare or Gelding - 4 years old and upwards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> SEVERNVALE GREY BOBBY  
FP50712C f1997 Mr G Guy & Mr P  
Metcalfe Exhibitor Mr P Metcalfe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> COPPYHILL SUZANNE FP2681  
f1995 Mrs C S Millard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ORTON HALL DENNIS FP51003G\*  
f1999 Mr J M Rawlinson

**CLASS 25 Cone Driving**

- 1<sup>st</sup> ORTON HALL DENNIS FP51003G\*  
f1999 Mr J M Rawlinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SEVERNVALE GREY BOBBY  
FP50712C f1997 Mr & Mrs G Guy  
Exhibitor Mr P Metcalfe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> COPPYHILL SUZANNE FP2681  
f1995 Mrs C S Millard

**CLASS 26 Handy Pony Competition****Junior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> KERBECK SOLAR FIRE FP452G  
f1987 Mrs G Kilburn Rider Miss S  
Kilburn-Wilson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HELTONDALE EMMA FP1624 f1986  
Miss R Woodruff Rider Miss E L  
Woodruff

**Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> HADRIAN FP 883G f1991 Miss H C  
Fell Rider Miss H C Fell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GUARDS JOSEPH FP533G f1987  
Ms S Wardle Rider Ms S Wardle

- 3<sup>rd</sup> KERBECK THOR'S FIRE FP51178G  
f2001 Mrs S M Morris Rider Mrs C  
H Robinson

**CLASS 27 Style and Performance****Junior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> GREENHOLME WHITE HEATHER  
FP3416 f1999 Mrs I Potter Rider  
Miss A Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> BRACKLINN JO-JO FP50985G  
f1999 Miss C Savage Rider Miss C  
Savage

**Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> MOORHOUSE CRISPIN FP761G  
f1990 Mrs G L Gwilt Rider L  
McCulloch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> KERBECK THOR'S FIRE FP51178G  
f2001 Mrs S M Morris Rider Mrs C  
H Robinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SCOTGATE SPECTRUM FP51228G  
f2001 Mr & Mrs G H B Mallinson  
Rider Miss J Anderson

**CLASS 28 Pony with the best set of feet (Shod)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> GREENHOLME SAPPHIRE FP3556  
f2000 Mr D Welch Farrier Mr D  
Welch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DARRENVALE DAM BUSTER  
FP51202G f2001 Mrs L Scott  
Farrier Mr D Holt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> STENNERSKEUGH FRANCES II  
FP3650 f2001 Mrs J Woolley  
Farrier Ms S Brown

**CLASS 29 Pony with the best set of feet (never been shod)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> GREENFIELD POLLY'S LAD  
FP50907G f1998 Mrs J Coates
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LEO FP70620G f2005 Miss C  
Nowell

**CLASS 30 Young Handlers****Under 13 years**

- 1<sup>st</sup> DENE DANAE FP2735\* f1995  
Miss G Gibson Handler E McLoughlin

- 2<sup>nd</sup> GREENHOLME WHITE HEATHER  
FP3416 f1999 Mrs I Potter  
Handler Miss A Robinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> LUDWORTH ALBION FP70045G  
f2002 Mrs K Bennett Handler  
Miss L Bennett

### 13 years and over

- 1<sup>st</sup> WELLBROW LUCKY PRINCESS  
FP2866 f1996 Mr A Thorpe  
Handler Miss G Thorpe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HELTONDALE EMMA FP1624 f1986  
Miss R Woodruff Handler Miss E L  
Woodruff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BRACKENBANK ROMANY FP3006  
f1997 Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson  
Handler Miss M Brennan

### CLASS 31 Fancy Dress

- 1<sup>st</sup> HELTONDALE EMMA FP1624 f1986  
Miss R Woodruff Exhibitor Miss E  
L Woodruff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ORTON HALL DENNIS FP51003G  
f1999 Mr J M Rawlinson  
Exhibitor Miss S Pye
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BRACKENBANK ROMANY FP3006  
f1997 Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson  
Exhibitor Miss M Wilkinson

### CLASS 32 Qualifying Class for Olympia

- 1<sup>st</sup> STENNERSKEUGH FRANCES II  
FP3650 f2001 Mrs J Woolley  
Rider Miss E Woolley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CASTLE HILL GLEN FP50749G  
f1997 Miss C Holmes Rider Miss  
B Ford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> GREENHOLME SAPPHIRE FP3556  
f2000 Mr D Welch Rider Mrs L  
Welch

### CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Heltondale Lucy X Cup

Best Filly of 3 years old bred by a reg  
stered native heath breeder

MURTHWAITE BRACKEN'S LASS

#### McDonough Shield

Oldest mare with own foal at foot  
THORNBECK CRYSTAL

#### Lakeland Cup

Best Pony 2 years old and under

#### Champion

BRACKLINN JACKPOT

#### Reserve

BANKSGATE GALWAY GIRL

#### Shawfell Silhouette Memorial Cup Champion Foal

#### Champion

GREENHOLME CAITLIN

#### Reserve

LUNESDALE WAR CRY

#### FPS Challenge Cup

Best Filly or Gelding of 3 years old  
likely to make a good riding type

#### Champion

MURTHWAITE BRACKEN'S LASS

Reserve BRACKLINN STELLA

#### Farleton Trophy Champion Gelding of Classes 8 & 9

Champion LUDWORTH MAJOR

Reserve FARLETON FREDDIE

#### Alan Shuttleworth Trophy Champion Female Pony in Classes 1-3 & 10

Champion LUNESDALE LADY REBECCA

Reserve HELTONDALE MISTY IV

#### The Sylvia Mary McCosh Memorial Rose Bowl

Breeder of the Champion Pony  
Mr A W Morland

## RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### The Greenfield Memorial Trophy

Novice Ridden

**Champion** GREENHOLME WHITE  
HEATHER

**Reserve** MERES JAVLIN

### The Littletree Trophy Junior Ridden

**Champion** CASTLE HILL GLEN

**Reserve** TOWNEND PATIENCE

### The Carrock Pollyanna Trophy Open Ridden

**Champion** TOWNEND RUFFLE

**Reserve** CASTLE HILL GLEN

### The Toby Tankard Champion Ridden

**Champion** CASTLE HILL GLEN

**Reserve** GREENHOLME WHITE  
HEATHER

**NPS Silver Medal Rosette** CASTLE HILL  
GLEN

**The Briar Trophy Best Turned Out**  
SCOTGATE SPECTRUM

### Veteran Gelding Shield Oldest Ridden Gelding

KERBECK SOLAR FIRE

### The Packway Bellman Trophy

Most points in Riding, Driving & Handy  
Pony

GUARDS JOSEPH

### The Tufton Silver Challenge Trophy Supreme Champion Pony

**Champion** LUNESDALE LADY REBECCA

### The Jim Bell Memorial Trophy

**Reserve Supreme Champion Pony**

**Reserve** HELTONDALE MISTY IV

*See Colour section for photographs*



## FPS Performance Points: CPR Award 2008

The Central Prefix Register have chosen the Fell Pony to be the Rare Breed to receive one of their awards for 2008. It will be awarded to the winner of the performance section of the performance points - ie the ridden 4 year old and over.

