



Colour Photo Section

Photo, Georgina Blair



*Above, rosette time following the Mounted Games afternoon at Newton Rigg during Convention Week.
Below, Fell ponies grazing on the Helm, near Kendal, Cumbria.*

photo, Nicola Evans





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Above, 2-year-old Wellbrow Lancashire Lad FP71671C, Supreme Champion at the FPS Stallion show. Below, Reserve Supreme Wellbrow Rover FP70669C*. Both ponies are owned and bred by Mr Andrew Thorpe.*



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Above, Supreme Champion at the FPS Breed Show, Lunesdale Aurora FP4437, exhibited by Julie Robinson for Mr & Mrs Metcalfe. Below, Reserve Supreme Greenholme Buttercup FP4566, exhibited by Mr D Morland for Miss R Morland.





In spite of heavy rain, the Fell Pony Society Scottish Group saw a good turnout for their first gathering of the year, held at the home of FPS member Heidi Sands. Below left, at the MESH Show, Mr Marcus O'Lone, the Queen's agent at Sandringham, made a speech on behalf of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh—the Society's President—and cut a cake to celebrate the Society's 90th anniversary. Below right, Sue Millard and Christine Robinson arrive back with Copyhill Suzanne after the Pleasure Drive at Great Asby during the Convention Week events.



Photo: Jen Bernard





FPS Southern Show—9 September 2012

In-hand classes

1. Stallions

- 1st Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)
- 2nd Wellbrow Dodger (Miss R Lock)
- 3rd Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin)
- 4th Wellbrow Leo (Mr G Richardson)

2. Mares 4-8 yrs

- 1st Towford Harmarnie (Miss M Hall)
- 2nd Chyvounder Damask Rose (Mrs A Devonshire)
- 3rd Roddlesworth Nancy (Miss J Glass)
- 4th Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)

3. Mares 9yrs & over

- 1st Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass & Miss J Copeland)
- 2nd Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)
- 3rd Hollyhouse Opal (Mrs BC Hall)
- 4th Shirdleyhill Tara (Mrs J Hill & Miss C Brooks)

4. Broodmare

- 1st Severnvale Gypsy Rose
- 2nd Lunesdale Lady Rebecca

5. Foal

- 1st Conway Carole's Legacy (Ms N Stagnell)
- 2nd Severnvale Mary- Rose (Mr G Guy)

6. Geldings 4-8 years

- 1st Townend Empeor (Mr K Light)
- 2nd Murthwaite Looks Promising (Miss J Glass)
- 3rd Lydvale Jet (Ms D McGrail)
- 4th Linnel Whistler (Miss C Brooks)

7. Geldings 9yrs & over

- 1st Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)
- 2nd Ffrethi Commodore (Miss W Davies)
- 3rd Underwoods Kingfisher (Mr R

Muttit)

- 4th Aylestone The Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

8. Yearling

- 1st Severnvale Lilly (Mr G Guy)
- 2nd Lydvale Nutmeg (Mr R & Mrs S McNamara)
- 3rd Shepparton Primrose (Mrs JA Hill & Mrs S Barbour)

9. Two year old

- 1st Hemleyhill Genesis (Mrs L & Miss C Brooks)
- 2nd Greenholme Queen Bea (Mr & Mrs P Ward-Burton)
- 3rd Severnvale Kirsty (Miss J Downham)

10. Three year old

- 1st Bracklinn Melissa (Mrs G Rae)
- 2nd Townend Eden II (Mr J Webb)
- 3rd Broxdown Tornado (Mrs S Prior)
- 4th Lydvale Benjamin (Ms V Lewis)

11. Veteran

- 1st Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)
- 2nd Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)
- 3rd Wellbrow Leo (Mr G Richardson)
- 4th Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

12. Pairs in-hand

- 1st Chyvounder Water Lily & Chyvounder Damask Rose (Mrs A Devonshire)
- 2nd Aylestone The Merrie Monk & Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)
- 3rd Roddlesworth Nancy & Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass/ Miss J Glass & Miss J Copeland)
- 4th Sunnybrowe Jack & Sunnybrowe Josh (Ms S Prior/Mrs H Fawcett)

Ridden classes

13. Stallions

- 1st Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller-Burton)
- 2nd Banksgate Tamlin (Miss T Hughes)
- 3rd Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin)

14. Mares

- 1st Roddlesworth Nancy (Miss J Glass)
- 2nd Neathrose Georgie Girl (Miss A Carslaw)
- 3rd Hollyhouse Opal (Mrs B Hall)
- 4th Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs A Devonshire)
- 5th Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)

15. Geldings 4 - 8 years

- 1st Darrenvale Dam Buster (Mrs J Bearcroft)
- 2nd Greenholme Yabadabadoo (Ms N Mayling)
- 3rd Murthwaite Looks Promising (Miss J Glass)
- 4th Aylestone The Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

There was no class 16.

17. Novice mares

- 1st Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)

18. Novice geldings

- 1st Townend Emperor (Mr K Light)
- 2nd Murthwaite Looks Promising (Miss J Glass)
- 3rd Ffrethi Commodore (Miss W Davies)
- 4th Lydvale Jet (Ms D McGrail)

19. Traditional ridden mares

- 1st Hollyhouse Opal (Mrs B Hall)
- 2nd Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs A Devonshire)
- 3rd Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)
- 4th Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)

20. Traditional ridden geldings & stallions

- 1st Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)
- 2nd Guards Jester (Mrs L Brooks)
- 3rd Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin)
- 4th Banksgate Tamlin (Miss T Hughes)

21. Veteran

- 1st Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)
- 2nd Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

22. Ridden pairs

- 1st Aylestone The Merrie Monk & Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)
- 2nd Hollyhouse Opal & Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs BC Hall/Mrs A Devonshire)

23. Child lead rein

- 1st Townend Rally (Mrs S Smith)
- 2nd Shepparton Kim (Mrs J Hill)
- 3rd Sunnybrowe Josh (Mrs H Fawcett)
- 4th Shilvinghampton Rosanna May (Mrs C Paterson)

24. Child 6 - 12 years

- 1st Greenholme Yabadaboo (Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling)
- 2nd Shepparton Kim (Mrs J Hill; rider Miss C Barbour)

25. Child 13 - 16 years

- 1st Aylestone the Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; rider Miss A Meadows)

Children's Championship

- Ch. Greenholme Yabadaboo (Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling)
- Res. Shepparton Kim (Mrs J Hill; rider Miss C Barbour)

Young Stock Championship

- Ch. Hemleyhill Genesis (Mrs L & Miss C Brooks)

Res. Bracklinn Melissa (Mrs G Rae)

Gelding Championship

Ch. Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)

Res. Townend Emperor (Mr K Light)

Mare Championship

Ch. Severnvale Gypsy Rose (Mr G Guy)

Res. Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass & Miss J Copeland)

Best Brown or bay in-hand

Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass & Miss J Copeland)

Best Turned Out in-hand

Towford Harmarnie (Miss M Hall)

In-hand Championship

Ch. Sunnyprowe Jack (Ms S Prior)

Res. Wellbrow Dodger (Miss R Lock)

Inter-Area In-hand Championship

Ch. Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin)

Res. Sunnyprowe Jack (Ms S Prior)

Ridden Championship

Ch. Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller-Burton)

Res. Darrenvale Dam Buster (Mrs J Bearcroft)

Supreme Championship

Ch. Sunnyprowe Jack (Ms S Prior)

Res. Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller-Burton)

We were able to include the Southern Show results this year because the 2012 Autumn Meeting is a week later than is usually the case, so the Magazine posting deadline was also a week later. Full report & photos will be included in the Spring 2013 issue. Ed.



Fell & Highland Pony Camp—8 & 9 September 2012

The members who attended the ‘fabulous’ Fell and Highland Pony Camp at Linnel Wood enjoyed a wonderfully hot and sunny weekend of activities and tuition. Our thanks to Bob and Sarah Charlton for enabling this to take place.

The Tyne Team taking part in the Pony Camp

Alexy Jackson - Stourton Jethro;

Fenella Walsh - Greenholme

Wanderer; Sarah Pringle - Dene

Decoris; Sarah Charlton - Linnel

Rosie; Chris Grant - Dunedin

Rhuann

Full report in the Spring 2012 issue.





Photographs from the Archives

These are a few of the many photographs in the Fell Pony Society's archive, which is now being looked after by Dr Barbara Dunne. Most of the photographs have some details on the back or on labels. From the Spring edition we will be asking for help with the small number that are unidentified. (See pages 68 & 69.)



Dalemain Bluebell bred by Mrs Sylvia McCosh, with Margaret Hasell.



Fell ponies carrying "Early Britons" in a historical pageant at the 1950 International Horse Show, London. "Cavalcade of Horsemen Through the Ages" was directed by R S Summerhays.



Jennifer Harrison's Flash of Tebay at the FPS Breed Show in the 1980s. (The editor and her children are spectating in the background directly behind the carriage.)



Bob Clegg, from Lindale, with a pair of Fell ponies, around 1990. Bob used to buy Fell three-year-olds from David Trotter at Tebay to geld, break to harness and sell on.



Provisional Dates for 2012-2013

Please check the FPS website for any late alterations to dates.

2012

- 27 Oct Show and Sale, Kendal Auction
- 28 Oct Autumn Meeting & Social, Tebay
- 17 Nov Foal Show, Inglewood E.C., Penrith
- 17 Nov 7.30 pm Hog Roast & Dance, Newbiggin (Stainton) Tickets from Glenis Cockbain, 01768 772133

2013

- 23 Mar AGM
- 5 May Dorset Show
- 11 May Stallion Show, Dalemain
- 1 June Cumbria Fell and Dales Show, Penrith
- 1 June NCPA Cumbria Show, Carlisle
- 8 June South Cumbria Show, Westmorland Showground
- 16 June Derbyshire Fell, Dales & Highland Show
- 10 August Breed Show, Dalemain
- 8 Sept Southern Show
- 26 Oct Show and Sale at Kendal
- 27 Oct Autumn Meeting & Social



FIS Testing

Council have decided that should owners so wish, their pony passports can be endorsed to indicate that the pony has been FIS tested. The result of the test may also be indicated if the owner wishes it. Passports will be endorsed by the Secretary who will need to see the relevant FIS certificate. There will be no charge for this, but if passports are sent in to the office for endorsement, a contribution to the cost of return postage would be appreciated.



FPS 2012—90th Anniversary International Convention

The Fell Pony Society celebrated its 90th birthday with an International Convention attended by members and guests, held in the north of England. Commemorative Rosettes were awarded to all the ponies taking part in the week's events.

Saturday

The events started on Saturday 11th August, with the 40th annual Breed Show which was held at Streatlam Farm near Barnard Castle. The venue had been changed from the usual site at Brougham near Penrith to ensure that the show would go ahead in this particularly wet summer. The show included a full range of in hand and ridden classes for exhibitors and riders of all levels and abilities and the results are included in a separate report.

Sunday

The following day an afternoon social event was enjoyed by around 50 people at Murton near Appleby. Christine and Alison Morton gave an interesting talk which included the history of their Lownthwaite ponies and the difficulties involved in running Fell Ponies on the North Pennines. They also brought their photo albums for everyone to browse through. The talk was followed by a lovely afternoon tea. Afterwards most people were brave enough to tackle the journey to the slopes above Dufton. David Wilkinson had taken a quad bike and eventually found the 'Rundales' and 'Peepings' ponies and brought them towards the visitors. The ponies were seen at a height of about 500m above sea level but they can run up to about 700m. Everyone enjoyed the seeing the ponies in this, their natural environment, and the spectacular views from the Pennines over the Eden Valley.

Monday

On Monday morning visitors gathered at the Newton Rigg Agricultural College for a demonstration by Julie Robinson, her brother in law Paul Metcalfe and respective daughters Alex and Anna. The family brought Greenholme Clyde a four year old stallion; Lunesdale Warrior Queen a five year old mare; Lunesdale Aurora a six year old mare; and Severnvale Grey Bobby a fifteen year old stallion. The family are well known on the show circuit and Julie had qualified Aurora for HOYS and taken the Supreme Championship at the FPS Breed show the previous Saturday. Julie's aim was to demonstrate how moderate schooling to help the pony carry the weight of the rider and introduce balance and lightness will enhance the pony's natural way of going; not spoil it, which has been suggested by traditionalists in the past. Julie discussed the schooling and performance of each of the ponies at their respective ages and shared some useful tips.