The award will be £150 to the owner and £150 to the breeder of the Performance Points winner in our Points scheme, subject to the winner holding a prefix registered with the Central Prefix Register. Please return all point sheets to:

Mrs C H Robinson, 6 Crossgates, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4TU, before 15 January 2009.





## Waverhead Open Day

On Sunday 15 June we welcomed many visitors from far and wide to our Open Day here at Waverhead. It was encouraging to see so many enthusiastic Fell Pony Society members here and thankfully the weather was more than kind to us all. Everyone viewed the ponies and we had two classes of ponies to judge, with Clive Richardson as master judge. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to help prior to the day to make everything ready, and also to those who helped on the day as well, especially to family and friends for providing an excellent barbecue lunch and teas; also for the many drawing prizes brought. On the day we raised £420 through the raffle and also the generous donations received. It was heartwarming to receive so many thank you cards and to know the Waverhead Open Day had been a success.

*Barbara, Hilary and family*



## Ultimate Endurance—the Caledonia Challenge

Sarah Norris and her 13-year-old Fell mare Southolme Blossom (s. Tarnmoor Prince, d. Linnet) achieved the ultimate in endurance riding in August. They completed the 160 km ride at the FEI Caledonia Challenge. Between 5 am to 10.35 pm, Blossom averaged 11 kph, the first native pony ever to complete 100 miles. Sarah will be speaking at the Autumn meeting and has promised an article and photos for the Spring issue, but for now - congratulations!



## Fell Pony Endurance Awards Scheme

Please could all members taking part in the Endurance Awards Scheme send their completed cards, and SAE if new cards are required, to:

Mrs Fiona Carradus, Overdale, Crook Road, Staveley, Nr Kendal, Cumbria LA8 9NG. Telephone 01539 821790.



## Fell Pony Promotional DVD

The Society plans to launch the promotional DVD at the Annual General Meeting in Spring 2009. The stunning footage taken by Alan Tibbitts at shows and studs has been fitted to Clive Richardson's narrative and production is almost complete. It will be available from the Sales stand at shows and meetings, and from the FPS office.



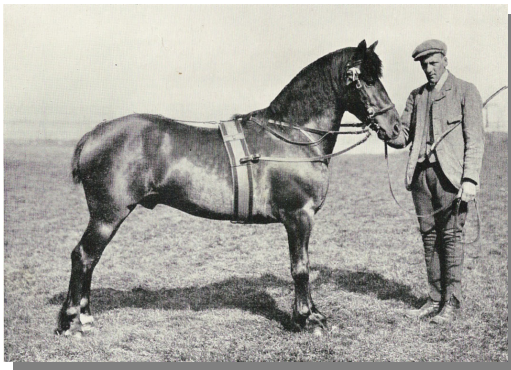
## New Educational Scheme

Following the discussions at the AGM, about encouraging young people in the Society to learn more about breeding semi feral ponies, Council are arranging educational days for young people aged 11-18 who would like to learn about the traditional management practices of our senior breeders who run ponies on the fell. These days will cater for very small groups, of up to 4. More details, including how to apply, will be available at the Autumn meeting.



## From the Archives

Mountain Hero II, Fell number 250, as shown in the 1910 *British Agricultural Encyclopaedia* and the 1915 Vol 3 of *Livestock of the Farm*. He was 13.2 hh at 3



years old, and was advertised on his 1900 stud card as "a rich bay", with "spectacular action".

"Will Serve Mares at 15s each, and heath-going Ponies at 12s 6d each, with 2s 6d Groom Fee in each case. The Groom Fee to be paid at time of service, and all other demands at the end of the season."

His dam was a registered Fell, Black Bess by FitzGeorge.



## Holiday accommodation in the heart of Fell country

Self catering barn conversion handy for Lakes, Dales, FPS Shows and Lowther. Quiet walking country (and in sight of Shap gradient of the West Coast Main line if your other half is into trains rather than horses!)

2 bedrooms, sleeps 5.

Website <http://www.dawbank.co.uk>—links to agency where you can book online.

Contact Mr & Mrs Millard,

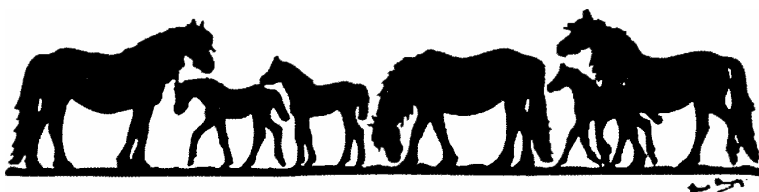
Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3TA, tel 01539 624636, or e-mail [mgmillard@dawbank.co.uk](mailto:mgmillard@dawbank.co.uk).

**Sales List of  
Registered Fell Ponies  
simply the best way to buy or sell a pony!**

**Do you have a pony to sell?  
Consider placing a FOR SALE advert**

**Are you looking for the right pony?  
Write yourself a WANTED advert.**

**Do you breed Fell Ponies?  
A STUD ADVERT will tell everyone**



On payment of £10 your pony advert will be included and remain on the Sales List for a maximum period of three months. Adverts for items for sale will be accepted at the same rates. Please write your advert details, including pony name, registration number and a contact telephone number, and forward with a cheque payable to “The Fell Pony Society” to:

Barry Stamp, Deerhurst, Newport Road, Haughton, Stafford, ST18 9JH

The Sales List is updated once a week and can be accessed on the Fell Pony Society web site at [www.fellponysociety.org.uk](http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk), or a printed copy is available on receipt of £3.00.

Enquiries: telephone: 01785 822723 or e-mail: [barry@fellpony.me.uk](mailto:barry@fellpony.me.uk)

*Barry Stamp*

## North West Support Group

The North West Group is now running under the umbrella of the Fell Pony Breeders' Association. Events over the year have included a Pie and Pea Supper at Tebay, and as this magazine goes to press the Group will be running a Ride and Drive from David Howe's farm at Dufton (without water-wings, we hope).

*For details of forthcoming events contact Gwendy Byas, 6 Silverband Villas, Knock, Appleby, Cumbria, CA16 6DJ, tel 01768 362115, e-mail fellponybreeders@hotmail.co.uk*



## North East Support Group

I am pleased to report that the North East Area now has a small working party made up of representatives from Northumberland, Durham, Cleveland and North Yorkshire. During the coming months we aim to contact all FPS members in our area in the hope of finding representatives for Tyne & Wear, and East, West and South Yorkshire. If you would like to be the representative for your area, please get in touch with myself.

Our first event, on Sunday 5th October, is to be a pleasure ride up on the fells and in the forestry above Blanchland. Participants can choose to complete either 10 miles or 15 miles. Further details and an application form can be found on the web site or by sending a SAE to me. Parking space is limited so acceptance will be on a first come basis.