Alison Morton then gave a very amusing demonstration of how not to enter a private driving class with several faults which were identified, explained and rectified by Paul Metcalfe.

Fun gymkhana games were held in the afternoon. Three teams were created to represent the North East, North West and Yorkshire from eleven team members of all ages. Some of the youngsters were very agile and experienced, but others were playing for the first time; or for the first time for many years! Most of the ponies had never seen games equipment before but threw themselves into the races with gusto. The North West 'Kendal Mint Cakes' were the overall winners, with the North East 'Stotties' in second place from the 'Yorkshire Puddings'. Individual games were then hotly contested with 3 qualification heats before each final. Emily Exley and Zoe Brain tied on points after the three games with Sarah Pringle on four and Diana McGrail and Katy Raine with a point each.

Whatever their experience or ability all the participants said that they had thoroughly enjoyed their day and it was agreed that games should become an annual event. FPS Chairman Mary Longsdon presented each pony with their commemorative rosette.

Tuesday

On Tuesday around 70 members and friends members made their way to Great Asby in the beautiful Eden Valley, to an event very kindly hosted by Elizabeth Parkin, FPS Secretary and her husband Graham. After studying the Ordnance Survey map for the area the previous night one visitor speculated that there might be bears in what appeared to be a fairly wild and sparsely populated area with few roads! The area includes part of the Eden Loops, which comprise 135km of routes for horse riders, cyclists and walkers based in Cumbria. The ride took the road out of Great Asby towards Orton Scar and onto the bridlepath then towards Drybeck and back by the road into Great Asby from the Appleby direction. Nineteen riders and three drivers took part on what turned out to be a beautiful summer's day. A vehicle support team travelled in front and behind the riders and helped with directions; and with the gates, they also took lots of photos. The drivers went on a route out of Great Asby towards Kirkby Stephen.

The Fell Pony Society office was open for the day, with merchandise available for sale; and was described as 'the tidiest office ever seen' by members who then enjoyed a BBQ prepared by Graham and friends; with sweets and salads provided mainly by Council members. Those helping in the kitchen throughout the afternoon were kept very busy!

Wednesday

On Wednesday members again tackled the challenging fell roads and met at Thomas Capstick's Murthwaite stud. Katherine and Courtney Savage gave demonstration of the use of the wheel-less hay sledge and drag cart that were widely in use in the fells and dales prior to automation on the farms. Thomas shared some of his childhood memories of life on the farm and Courtney and Klarenza Pin gave a ridden demonstration. Two groups of mares and foals were viewed, and the lovely grey stallion, Murthwaite Ice Man, endeared himself to the crowd with his wonderful friendly temperament. Thomas also presented his new

bay two year old colt, Wellbrow Lancashire Lad, Supreme Champion at the Stallion & Colt show for the Thorpe family.

In the afternoon the group travelled to the Greenholme Stud which is close to the top of Shap Fell, notorious for poor weather conditions in winter, particularly prior to the opening of the M6. Host Bill Potter mentioned that the area can be very windy, and one morning he looked out to see seven high-sided vehicles turned over on the motorway. Two groups of mares and foals and a third group of youngsters were driven down to the farm for the visitors to see. A number of the foals were sired by Severnvalle Grey Bobby whom visitors had seen at the ridden demonstration earlier in the week. The day finished with a visit to another group away from the farm and the arrival of the rain that had been threatening all day.

Shows

There were three traditional agricultural shows held in the area during the week at Kirkby Lonsdale, Brough and Appleby; all set in beautiful surroundings and providing great day out for competitors and visitors alike. As well as the classes for Fell ponies, the shows held a full range of agricultural, horticultural and handicraft classes; and had additional attractions such as vintage cars and dry stone walling competitions.

Thursday

On Thursday a Social Evening was held at Brough. Members enjoyed a pub meal and entertainment was provided by the guest speaker Alison O'Neill, aka The Barefoot Shepherdess. Alison had many humorous and insightful tales to tell of her life farming in the Howgill fells, her ponies and her experience as a fell guide.

Friday

Friday was the Rackwood Stud Day which began at Hamsterley where Eileen Walker runs her ponies on 45 acres of hill land on the north facing slopes above Hamsterley Forest. Eileen's stallion 'Brackenbank Amos' is currently running with five broodmares and all the ponies were caught so that visitors could have a close look at them. The group then returned to Eileen's home and looked at the other ponies which included two mares with foals that have not been covered this season and all the youngstock. A total of 16 Rackwood ponies were viewed and their bloodlines discussed. Rackwood is a unique stud because all the ponies are descendants of one mare, Rackwood Dewdrop. A Hog Roast lunch was eagerly consumed by around 100 people who then viewed a selection of ponies brought from the Dene, Earnwell, Hillhead, Linnel & Salisbury Studs who were paraded and discussed.

Saturday

The week concluded with a Grand Finale Social Evening at the Stoneybeck Inn near Penrith, where more than 50 people enjoyed a carved buffet and a magnificent celebration cake made by Catherine Fuller. The meal was followed by an auction of gifts that had been generously donated by members and various

organisations. The lots are too numerous to mention individually, but included a watercolour of the late Don Eltringham driving Southwick Beauty in 1992 which he had bequeathed to the FPS, and a copy of the book '30 Years On and Off the Box Seat' written and signed by the Society's President, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The evening concluded with updates on Fell ponies in Denmark and France from Casper Fink and Fleur Hallam; and entertaining poems and songs from Sue Millard.

Judging by the feedback received, the week was a huge success; and those who could only attend for a short time wished that they could have stayed longer.

Here's to the FPS Centenary celebrations in ten years time!

Claire Simpson



Photo, Claire Simpson.

Miss Courtney Savage with Murthwaite Sako .308 who won the driving class at the FPS Stallion Show.



Fell Diamonds—A celebration of 90 years of the Fell Pony Society

FPS 90th Anniversary International Convention 2012

Most of us needed a few days to recover from the very hectic but highly enjoyable week from 11th - 18th August 2012. The week was designed to highlight the many and varied activities that our ponies are used for as well as giving everyone the opportunity to meet FPS officials, breeders and members from throughout the United Kingdom and abroad. I'm sure that our aims were met and great enthusiasm and pleasure was evident at all of the events.