Our second event is planned for February 2009 and is to be a Sunday lunch followed by a guest speaker. The exact date and venue are still to be agreed so watch the web site for details.

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to those members who have supported the re-launch of this group. If there are any others who would like to be involved, please write, telephone or email your suggestions and availability.

*Eileen Walker  
The Bungalow,  
High Woodfield Farm East, West Road,  
Crook, Co Durham DL15 9QA  
e-mail: rackwoodeileen@yahoo.com  
Tel: 01388763607*



The Group's events got off to their usual start with an enjoyable points awards dinner at the Fairways Restaurant at Six Hills Golf Club in Leicestershire in February. The meal was well attended, and all entrants in the scheme went away with at least one lovely rosette each.

Christine Poole held the first of her fun shows in Gotham in April, with a wide range of classes for Fells and 'Fell Friends'.

May featured the Sandringham Show, at West Newton, Norfolk, by kind permission of our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, and hosted some serious registered Fell Pony classes. Our NPS/FPS judge, Mrs Sarah Prior-Parry, felt the overall standard was high, with some new faces that haven't managed the long drive to our big shows in Cumbria or the South of England. The "Fell Friends" classes were open to all other horses and ponies that live with or ride out with Fells, and enjoy the activities we arrange. There were also mixed classes for fancy dress, child handler etc. One competitor brought three ponies from Oxfordshire, a three hour journey each way; others were from Norfolk and adjoining counties. We were pleased to have the support of the ILPH who offered special rosettes for the highest placed 'correct weight'/'Best working condition' pony in each show class. Also thanks to Feedmark, Spillers, Dodson & Horrell and Joules who offered vouchers as prizes.

A social supper was held on Saturday evening at a local hotel, with good company and good food! Sunday dawned bright with a little breeze, ideal for the sponsored ride and drive around the estate, which had a very good turnout of over 120 entries. A similar format, at the same venue, will be planned for 2009. Everybody is welcome and details will be available nearer the time from

[lisa@lisadunger.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:lisa@lisadunger.wanadoo.co.uk)

or [judy@gileshill.plus.com](mailto:judy@gileshill.plus.com).

For the Ride, contact Anne, [holtabode@btinternet.com](mailto:holtabode@btinternet.com).

*Georgina*

### **Sandringham Show May 17th 2008**

#### **Results**

#### **Class 1A Reg. Fell Youngstock (0-3yrs)**

1st K G Coe	Bybeck Hercules
2nd M Chapman	Townend Charm II
3rd A Coe	Lownthwaite Cashmere
4th P Hendry	Lownthwaite Helios

#### **Class 1B Fell Friend Youngstock (0-3)**

1st. K Lamyran	Galaela Golden Gabrielle
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#### **Class 2A. Reg Fell (4yrs - 14yrs)**

1st C Brooks	Shirdleyhill Tara
2nd N Ash	Ludworth Viking Silver
3rd L Bingham	Drybarrows Boxer
4th C Lawrence	Tighewood Model

**Class 2B Fell Friend (4yrs - 14yrs)**

1st A Brooks Daisy  
2nd M Carr Pip  
3rd D Hodges Tir Naog

**Class 3A Veteran Reg. Fell**

1st K Wood Heltondale Charlie

**Class 3B Veteran Fell Friend**

1st M Rostron James

**Class 4 Child Handler (in hand open)**

1st A Brooks Daisy  
2nd L Bingham Drybarrows Boxer  
3rd E Aske Persephone  
4th M Carr Pip

**Class 5 Best Turned-Out (in hand open)**

1st D Hodges Tir Naog  
2nd N Ash Ludworth Viking Silver  
3rd L Bingham Drybarrows Boxer  
4th C Lawrence Tighewood Model

**Class 6 Best Turned-Out (Ridden open)**

1st K Duncan Ludworth Morning Star  
2nd C LAWrence Tighewood Model  
3rd A Hodges Tir Naog  
4th E Aske Persephone

**Class 7A Reg. Fell, Ridden**

1st C Brooks Shirdleyhill Tara  
2nd K Duncan Ludworth Morning Star  
3rd C Lawrence Tighewood Model  
4th K Wood Heltondale Charlie

**Class 7B Fell Friend, Ridden**

1st A Hodges Tir Naog  
2nd M Rostron James

**Class 8A Child Rider 16 yrs and under Open**

1st A Brooks Daisy  
2nd E Aske Persephone

**Class 9 Family Mount most suited to rider**

1= E Aske Persephone  
1= A Hodges Tir Naog

**Class 10 Fancy Dress Open**

1st "Shrek", N Ash, K Duncan, etc, and Ludworth Viking Silver  
2nd "Clown" E Aske

**Class 11 Private Driving**

No entries

**Champion Fell Friend**

Daisy, Rider/Handler Alice Brooks.  
Owner, Lorna Brooks

**Reserve Champion Fell Friend**

Persephone, Rider/Handler Emily Aske

**Champion Registered Fell**

Shirdleyhill Tara, Rider/Handler Christina Brooks. Owner, Judy A Hill.

**Reserve Champion Fell**

Ludworth Viking Silver, Owner/handler Nichola Ash.





## Midlands West Support Group

Following the disappointment of last season when wet weather and the unfortunate Foot and Mouth outbreaks saw the cancellation of many of the Group's events, this year there have been several successful events held already, with more to come.

Events began in February with a talk and equine tabletop sale at Great Bridgeford Village Hall near Stafford. This year the guest speaker was Miss Johanna Vardon MBE (*photo, right*) who gave the most fascinating and interesting talk about The National Foaling Bank and all matters concerning foaling. Indeed several seasoned Fell Pony breeders who were in attendance, commented that they had all picked up some interesting tips concerning foaling and good advice on all sorts of foaling problems. Unfortunately, through no fault of its own, the National Foaling Bank has had a very difficult financial year and does have



*Miss Johanna Vardon MBE holds group members spellbound with her talk on the workings of the National Foaling Bank*

to rely on donations to continue its vital services. If you would like more information or indeed would like to subscribe Miss Vardon can be contacted at The National Foaling Bank at Meretown Stud, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 8BX or telephone 01952 811234 or visit the web site [www.nationalfoalingbank.com](http://www.nationalfoalingbank.com).

March saw the group at the Ashbourne home of Mr and Mrs Keith Dorman enjoying their very kind hospitality. This was a new event organised especially to welcome new members to the group. After a delicious lunch the Group enjoyed an entertaining and interesting slide show of vintage Fell Pony breed shows. The feedback from new members was very positive and hopefully this event should become a regular fixture.

April featured the very popular annual pleasure ride across Cannock Chase, Staffs again admirably organised by Sandra Newcombe. The weather was extremely good and there was a good turn out. A full report of this will be available in the Group newsletter.

In June, the Derbyshire Fell and Dales Pony Show was held at Bakewell. Organised jointly by the Midlands West Fell Pony Society Support Group and the Area 5 North Midlands Group of the Dales Pony Society, classes across the board were very well attended despite the blustery weather which tested all the talents of those erecting marquees! (See full report on page 40.)

On a scorching hot day in July, the group met for the annual “Leg It” or Fell Pony trotting races and gymkhana. Fells turned out in great number making it our best ever Leg It, which was surprising as some of our ‘regulars’ were unable to attend because of various other commitments. Thank you to everyone who took part and or helped. (Photo on page 41.)

Also in July the group visited, at the kind invitation of Mrs Pauline Norris, the Brocklebeck Fell Pony stud at Powys, Wales. It was real treat to visit the stud and see Pauline’s super ponies. Those that attended were very appreciative of the visit and the excellent hospitality they received.

On Saturday 27th September a tour of the Blue Cross Equine Welfare Centre at Animal Sanctuary at Dovecliff Road, Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffordshire DE13 9AU. Meet at 12.30 p.m. picnic then tour the Centre at 1.30 p.m. There will be no charge for this event but it is suggested that those attending the visit should make a donation directly to the Blue Cross on the day. For more details please telephone Anne Shuker on 01629 822098.

On Saturday 1st November, an illustrated talk by Vyv Wood-Gee on her epic journey with her daughter from John O’Groats to Lands End on their two Fell ponies. Talk begins at 1.30 p.m. at the William Shrewsbury County Primary School, Burton-on-Trent. Admission is £5 including tea and biscuits. A buffet lunch is also available at £3 per head at 12.30 p.m. A Chinese Auction will follow. Entry by ticket only. Tickets available from Mary Longsdon, Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1NN or telephone 01629 640709.

On Sunday 16th November the group will be enjoying their annual luncheon at the lovely home of Hugh and Elizabeth Marshall at Sudbury, Near Uttoxeter, Staffs. There will also be guest speaker, a raffle, Fell Pony Society merchandise and a Fell photo show (enter on the day - only one entry per person per class). If you would like to attend this highly popular event you must please telephone Elizabeth Marshall one week before to book a place 01283 585358.

The autumn Midlands West Group newsletter will be available shortly and if you have any sales or wants to be advertised FREE OF CHARGE please contact Diane Key on 01785 822723 or email [diane@fellpony.me.uk](mailto:diane@fellpony.me.uk)

*Barry Stamp*



We held our fourth Fell Pony South West Show on 30th July at Dunster Country Fair. The show was a great success with around 30 Fell ponies being shown. A big thank you to all who came to the show; also to our judge, Mrs Stella Hore, and to Mary Longsdon and Jane Glass for bringing the Fell Pony stand.



On the 12th October, Fell Pony South West Pleasure Ride will take place near Bulburrow Hill, Sturminster Newton, Dorset starting at 11.00 am.

For more information, phone Michael on 07964 209243

*Michael Goddard*

**South West Fell Show 2008 Results**

4<sup>th</sup> Lydvale Merlin - Mrs A Holder

**Class 1 Stallions 2yrs & over**

1<sup>st</sup> Inglegarth Impluse - Catherine Fuller

**Class 7 Ridden Stallion or Gelding 4yrs & over**

1<sup>st</sup> Brackenbank Swallow - Miss J Latham

**Class 2a Mares 4yrs & over**

1<sup>st</sup> Neathrose Georgie Girl - Mrs A Carlaw

2<sup>nd</sup> Owl's Lucky Surprise - Mr L Surguy

2<sup>nd</sup> Meres Julie-Anne - Diana Mcgrail

**Class 8 Ridden Mares 4yrs & over**

1<sup>st</sup> Meres Julie-Anne - Miss D Mcgrail  
2<sup>nd</sup> Neathrose Georgie Girl - Mrs A Carlaw

**Class 2b Geldings 4yrs & over**

1<sup>st</sup> Brackenbank Swallow - Miss J. Latham

**Youngstock Champion**

Severnvale Gypsy Rose

2<sup>nd</sup> Lownthwaite Moonshadow - Mrs L. Barrow

3<sup>rd</sup> Holling Black Jack - Mrs S. Howes

4<sup>th</sup> Owl's Lucky Surprise - Mr L Surguy

**In-Hand Champion**

Inglegarth Impulse

**Class 3 Broodmares 4yrs & Over with Foal**

1<sup>st</sup> Bewcastle Blossom - Mr M Goddard

**Reserve**

Bewcastle Blossom

2<sup>nd</sup> Severnvale Rosie - Mr G Guy

**Ridden Champion**

Brackenbank Swallow

**Class 4 Foals**

1<sup>st</sup> Bewcastle Black Rambler - Mr M Goddard

**Reserve**

Meres Julie-Anne

**Class 5 Yearlings colt, filly or gelding**

1<sup>st</sup> Severnvale Hereward - Mr G Guy

**Overall Supreme Champion**

Severnvale Gypsy Rose

2<sup>nd</sup> Lydvale Victoria - Mr & Mrs McNamara

**Reserve**

Inglegarth Impulse

**Class 6 Filly or Gelding 2 & 3yrs**

1<sup>st</sup> Severnvale Gypsy Rose - Mr G Guy

2<sup>nd</sup> Balmoral Vision - H.M. Queen

3<sup>rd</sup> Severnvale Grace - Mr G Guy

**Class 10 Trotting Race**

1<sup>st</sup> Meres Julie-Anne - Miss D Mcgrail

2<sup>nd</sup> Owl's Lucky Surprise - Mr L Surguy

*Sharron Camp*



## Overseas Branch News: Belgium

It has been a while since the Belgium Branch of the Fell Pony Society had some news to tell, but now we can announce some changes.

Sabine Hoff has been the promoter for the Fell pony and the Society as a whole in this region for many years now and is known as a breeder of the Fell pony and for her knowledge of the pony and the various bloodlines.

Recently she has decided that it was time for a change and consequently will not continue her work for the Belgium Branch.

Before this decision she was organising the next Belgium show of Fell ponies and asked me to help her with this.

Her next big question was if I would be so kind to take her place as Representative of the Society for the Belgium Branch!

I had a big decision to make with almost no other option than to accept.

I started with the idea that I would help Sabine with all matters concerning the Society and my first task would be the upcoming show. Now I will take on a huge responsibility to the Society and I am grateful that Sabine will stay on for a while to give me advice.

It is a challenge but I am confident that the Fell Pony Society will support the Belgium Branch in all our efforts to continually promote the Fell pony.

The first goal is to organise our show in October and I hope to get back to you with some good results.

*Mia Aerdt*



*Graysons Robbie, owned by Mrs Susan Pomfret, ridden by Rachel Pomfret, age 10; pictured at the South Cumbria Show in June*



## Overseas Branch News: South Germany

This year we have been true to our main aims of presenting the Fell pony to the general public and cooperating with other Mountain and Moorland breeds.