Our next assignment is to record and present the activities in such a way that you all want to read about it and view the many photos taken by Fleur Hallam. Shortly, I will be contacting all breeders who have registered a foal during 2012 in order to find out herd details for publication in our anniversary book. Our book title will be,

'Fell Diamonds: A celebration of 90 years of the Fell Pony Society'

We have set a closing date of 30th November 2012 for the writing competition and any reports and articles about the week so come on everyone, get writing!

Eileen Walker (Committee Chairman)



Fell Diamonds—The Writing Competition

We would like to feature writing from FPS members and friends, so a competition has been launched inviting entries on the theme "Fell Diamonds." This will be judged jointly by Sue Millard, Editor of the FPS Magazine and FPS 90th Anniversary Celebration Book; author of "Hoofprints in Eden" and "One Fell Swoop" etc. (see p 31!), and by Jackie Moffat, author of "The Funny Farm" and "Sheepwrecked" etc, who is a feature writer for Cumbria Life, and a Fell pony owner.

You are invited to submit entries in the following categories:

Prose: not more than 1,000 words, fiction or non-fiction

Class 1. Adults (18 years and over on 30th November 2012).

Class 2. Juniors (under 18 years on 30th November 2012 - age of entrant will be taken into consideration.)

Poetry/verse, rhymed or unrhymed, any form: not more than 40 lines

Class 3. Adults (18 years and over on 30th November 2012).

Class 4. Juniors (under 18 years on 30th November 2012 - age of entrant will be taken into consideration.)

Writing Competition Entry fees:

FPS Members: Junior FREE, Adult £2.

FPS Non Members: Junior £2, Adult £5.

Cheque to be made payable to 'FPS Anniversary Convention 2012'.

There is no limit to the number of entries that may be submitted.

Prizes in each class:

1st £20 2nd £10 3rd £5 plus in each case a copy of "Fell Diamonds," in which the work will be published showing its placing in the class. These details and the entry form are available on the FPS website at: <http://www.fellponysociety.org/EdProm/FPS%20writing%20competition.doc>

Conditions of Entry

All entries must be the original, unpublished work of the person who submits the entry. A parent or guardian may submit work on behalf of a junior.

Print on one side of the paper only, in Times New Roman 12 point or Arial 11 point, single spaced with a clear line between paragraphs. Handwritten work is acceptable if for reasons of age or practicality the work cannot be printed, but the text must be clear and readable.

If the entry uses more than one sheet of paper, please number the sheets. Use a paperclip to fasten them together, not pins or staples.

Do not include pictures. (You may indicate at the end of the work whether pictures are available to accompany the writing. These may be requested after judging has taken place.)

Work will not be returned, so please send a copy, not the only original you have.

It is a condition of entry that work submitted may be reproduced by the Fell Pony Society.

Results will be announced in the FPS 2013 Spring Magazine and winners will be contacted individually.

The competition opened for submissions on 4th June 2012 and will close on 30th November 2012.

MAIL entries on paper with the correct postage, and entry fee/s where applicable, to:

FPS WRITING COMPETITION, Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, PENRITH, Cumbria CA10 3TA, England.

Cheque to be made payable to 'FPS Anniversary Convention 2012'.

No email submissions please.

Good luck!



Never mind the Diamonds—what about Golden Oldies?

Our many Fell friends on Facebook are a fund of stories. Earlier this year I asked them: “Since Fells live to a good age in pretty good nick - if you have an older pony, at what age did you feel that work was getting too much for him? What made you decide it was time to retire totally? How long did the final retirement turn out to be?”

Here are some of their replies—it turned into quite a conversation, with ponies apparently joining in. You’d be surprised how many Fell ponies have their own Facebook page.

Debbie Roberts-Jones

I have recently decided to 'retire' Grouse from ridden showing - he's now a 'spring chicken' at only 17... but his arthritis is causing him some trouble, and this has been a factor in making that decision (although I do light hack him to keep him ticking over - light hacking includes walking and trotting only - and not trotting on the roads). This hasn't stopped me showing him in-hand though BUT should we end the season on a high, then I might rest him on his laurels and just let him be semi-retired to include light hacking. For me, it's his disability with his arthritis which is causing me to slow him down; in himself, he's happy and fine... but once he looks like he's unhappy and reluctant to go out for a walk, then I will have to retire him completely.

Barbara Potter

Beckside Flicker was still having the occasional hack in her late twenties and bred her last foal at the ripe old age of 24. She was put to sleep at the age of 36 but had had a good life - never ailed a thing until the night she came in from the field, had her tea, lay down to have a sleep and couldn't get up. We had her put to sleep.

Judith E. Bowes Clarke

My Fell is 24. Last year she stumbled a few times while out hacking and I thought that maybe the best thing was to stop riding her. However, she now wears rolled toe shoes and is fine. We don't go as far or as fast as we used to do in the past, nor as often.

Fleur Hallam

Precious can still be driven, but only lightly ridden now, and she is loving her work at the youthful age of 28 years. I think the dear lady will let us know when it's time to retire for good.

Georgina Blair

Gaby is 24 and thinks schooling in the school is very dull, but will still charge off at canter and fling herself over small jumps. I took her in an in hand class on Sunday and she tried to bite me, so think we'll stick to hacking, which she enjoys.

Jacqueline Cheetham

We bought a 13hh gelding aged 19 as his owner was going to university. In his retirement home with us he went on to be ridden by an adult and competed in pleasure rides/hacking/veteran classes until we stopped riding him aged 27. He was never the most confident pony and I remember being very proud when he passed the riding and road safety test with a friend. He was still sound when we lost him aged 35 although his body had given up! RIP Tethers End Rambler.

Diana McGrail

Ladybird is now 28, and I was riding her lightly over the winter (she could still take off with me!). Unfortunately she is now a little lame, but is getting better with physio. She stopped jumping when she was 22; she never refused until then, so I knew then it was time to stop jumping. She competed at the Southern breed show when she was 26. I was SO proud of her, winning 3 classes, including the Prelim dressage! She is still happy doing things, so I am currently either leading her or long reining her around the fields. Hopefully, if I can get her fully sound, then I will ride her again.