In February, 4 Fell ponies were presented at Horse Bodensee (Lake Constance), Friedrichshafen. Unfortunately, the Pendragonar Stud's carefully rehearsed performance was not included in the official show programme. However, within the framework of the Bavarian Small Horses and Special Breeds Society, the Fells were presented to the visitors to the fair twice daily for 3 days. The indoor ring we had been allocated was far too small for the 4 ponies to do more than just walk and trot around, accompanied by a spoken commentary. On the last day, Sunday morning, the large indoor arena was made available to us and there at least, the ponies could really show their paces and they enjoyed a good gallop around. Our stand, with Fell pony information, attracted interested visitors and Fell pony owners alike, including some from neighbouring Switzerland.

The South German Horse Festival was held in Bad Wörishofen on a very hot weekend at the end of June. Once again the Bavarian Small Horses and Special Breeds Society was present with a display of several breeds, including Fells. This included stud book registrations and premium awards and stallion presentations. 3 Fell foals were awarded premiums and 2 year old Pendragonar's Morrigan was the Ring Champion.

A big "Thank you" to Annette Richter and her team at Pendragonar Stud for their unbounded energy and enthusiasm in bringing the Fell pony to the people.

We have also had contact with the group of Fell Pony Friends based in North Germany, especially enjoying the show at Elbickerode on 16<sup>th</sup> August.

*Anne Fishburn, South German Overseas Group*

*An exuberant  
Pendragonar's Briannah  
shows her delight at being  
selected as a premium foal  
at the South German Horse  
Festival in Bad Wörishofen*





## Overseas News: Germany - A cartload of kids



It was the last full day of school before the summer holidays and the children of class 2c of the Rohrbach Primary School in Bavaria were looking forward to their day out. They were to hike 3 kilometers to their favourite adventure playground in a neighbouring village where they would be joined by their mothers for a picnic lunch. There was also to be a “surprise”, but their teacher wasn’t giving them any further details.

After they’d been at the playground for about half an hour and the Mums had set up the picnic table with lots of delicious things to eat, the “surprise” arrived. It was Fell pony gelding Bretherdale Hal, pulling his smart carriage, and all 26 children were allowed to have a ride, but not all at once! Hal patiently went up and down the lane several times until all the children, and one bold Mum, had had a ride, some little girls had even more than one ride! For Hal it was a wonderful morning - he was able to combine three of his favourite things - pulling his carriage, socialising with children, especially little girls, and eating - those chunks of apples from the picnic table were really delicious!



*Anne Fishburn  
South Germany*



## Overseas News: Fell Ponies Down Under

On 27th October 2007, Llancloudy Fell Pony Stud and Watermark Gypsy Cobs relocated from Hill Farm, Herefordshire, England to Camlea Station, Glencoe, New South Wales, Australia.

After many meetings at Hill Farm with IRT, and Nigel Misslebrook from Chaseview Veterinary Practice who would organize all the quarantine testing, the date was finally confirmed for 25th October. IRT organized all transportation from Hill Farm to touchdown at the quarantine station in Sydney. Using four of John Parker's lorries to get them to Heathrow Airport, the animals would be flown with Singapore Airlines on a Cargo flight.

All the IRT staff arrived in the very early hours of Thursday morning, including the vet who would accompany the horses throughout the flight.

The transporters had arrived the night before, so it was just a matter of bringing the horses and ponies in for breakfast, a veterinary health inspection, final disinfections and the correct named and tagged head collars fitted. The loading took just under three hours and by 1 pm on 25th October, the convoy made its way out of Hill Farm.

Throughout the flight, the horses and ponies were checked every hour by one or more staff. Hay would be topped up, water buckets offered. IRT commented that this was the easiest flight of horses they have transported. Not one

animal showed distress or discomfort throughout the journey.

In fact, you would never have known they were aboard the flight at all, save the grey Fell pony stallion Llancloudy Dorian who it seemed had worked out the noise of the engines and realised when either landing or take off was imminent and would call to the the crew.

On Saturday 27th October 2007, Australia saw the very first fell ponies land. It was the largest complete stud migration into the country since 1964.

Once the Sydney quarantine was complete, the horses and ponies were transported to the home farm at Glencoe. They have settled exceptionally well into their new country - Australia!

*Gina Feakins, Camlea Station, NSW,*



*Three of the intrepid travellers in flight*



## Overseas News: Switzerland

*Peter and Lotti Moor tell us about events involving Fell ponies.*



In February there were license and performance tests for stallions and also for imported Fells. In June we held trekking weeks (1 stallion, 3 mares with foals, 2 geldings, normally 3 with packsaddles and 3 with riding saddles). This year we had: a family, a school class with the lady teacher, 4 fathers and 20 pupils; 8 mentally disabled young people with 4 teachers. In July we held a 2 weeks Indian-camp with 60 taking part, and in August, a

holiday in the mountains.

On 30 & 31 August there were “National sport and show days” which involved identification of the foals, license for young mares, show ranking of stallions, mares with and without foals, foals, best of show, dressage, jumping, gymkhana and groundwork.

Further show and sport events were scheduled for September at Aarberg, Balsthal, and Burgdorf, and in October a Family Riding-Trek.

Greetings to all Fellpony friends - you are all welcome in Switzerland.



*Lotti and Peter Moor  
Lo-Pe Stud  
CH- 3783 Grund*



## People and Ponies: Dene Dusky Maid

Following a serious accident with my 17.3 Thoroughbred 7 years ago my confidence with horses was at rock bottom. My Mum suggested I could have fun with her Fell pony, Heltondale Bellman III (Jack). He is cheeky, clever, trusting, honest and totally understood my nervousness, helping with the occasional buck, running off when put in the field and biting my bottom while having his feet picked out. Hence the Fell Bug bit me!

My Mum bought me Dusky from a Viewing Evening. I was told, "You don't want a Fell pony. No good as confidence givers!" HOW WRONG THEY WERE! That was 5 happy years ago, and what fun we have had. A bionic thoroughbred across country, a Lipizzaner doing airs above the ground on the beach and occasionally in the show ring, and a polite working hunter - letting me go over the jumps before her and walking around to let me remount!

People who think that Fell ponies are short, fat, hairy and stubborn, are people who have never had the pleasure and honour to share their life with one. Fells are very intelligent, bursting to please, loyal, trusting, cheeky and won't accept being anything less than part of the family!

Dusky seems to have come into her own as she has reached her mid-teens. She never fails to be in the top 4 in the in hand ring, beating stallions, including the big Welsh Section Ds (Never seems to go down well, that.) Last year, representing Salwick Riding Club in the UK Club Championships, she

was In-Hand Champion, Ridden Champion and Supreme Champion of the day, beating HOYS winners and Welsh Medal winners. I was fit to burst with pride.

This year I entered the Spring Festival of Champions and again she was In-Hand Champion, Ridden Champion and Supreme Champion! (*see photo in centre pages*) The judges, who breed Welsh, wanted to pinch her and the louder the crowd clapped and cheered the more Dusky pranced and showed off. I now know the feeling that the top dressage riders have on their Grand Prix horses because she felt 17 hands, light on her feet, neck arched, tail up and doing a piaffe to make Carl Hester proud.

I am so glad my best friend Lisa persuaded me not to retire Dusky from the show ring. As she said, "You wouldn't hide your Ferrari away, you'd show it off with pride." So if someone asks you about the perfect horse, tell them to look no further than the FELL PONY.

*Thank you to Mum for the best present, to my boyfriend Darren for his understanding of my "Fell Bug", and to Lisa, Dennis, Linda, Anne and friends for all their support.*

*Samantha Greenwood, Kirkham, Lancs*



## People and Ponies: Linnel Sunbird

To begin with Sunny and I have done fun rides, then Pleasure rides under Endurance GB rules. They have set times, and vetting. Exmoor Moorland Mousie was one of the best days I have ever had despite appalling weather conditions. Sunny enjoyed himself and must have thought it was a 15 mile river ride!

Sunny still had a bit of maturing to do so my last EGB was on 9th June.

I have been proud and pleased with him, so with hot weather and hard ground it was time to chill a bit and concentrate on schooling and hacking. He has shot up at the wither so we will brave a couple of shows just for a change of scenery! The vet when she



*Karen and Sunny at the 2008 Breamore Endurance GB 26 km Ride*



did his flu jab said he is looking in perfect condition.

Just about everyone says he is a very handsome boy and a star in the making. He is a joy to have and a permanent member of the family.

I reckon for anyone with health difficulties, Fells are ideal. It is all a challenge with Parkinsons but once I set off I forget all the struggle and pain - until I get off!!

Don't give up!

*Karen Hemmings, Salisbury*





*Anne Blackburn offers a tip for arthritic riders!*

My husband and I, both in advanced 70s, are very fortunate to have Shadow II, a Kerbeck strain Fell mare (Firequest of Kerbeck x Kerbeck Night Sonnet). A truly versatile pony with an exceptional temperament, she is a willing jumper, can be ridden by small children, adults and by my arthritic self as well as giving my husband a new interest in carriage driving. She is a winner in the show ring both in hand and under saddle. An angel in the stable and easy for two geriatrics to manage.

When I became too stiff and could not get my leg over the cantle, I tried riding bareback - rather warm and slippery! After a lot of thought, I used a saddle cloth secured by a roller with D rings for the two leathers (essential to use safety stirrups because there is no stirrup bar) plus a cross country surcingle for extra security. The buckles of the leathers are lowered, so they can be easily adjusted without moving the hips (e. g. for mounting and dismounting - see photo.)

I found this arrangement a big help and at least I could ride. I do hope this may be of interest to other arthritic riders.

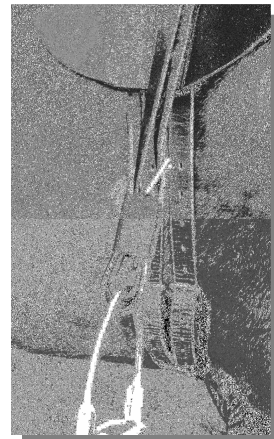
Shadow looks after everybody and is a true ambassador for this wonderful breed of pony.

*Anne Blackburn, Sproxton, York*

*Below left: Shadow's saddle pad, roller, and lowered stirrup buckles.*

*Below right: A version of the Australian "stockman's stirrup" arrangement, with the leathers fitted "back to front". It keeps the buckle away from your shin so it is more comfortable, but less adjustable. A couple of lengths of broad Velcro will make keepers for the spare ends. If you do try putting your stirrups on a roller, check that all buckles, rings and fixings are strong enough to take your weight.*

*Ed.*





## People and Ponies: The Tarnmoor Prince Girls



*Jesse Blue FP3397. Photo, [www.pleasureprints.co.uk](http://www.pleasureprints.co.uk)*

Jesse Blue was the top ridden Fell at the Great Yorkshire Show 2008, just pipped for first place by a Highland pony. Jesse is a 10 year old

Fell mare by Tarnmoor Prince out of Hetty (B) bred by Mr & Mrs Simpson of Silloth, Cumbria. She was given a great ride by owner, Emma Smith of Wakefield.

Also pictured, Kim of Brackenfield, sire Tarnmoor Prince, dam Heltondale Dusky IV, bred by Mr & Mrs N Earnshaw of Richmond. She had a great career jumping and showing and celebrates her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.



*Andria Smith*

*Kim of Brackenfield FP1724*



## How To: Show Your Fell Pony in Harness - Part 1

If you are considering showing your Fell pony in a driving class, here are some thoughts to mull over before the new season starts. Assuming you've got a good, sound, fit and healthy pony whom you trust in the excitements of the show ring, you need to think about how you will present your pony to the judge.

Driving classes demand a lot of hard work, because there is not just you and the pony, but the harness and the cart to choose, to prepare and to transport. At the end of this piece you'll find a list of good books that will help you.

As a judge, I try to adhere to the old British Driving Society Guidelines for Judges and Competitors. However, they didn't discuss the niceties of Native pony turnouts.

### **50% pony!**

Half of your driving turnout is the pony. You need a good example of the breed, a pony who can give a good show and is well-mannered. "The horse or pony that goes well and that is correctly trained should always be rewarded." The other half of the turnout, though, can be crucial if you are showing in good company.

### **Turnout Style: Country, not Town**

It's not usual to drive a full-maned hairy-heeled pony, like a Fell, to a town-style vehicle designed for a trimmed and plaited Hackney or TB cross. So, strictly, the painted and lined Lawton and Liverpool gigs, with patent dash and leathers, are not correct. Trade turnout is a possibility, but as it is quite specialised I'll

concentrate here on private, pleasure and leisure type turnouts.

### **Carts and Carriages**

Ideally you want an easy-to-maintain country look - varnished wood for the carriage, and plain black or brown leather on the shafts, with brass or, even better, nickel fittings. It goes without saying that the carriage must be the right size for the pony with enough shaft room for him to trot out freely without knocking his hocks on the swingletree, and the cart neither too small (tipped up) nor too tall for him (pushing down). You should feel safe and comfortable seated in it, with your legs and feet able to brace on the footboard, secure without needing to lean back on the seat's "lazyback". The vehicle should be perfectly balanced with no weight on the pony's back or belly when loaded and working, and it should be safe, sound and clean (weather conditions permitting of course!). A badly balanced or wrongly sized cart makes the pony's work harder and should place you down the line.

If you go for a good-quality make of exercise or cross country carriage it will serve you well both for daily work and the occasional show, and you'll also be able to call on its builder for maintenance every now and then. Wire-spoked "bike" wheels with pneumatic tyres are liable to collapse on sideways banks or in tight turns, so for everyday work I prefer wheels with proper spokes, and solid tyres. These also tend to ensure that the cart sits up high enough for you to be able to see



*Tebay Glenlivet driven by Margaret Sanderson as a very correct exercise turnout, with webbing harness and “Brollar”, and attention paid to every detail.*

over and ahead of the pony while you're driving, which is a basic safety issue. If your carriage has lampholders, put up a traditional pair of lamps, complete with candles, unlit but with the wicks singed so that if necessary you could light them easily. If your carriage has no lampholders - and exercise carts often don't have them - then there is no requirement for lamps. English law on horsedrawn vehicles on the road excuses them from carrying lamps in daylight.