Sue Millard

Ponies do go on for ages, don't they? Fifteen is merely a slightly sobered adolescence. Mr T (Tebay Tommy) is 25 and a little stiff, but still going strong with his loan owner. He knows just how to twist the young lady round his little finger. She goes out to sit down in the field and he comes and lies down beside her! She is learning to ride and she hasn't fallen off him yet, in spite of his ability in his younger days to duck and spin around and trot off for home without his rider. She thinks it's quite funny that her mum and dad have both landed in the grass off him!

Suzy Ayshford

I am thrilled to read all these comments as my Splash is 17 and I was wondering how many years of fun & frolicks we could still look forward to - hopefully she will still be going strong in her 20's xx

Laura Lafferty

I was wondering the same Suzy - my boy is now 16 - not that you'd think it looking at him!

Ally Knight

I made the decision to completely retire Lady to the field at the end of last year, when now aged 24 she was starting to stumble when ridden.

Christine Robinson

Our 2 current oldies are 23 and 24, still working and doing pretty well as much as they want on the work side. No doubt they will eventually decide when they have done enough. I can't see either retiring soon. Barncrosh Royal was still being gently worked aged 34 when he sadly slipped and injured himself in the field and had to be p.t.s.

Hannah Whyman-naveh

I've retired my Fell mare from showing at the young age of 17, purely because she doesn't keep condition like she used to and due to that I don't get placed anymore. She's being ridden by a 7 year old, doing fun things for no more than half hour a day. Even though she's fat at the moment, as soon as she goes into anything strenuous or stressful the weight falls off regardless of food. Shame really as in her day she was always in the reds!! I'll put my pony's health over any rosette at the end of the day so Shadow is now a kid's pony/happy hacker and hopefully will still be doing it when she's 35!

Yvonne Leiper

Hi, my mum's mare Netherhall Melita is now 32. We stopped riding her at 24 due to arthritis, but she is still a happy mare grazing around. These ponies go on forever :)

Peahill Basil

I am a mere 16 years young and have no problem climbing over mountains or galloping down beaches.....when they can catch me, that is!

Michele J A Meller

We retired Heltondale Flash who is now 24 from the riding school as she has arthritis in one of her hocks. She is now out on loan to some very good friends and is still hacking out xx

Allison Winterbottom

My Bertie (Tebay Julian) was 24 when he was retired due to being very stiff in his hocks and lack of interest in work (riding or driving). I sadly lost him last October at 28 due to increasing mobility issues and keeping getting stuck in lying-down. RIP Bertie, will miss him forever, star boy!

Jacqueline Cheetham

So if I treat my 14 year old mare to a new saddle, I've still time for many more years of riding :)

Take note hubby - I DO need a new saddle !!!



Scottish Area Support Group

In spite of heavy rain the northernmost area of the Fell Pony Society Scottish Group saw a good turnout for their first gathering of the year, held at the home of FPS member Heidi Sands. 20 members and friends were warmly welcomed by area representative Jacqueline Cheetham to a BBQ, native pony walk and talk from Heidi about her work within the field of an equestrian writer, photographer and author. Heidi spoke about magazine work and three of her books; Spirit of the Highland Pony, Spirit of the Shetland Pony, and The Horses of Appleby Fair which was entered in the 2012 Lakeland Book of the Year Awards.

The second Fell Pony Society pleasure ride and picnic was at Teindland Trails in Moray, on Sunday 20th May 2012. Organized by area representative Jacqueline Cheetham, it was blessed with glorious sunshine. Riders and friends on foot traveled from as far away as Fraserburgh in the East and Dornoch in the West to enjoy a spectacular forest ride before a picnic back at the car park. A visit is also planned for September 30th to World Horse Welfare at Aboyne. Anyone interested in joining the group for outings and activities can contact Jacqueline Cheetham on 01346 541250 or email:fellponies@btinternet.com

Heidi Sands

Fell Pony Inter Area In-Hand Championship

FPS Scottish Area would like to take this opportunity to thank Harbro Ltd, who have kindly given £200 sponsorship towards our qualifiers' expenses to travel down to Oxfordshire to represent the FPS Scottish Area in the inter area competition at the Southern Show. They are Alan Anderson, Towford Farm, Jedburgh with his 4 year old mare Towford Harmarnie, and Gwen Rae, West Riverside Farm, Denny with her 3 year old filly Bracklinn Melissa. Both these ponies have had a very successful show season so far this year and we all wish them the very best of luck at the Southern Show.

Bracklinn Melissa was placed 1st in her youngstock class and went on to win In-hand Fell Championship at The Cumbria Fell & Dales Warm-Up Show, Penrith. She then attended the Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh, winning the youngstock Fell, Dales & New Forest Class and also winning the Championship of her section.

Towford Harmarnie was placed 1st in the Fell Mare (4yrs & Over) class, then won the Fell in-hand Championship & the Overall Supreme Championship at the Cumbria Fell & Dales Pony Show, Penrith. She then attended Kelso Show, Kelso, was placed 2nd in the Fell (4 years & over) and went in to win Reserve Champion of her section. Both ponies also competed in the St John Wells Trophy at the Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh, which was a very busy class, with 18 pairs of ponies, of all breeds. They were placed Second Reserve in the class. Both ponies were sired by Carrock I'm Yer Man, owned by Messrs Smith, Stirlingshire.

Gwen Rae



North East Area Support Group

In March we held a new event in the form of a 'Training Day' at Park House Farm in Baldersdale, with FPS judge Peter Boustead. We were blessed with a beautiful warm, sunny day and were able to sit outside to enjoy our refreshments which had been prepared for us by Margaret Murray and her helper, Wendy. The day began with a slide show to demonstrate the Fell pony characteristics that a judge would look for in an in-hand class. After lunch we were allowed to put our new found skills to the test and judge 4 ponies which had been brought in for the day. Mr Boustead then explained how he would place the ponies and why. Everyone enjoyed the event and requested that we hold a similar event in 2013 to look at ridden showing. We are trying to organise such an event on Sunday 24th March 2013 so please watch the website for more details.

Unfortunately the dreadful weather meant the very popular Fell & Highland Pony Camp, due to take place in May, had to be postponed. It has been rescheduled for the second weekend in September so I pray the weather will improve and allow this to take place. This event has become a firm favourite with the North East members.