### **Harness**

Learn to fit your harness properly. If you don't have a local instructor who is BDS educated, read Sallie Walrond's books which have excellent illustrations. Keep the harness clean. Get your saddler to check everything for soundness, particularly the rein

billets, and shorten over-long straps or provide extra keepers for flapping ends. Having been a harness maker, many of the marks I knock off as a judge are for badly fitted or dirty harness. My pet hate is cheap imported harness, which is often of such poor quality as to be dangerous. It always looks scruffy, too.

Collars need not be full neck collars, although they are traditional. They are the best choice if your carriage has chain draught to the axle. My ponies certainly appreciate their improved amount of bearing surface and the relief from the squeezing action of the breast collar. You don't *have* to go to the expense of buying one though; some carts have high trace hooks and in that case, so long as there is a swingletree, ponies work better with a

breast collar. The “brollar” or French collar (*see photo*), is a topic of debate. Some ponies appear to go better in them, but I know commercial drivers who have found that cheap brollars, which don’t keep the firm shape of a traditional neck collar, are worse for their horses than breast collars, particularly with axle draught, and that they don’t offer any benefits. Look at the draught line of your vehicle before deciding which type of collar to use.

Carry spares for your harness: a trace, a rein, a breeching strap, a hame strap (if you use a full collar), a hoofpick, a length of strong string. Your spares should fit the pony, the harness and the carriage; they should be neatly stowed in the carriage, and clean. Your mobile phone - or money for a phone call - and a knife, should be in your pocket.

Harness should suit the type of turnout, and the metal fittings ought to match those on the cart - brass with brass, nickel with nickel. Plain black (*not* patent trimmed) or brown leather harness are equally acceptable with a country style turnout, and plain leather or a well fitted synthetic set for a cross country or exercise turnout; again it must be in good condition and clean. I’d rather be shown a pony in a clean, well fitted synthetic set than in a dirty or badly fitted leather one. While a good, clean, well fitted leather set should be rewarded if there is *nothing else to choose* between two ponies and carriages, that very rarely happens.

It’s more important that the overall picture is of a sound, fit, well trained and typical Fell pony being given his best chance to perform well.

## Books

Sallie Walrond: Driving the Harness Horse; Judging Carriage Driving; Starting To Drive; Driving Questions Answered; Driving Do’s And Don’ts

BDS: Introduction To Driving

Anne Norris & Caroline Douglas: Harnessing Up

## Videos

BDS: Between The Shafts (Jane McInnes)

BDS: Bit By Bit (Clare Wigmore & Di Hayes)

## Law

Statutory Instrument 1989 No. 1796, and Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 2559, The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations

*Part 2 in the Spring 2009 magazine will discuss clothing for driver and groom, and what’s expected in the show ring.*

*Also, Libby Robinson is preparing a piece on ‘Road Craft & Rein Handling’ that will apply to riding and driving on the road.*

*Ed.*





## Wheelchair Wedding

Our life changing decision to marry was made during the late summer of 2007. We had spent more than eighteen years together so knew we were compatible and how to make each other happy. Donald chose the date, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008, and together we prepared for the big day. We both wanted a quiet wedding ceremony followed by a big evening bash with all our friends. We joined a local dance club to perfect our steps in preparation for leading the floor.

It was my February half-term break and I was confident that everything was organised. The registry office was booked, reception venue and entertainment sorted and all outfits chosen. The excitement of the forthcoming event was beginning to overwhelm me when a telephone call changed everything. An accident in the farm workshop had left Donald with a compound fracture of his left leg. Less than nine days to the wedding and the groom was having major surgery to rebuild his leg. My bionic man, held together with a stainless steel rod and four screws. The consultant suggested that we might wish to postpone the wedding but as we would have to wait four years for another 29<sup>th</sup> February, we were determined that it would go ahead. I exchanged the honeymoon suite for a room with disabled access and I prayed that nothing else would go wrong.

Donald was released from hospital with 48 hours to spare so the wedding went ahead on schedule with the help of a pair of crutches and my late father's wheelchair. Do you think my father may have planned it so that he could be there with us?

I hope that the FPS members who attended enjoyed themselves and will be available to help us celebrate our first anniversary in 2012.

I live in hope that Donald will be well enough to dance, and handle Fell pony foals, by then!

*Eileen Walker  
Rackwood Fell Ponies*





## Fell Ponies Poem



*Sophie Elliott with Pikenaze Black Velvet whom she has ridden since she was 10 years old. Velvet has just turned 21 “but goes like a 3 year old!” Also in the picture, Glossopdale Smokey Elinoir, Sophie’s first mare.*

The Fell is a special pony  
To me they are the best  
They’ll work hard all day long  
They beat the rest!

Galloping on my Fell pony  
Through the purple heather  
Every day we’re out there  
In any weather

I’ve just bought a little mare  
From her I’m going to breed  
It can’t be done for money  
Or for greed

We don’t do it for profit  
Our breed is very rare  
It’s knowledge, dedication, love  
That we all share

I’ll breed and break them in  
They’ll get whatever they need  
I know I won’t give up  
On this special breed

*Sophie Elliott  
South Yorkshire*



## Church Farm Jennifer 1983 - 2007

On December 7<sup>th</sup> last year we had to say goodbye to a true and faithful friend in our pony Jennifer.

It was May 1999 when we answered an advert on the Fell Pony Sales list asking for a home for a pony for her 'Twilight Years'. We just had to reply and were so pleased we did. She was a brood mare and had produced a number of foals.

She was in foal when my husband bought her for me and in June 2000 gave birth to a lovely colt foal (Graemah James). He was born at the time when Gareth was asking for mares due to foal to go to Liverpool University to help with the research into the foal syndrome. We decided therefore to take Jennifer to Liverpool to foal.

On her way home from Liverpool with James we left her to be covered by 'Greenhead Peter', the stallion owned by Elizabeth and Dave Simpson. In July 2001 she produced a lovely filly foal (Graemah Elizabeth). However, after the birth of 'Beth' our Jennifer nearly lost her life, so in view of this we decided that enough was enough and we decided to retire her.

My driving pony (Hades Hill Fay) and Jennifer became the best of mates. Whenever Fay was in the paddock you could rest assured that Jennifer would not be far away. I know it's all been said before but it's left a very large void in not only our lives but also her mate Fay who we're sure misses Jennifer as much as we do.

*Margaret and Graham Enser - Lutterworth, Leicestershire*







## Tebay Vespa 1987 - 2008

Boxer was a true old fashioned type, as tough as old boots and as wild and free spirited as the fells he came from. He was the only pony that truly stole my heart, and not only shared my life but he became part of us all here at Shacklabank Farm

Many learnt how to ride on his back, including my daughter Scarlett and Paddy my Jack Russell terrier. He was a superb driving pony and on one occasion allowed bells to be strapped to his feet giving "Father Christmas" the ride of his life to his grotto!