The North East showing season, like many others, has been greatly upset by the weather. Lanchester Show, under threat of being cancelled, decided to move to Streatlam Farm about a week before the event. It was well supported and Esther Pringle with Drummersdale Limited Edition won the championship. Esther has since agreed to travel south to the Southern Show to represent the North East Area in the Inter-Area Competition. The abandonment of the Great Yorkshire Show was a huge disappointment for many of us and then Hexham Native Horse & Pony Show had to be cancelled. I am writing this article at the end of August and it is still raining. My hay crop is still standing in the field too wet to be worked but the weather man tells me September will be warmer and drier so I live in hope.

The FPS 90th Anniversary International Convention has recently taken place and many of us are just getting our breath back from a very hectic but enjoyable week. The pony games afternoon was a real success and I feel sure that this will become part of the North East's regular events in the future. The rain did not stop our enjoyment and I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all who brought ponies to the Rackwood Open Day and helped to make it such a success. Your willingness to participate is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately the Native Pony Performance Trials, scheduled to be held on 23rd September at Linnel Wood, has been cancelled. Bob & Sarah Charlton have hosted this event for many years but have been forced to cancel this year because of Bob's ill health. We would like to wish him a speedy recovery following the proposed surgery towards the end of September.

Our final event of the year will be the autumn pleasure ride which, once again, will be held in Hamsterley Forest. The date hasn't been finalised yet because of other commitments but full details will be posted on the website very soon. Application forms and directions will be available by mid September.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended or helped at one or more of our events during 2012. Please come and join in the fun during 2013. Our first event in 2013 will be Sunday Lunch on 3rd February at the Aston Hotel just off the A1 near Darlington. Further details and application forms / schedules will be displayed on the Fell Pony Society website at www.fellponysociety.org.uk as well as on my own website at www.rackwoodfellponies.co.uk as soon as they are available.

Eileen Walker

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Gwen Rae with Bracklinn Melissa and Alan Anderson with Towford Harmarnie.

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Midlands West Area Support Group

Group Leader: Anne Shuker Tel: 01629 822098

Secretary: Diane Key Tel: 01785 822723

The group got off to a positive start to the season with a saddle fitting talk and demonstration at Oswestry Equestrian Centre, Shropshire. Three Fell ponies were forward with Debbie Roberts Jones's Grouse, Pam Ward's Chloe, and Fiona Dillon gallantly representing the youngsters with Pike.

Ginni and Dean from the Saddle Exchange gave both an informative and thought provoking talk using our 'guinea pig' Fells to demonstrate their native pony friendly saddles.

Thank you so much for everyone who attended and who made this event such a successful one.

Unfortunately our annual ride across Cannock Chase had to be cancelled due to one of our most stalwart members, Sandra Newcombe having to endure surgery. We wish her the very best in her continued recovery and look forward to holding this popular event next year.

The annual Fell Dales and Highland Pony Show at Bakewell Show Ground was well attended with good entries, but was disappointing in that we had no qualifiers to send forward to the Southern Breed Show to compete in the inter group Bewcastle Boy Blue Championship.

The much loved and always well attended annual Leg It - trotting races and gymkhana event held at Seighford, Stafford became yet another casualty to this year's terrible wet weather. Despite on going efforts to hold the event even as late as September/October has proven futile.

On a more positive note out next 'indoor' events include:

Sunday 21st October 2012 - Annual Luncheon at the home of Hugh and Elizabeth Marshall at Merefield, Oaks Green, Sudbury, (Near Uttoxeter), Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5HX. The event will include a guest speaker, Fell Pony photo show, pudding competition, announcement of this years performance awards and Fell Pony Society merchandise for sale. Don't forget to get your performance awards and, new for this year, the happy hacker forms back to Alyson. If you would like to attend this highly popular event please telephone Elizabeth Marshall



Ginni from the Saddle Exchange (1st left behind pony) showing group members the finer points of saddle fitting

on 01283 585358 or Diane Key 01785 822723. Please book at least one week before as places are limited.

NOT TO BE MISSED - Saturday November 17th 2012 in conjunction with the Midlands East FPSS Group - Talk given by Derek Knottenbelt OBE, BVM&S, DVMS, DipECEIM, MRCVS from Liverpool University Leahurst. We are very pleased to say that Derek will be giving both our support groups a talk on the Healthy Fell Pony. The event is being held at the William Shrewsbury County Primary School, Burton-On-Trent with admission by ticket only @ £5 per head which includes refreshments. There will also be a Chinese Auction. If you would like to attend please contact either Mary Longsdon on 01629 640709, Jane Glass on 01509 880261 or Diane Key on 01785 822723 who would also be pleased to receive donations towards the Chinese auction.

In the autumn there will also be an open group meeting at the home of Keith and Joan Dorman to discuss group matters for the forthcoming season. Members will all be advised of the date as soon as it is arranged.

The autumn issue of the 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

If you would like to join the Midlands West Fell Pony Support Group please contact Mr & Mrs K Dorman at Ash Tree Farm, Spend Lane, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AR. Telephone number 01335 350301. A membership form is available to download from our web site - www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk. Please send a £4 cheque made payable to the Midlands West Fell Pony Society Support Group with your name and address and if applicable email address details. If you would like a receipt please include a SAE.

Thank you for your support - new members, with or without ponies, are always very welcome.



Cycle ride in aid of Alzheimer's research

Veteran equestrian Philippa Kemp-Welch planned to ride 470km from Vietnam to Cambodia this year to raise £6,000+ for Alzheimers. After lengthy care-giving to her mother who suffered from the disease, Philippa said, 'Cycling, walking and carriage driving have given me back my freedom.' Philippa loves to get out in the countryside with her pony, Shadow II FP2884, owned by Anne Blackburn. You can donate to the charity online at

<http://www.justgiving.com/Philippa-Kemp-Welch>



From the Archive: the Formation of the Fell Pony Society in 1922

Transcribed from:

Minutes of the Fell Pony Committee 10th October 1922

A meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Penrith on Tuesday the 10th of October 1922.

Present. Mr E de Vere Irving in the Chair. Messrs H Watson, H Holme, J G Marston, J Bellas, F Watson, H Brown, A Lawson, Dr R W Gibson acting as Hon Sec & Treas. pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mr E de V Irving moved, Mr Holme Seconded, a resolution that an expression of sympathy be conveyed by the Secretary to Mrs Garnett & family with reference to the death of the Hon Secy & Treasurer Mr F W Garnett. The resolution was passed, all the members and reporters present standing.

Resolved that an application be made for two Classes for Fell ponies at the Royal Show to be held at Newcastle in 1923, viz one stallion class and one mare class and that the Committee contribute the sum of Eighteen pounds to the prize fund for the said Classes.

Resolved that the present Committee be dissolved with the object of forming a Fell pony Society - and co-opting additional members to the committee - and the Election of Officers for the Ensuing years.

Confirmed and signed

October 10th 1922

A General meeting was held at the Crown Hotel Penrith after the preceding meeting to Consider the formation of a Fell pony Society -

Present. Mr E de Vere Irving in the Chair. Messrs H Watson, H Holme, J G Marston, J Bellas, F Watson, H Brown, A Lawson, Roy B Charlton, Major McKenzie, Captain Wingate, W J Wharton, J Relph, Dr R W Gibson acting as Secretary & Treasurer pro tem.

Resolved and carried unanimously that a Fell pony Society be formed and that the annual subscription for a member of the said Society be five Shillings.

Resolved that the Earl of Lonsdale be Elected Life President of the Society and that E de V Irving and G Norris Midwood Esquires be Elected vice-presidents.

Resolved that the members of the old Committee together with the representatives of the nominating Agricultural Societies and Messrs Roy B Charlton and J Relph constitute the new Council or Committee.

Capt Wingate on being asked to undertake the duties of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer consented to do so with the temporary assistance of Dr R W Gibson. Resolved on the motion of Mr H Holme. Seconded by Mr H Brown that Capt Wingate be formally appointed Hon Secy and Treas of the Fell Pony Society.

Fell Pony Society

Names of Officers and Members of the Committee Elected Oct 10th 1922.

President. Lord Lonsdale.

Vice Presidents. E de V Irving, Esqu. & G Norris Midwood.

Committee - Mr E de V Irving (Chairman).

Representatives of National Pony Society - 1 G Norris Midwood. 2 Dr R W Gibson.

Representatives of Agricultural Societies -

Hesket Newmarket - 3 Mr A Lawson, 4 Mr J Hind.

Keswick - 5 Mr M Bennett, 6 Mr J Bellas.

Shap - 7 Mr E de V Irving, 8 Mr H Holme.

Appleby - 9 Mr J Dargue, 10 Mr James Wills.

Brough - 11 Mr T Bainbridge, 12 Mr R Sayer.

Kirkby Stephen - 13 Mr J G Marston, 14 Mr E Handley.

Middleton in Teesdale - 15 Mr J W Dent, 16 Mr F Watson.

Sedbergh - 17 Major J Upton, 18 Mr Wm Sedgwick.

Co-opted - 19 Mr J Metcalfe, Heltondale; 20 Mr H Brown, High Winder; 21 Mr H Watson, Uldale; 22 Mr Roy B Charlton, Hexham; 23 Major H M McKenzie, Newton Rigg; 24 Mr W J Wharton, Eamont Lodge, Penrith; 25 Mr John Relph, Turnbank, Shap; Capt Wingate, Askham, Hon Sec & Treas.

From the Archive: Information Found—and Wanted



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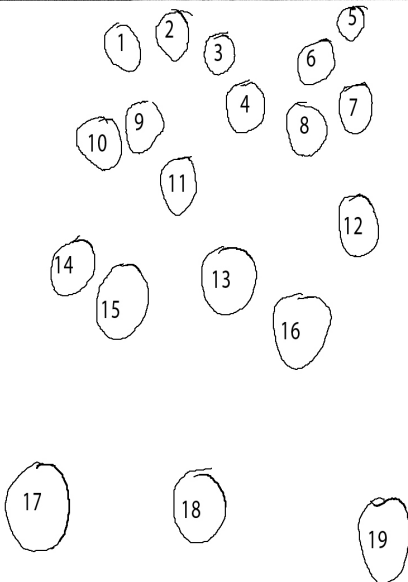
The photograph used on the front cover of the Spring 2012 issue (left) prompted a good deal of correspondence.

It seems likely that it showed members of the Society at a General Meeting in 1956. The picture was taken in the old Crown Hotel, Penrith, now demolished.

- 1 - Roy B Charlton; 2 - Ralph Bellas;
- 3 - Jim Bell; 3a (just behind Jim Bell) - Harry Wales; 4 - Mr Relph; 5 - Ernie Threlkeld; 6 - Walter Tuer; 7 - Jack Williams; 8 - still unidentified;
- 9 - Jos Dargue; 10 - Sam Wood;
- 11 - still unidentified;
- 12 - We have 4 possibilities! Jim Wykes, Kit Paterson, Mr Bray (Greenfield Stud) or a reporter from the local paper (although the "Cumberland & Westmorland Herald" was unable to identify him);
- 13 - Vera C Charlton; 14 - Ailsa Bickersteth; 15 - Ailie Newall, and poodle "Sugar Plum Fairy";
- 16 - Amy Edge; 17 - Richard Little;
- 18 - Peggy Crosland; 19 - Joe Baxter.

And Wanted...

From Spring 2013 we are going to print a regular page of images from the FPS archive. Dr Barbara Dunne, who is currently working with the archive, will choose a group of pictures lacking information, and any details that you can add should be sent directly to her (see next page for her contact address).





2014 FPS Calendar Competition

The photograph deadline for 2014 Fell Pony Society Calendar approaches!

I realise that 2012 has not been the greatest year for getting out the camera and capturing a photograph of your ponies but I wanted to take this opportunity of reminding you all that the deadline for submission of photographs for the 2014 Calendar and the Calendar Competition is:

Monday 8th October 2012

Remember landscape format images (i.e. wider than high) are preferred to portrait format although good portrait photographs are also accepted. Either digital or hard copy photographic prints can be submitted with digital images sized at 11" x 7" at 300dpi minimum resolution (3300 pixels wide).