He carried me to church on my wedding day, unphased by huge crowds and bagpipes. He also featured in a period TV production called "Janet's Progress", in which he played a Quaker woman's pack pony. We travelled hundreds of miles over the years and climbed many of the Lakeland Fells and nearly all of the Yorkshire Dales. He loved to swim and allowed me to ford many rivers on his back. He was used traditionally around the farm to gather sheep and also carry hay and feed blocks to the fell for stock. He carried me proudly over the hills and down into Appleby to the horse fair in June, to shouts as we passed the pubs, "That's a real fell gallowa!" He was my best friend and always my shoulder to cry on.

He was born in the Howgills and died in them and never lost sight of his beloved fells all his life. Words cannot describe how I miss him. The day he passed away I told my daughter Scarlett that his spirit was now free high upon his Howgills and that on those wild misty days when the air swirls on high you might just catch sight of a little black pony on the skyline and that will be him.



*Tebay Vespa in his TV role as a pack pony in "Janet's Progress"*

*Alison O'Neill, Sedbergh*



## Sanja Ebony 1978 - 2008

Simply the best  
Better than all the rest  
You were so full of fun  
You were my number one

Sadly Ebony was put to sleep on the last day in March on a bright sunny morning, not quite thirty years old. She will be missed by me and my family and all those who knew her. Ebony was on loan to me for a period of ten years from the Royal Mews at Balmoral Estates. She leaves behind a very close friend, Lownthwaite Lady III who was 28 years old in June and is in exceptionally good health for her age.

*R.I.P. Ebony*

*Raquel Innes (Aberdeen)*





## Waverhead Gypsy Rover 1979 – 2007

'Gyp', as he was affectionately known, was a wonderful character who is very sadly missed. He was bought for me in 1985 by my parents and was my first pony. He promptly set about teaching me to ride (especially to sit on a buck!) and began a partnership which lasted for 22 years.

He was a very clever and versatile pony who could turn his hoof to anything. He was sensible and reliable on the roads, but would turn into a racehorse when presented with a wide open space. We tried many activities together over the years, from endurance riding to hunting, and always came home from shows with a rosette. He loved jumping, but sometimes his sense of humour would take over and he'd duck round the side of jumps, often leaving me to clear them solo.

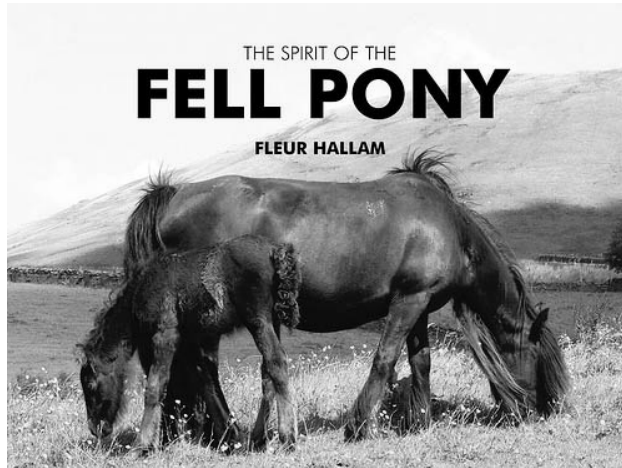


He was safe and kind with novice riders, and taught many people over the years, including young children. With less novice riders, he was happy to remind them occasionally who was in charge.

As he grew older, he developed multiple limb arthritis, but this didn't stop him from enjoying life to the full. He would bring himself in and out of the field, stopping en route for a cheeky mouthful of haylage, and still enjoyed gentle hacks and in hand walks.

He was a very healthy pony, and no-one could ever believe how old he was - he was still winning in hand veteran classes up to the summer of 2007. In December 2007, he suffered a bad bout of colic, and the vet confirmed a torsion. He was too old to have surgery, so I made the heart breaking decision to have him put to sleep, the end of our 22 year partnership. I hope I'll go on to have other horses, but he will always be my special one, never to be replaced.

*Sara Walker*

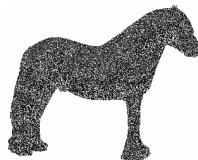


## **The Spirit of the Fell Pony**

**A treasured memento for all those who have a passion for ponies**

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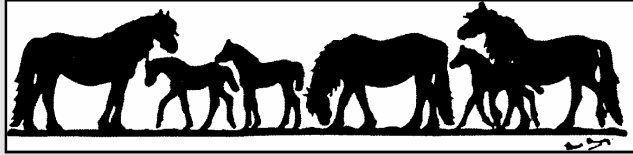
Fleur Hallam will be signing copies at the Sale (see opposite page) and the Autumn meeting.



### **Domain Name For Sale**

[www.FellPony.com](http://www.FellPony.com) domain name for sale; details at [www.FellPony.com](http://www.FellPony.com)

Laura Hart, USA



## **Annual Show and Sale of Registered Fell Ponies, Penrith**

(held under the auspices of the Fell Pony Society)

**24 October 2008**

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This is your opportunity to buy a registered Fell pony either straight from the Fell or perhaps backed to ride.





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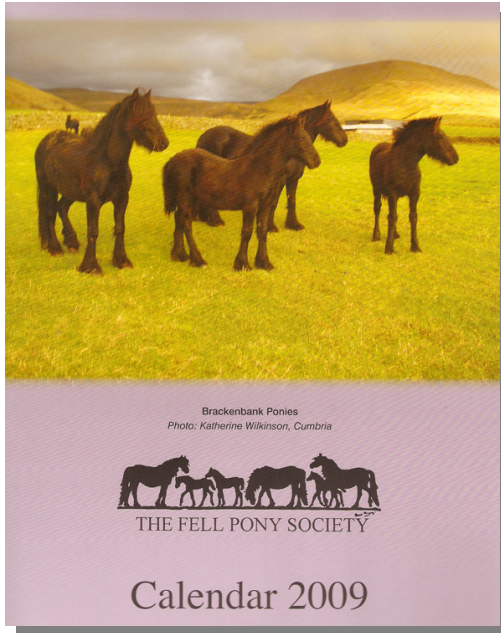
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T Shirt (Child)	£10.00	£2.50	The Fell Pony (in colour printed by J A Allen)	£5.99	£1.00
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The Secretary, The Fell Pony Society, Ion House, Great Asby, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6HD Tel/Fax 01768353100.

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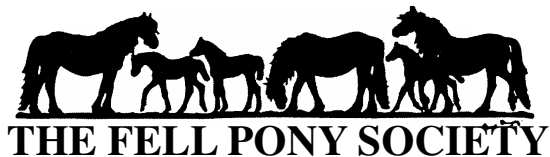


*Peepings Wild Rose (S: Lunesdale Lucky Jim D: Peepings Romany Girl)  
on the Pennines above Dufton at Easter this year.  
The mare continues to live on the high fells at the age of 30! She is owned by Mr  
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