Images taken by professional photographers may be submitted provided that photographers agree to the following wording:

'I confirm that I (the photographer) am the holder of the copyright for the attached(enclosed) photograph(s). Accordingly, I authorise the Fell Pony Society (hereafter "FPS" - Registered Charity No 1104945) to use and reproduce the said photograph(s) for the sole purpose of the FPS calendar. I waive any right to remuneration. I recognise that the FPS Calendar is sold by the FPS to society members and the general public and that any profits from the sale are thereby retained and used by the FPS within the terms of its charitable status. I do not restrict this

grant of use to any specific geographical area should the calendar be sold to overseas members or public. The photograph may not be reproduced for any other purpose or for use in magazines or on other merchandise, save that it may appear in any promotion by the FPS for the Calendar.'

Professional photographs are not be eligible for the FPS Calendar Competition and the judges selecting photographs for the calendar year will not select more than two images taken by professional photographers. It is important then that if you do submit a professional photograph you make this clear on submission and also inform me that the photographer has agreed to the wording above. Full credit will be given to the photographer in the title if such an image is selected by the judges.

If hard copy photographic prints are submitted they should be accompanied by a SAE if you would like them to be returned. One or two digital images can be sent to the following e-mail: ProfBarbaraBrown@aol.com or alternatively several digital images can be sent on a CD to the following address where photographic prints can also be mailed:

*Barbara Dunne, West Briscoe,
Baldersdale, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham
DL12 9UP, U.K. Tel 01833 650059.*



Overseas News: Switzerland

Sibylla Protze from Switzerland has sent us some news from Tamara Wülser.

Four years ago, I decided to buy a horse. For me, it was clear that I wanted a Fell Pony, but there are not many Fell Pony breeders in Switzerland. One day I found a three year old, very thin gelding called Lo-Pe Flag. He did not have a good life before, and passed through different owners and different homes during his first three years of life. A Fell Pony breeder finally decided to buy him because the previous owner wanted to put him down. At the same time we bought a half-year old filly, Anuschka vom Birnbaum, who was also Flag's friend in his herd. It took us a long time to have Flag's trust, but by the time I began to ride him, he proved to be a very smart pony. When he turned five years old, we started driving him. At first, we drove him in a pair, then single.

This year, we began driving competitions. At first, we participated in local competitions and then in two national competitions. We were rather good! We won a local derby and obstacle driving competition. Now we often drive Flag and Anuschka together.

A friend of mine made a joke that Fell Ponies could not jump, and for this reason we decided to take jumping lessons. This year, we also started participating in jumping competitions.

Anuschka is really beautiful. At her first show, she became the class winner and national best of show at only three years old. And sometimes we have good ideas... I am really happy with my two Fell Ponies and I would never want another breed. I am a member of the Swiss Society of ponies and small horses (SVPK), and both of my ponies are registered in their studbook.



Photo: www.horsefotograf.ch



People and Ponies: Shepherding with Fell Ponies

The Thorpe family at the Wellbrow stud near Rochdale are well known for breeding ponies that do well in the show ring. The stud's successes this year include winning the Championship and Reserve at the FPS Stallion show; HOYS qualification for Hayley Martin and Wellbrow Black Jack; and Gary Richardson's stallion Wellbrow Leo taking the overall Supreme Championship at the Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland Show.

Maybe fewer people are aware that the family use their ponies for shepherding duties in the East Lancashire hills where the counties of Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Yorkshire meet. Anyone riding the Mary Townley Loop on the Pennine Bridleway is likely to see the Wellbrow Fell ponies in the native habitat, which totals some 5500 acres with additional sheep on a further 2500-3000 acres.

The stallion Wellbrow Leo is an example of the versatility of the Fell breed; he is now riding, driving and showing in his new home, and whilst with the Thorpes his work varied from shepherding across the open fells, to driving brides through busy traffic to and from church on their wedding days; each task being performed with equal enthusiasm and reliability.

Shepherding from a pony means that the shepherd can cover many miles in a day and; unlike a quad bike, he or she can hear what is happening around them, and so is less likely to miss the signs of an animal needing help; and more likely to spot the hares and lapwings that are becoming more

prevalent in these areas. Andrew Thorpe, who can remember following his Father shepherding the fells from a very early age, says that the job requires a steady pony that will stand while gates are negotiated and dogs are untied; and also that will wait, untied, while sheep are attended to. Andrew carries saddlebags at lambing time to carry any lambs that need to be brought home and ponies that are used to a breast harness can be used to retrieve deadstock.

While shepherding the sheepdog does the work, with the pony just used as transport, and maybe to block a gap in a wall. The dogs are used to working with cows, nipping their heels, so the ponies may initially be subject to an odd nip or two until the dog understands the job in hand, after which the dog and pony appear to enjoy going out and working together.

The ponies are on their own to bring the mares home from the fell. Andrew's wife Michelle and daughter Gemma regularly ride through the herd, but the mares seem to know that when the riders start to push them on they are heading back to the farm.

Andrew says that other advantages that the ponies have over quad bikes is, that if the rider gets cold, he or she can warm up by dismounting and walking for a while.....and the ponies don't usually require quite the same level of security as a quad!

Claire Simpson



People and Ponies: The England Mounted Games Team

At the beginning of 2012 I was put forward for The England Mounted Games Team Trial held at Onley Grounds near Rugby. I was very lucky to be supported on an extremely bitterly cold day by so many Atherstone Hunt members. After 3 hours riding in horrible weather including sleet I was astonished to be the first rider named for the Team! Our week began on the Monday with a training session at Moreton Morrel before moving onto Astrid's house. Unfortunately Astrid's pony was ill and so the reserve, Jessica, brought her pony instead. On Monday night we all received our England kit which was very smart. It felt like Christmas with us all gathered around receiving lots of new things. After another training session on Tuesday Morning we left for Windsor.

When we arrived I met up with the Mounted Games Chairman Ros Slinger and went to meet a real Cowboy and Indian who were interested in using

Merrie in the Jubilee Pageant taking place every night. They immediately put a western saddle on him and a huge Indian jumped on and rode away. We found them in the Castle Arena taking part in a full rehearsal with full band. We sat in the Royal Box to watch. Merrie was very good but when he saw the four horse stagecoach he had had enough and left the arena very quickly! So it was decided he wouldn't be used in the Pageant after all.

On Wednesday all the Teams went to the Pony Club Tent where we received our DAKS jumpers for competing in. This was shortly followed by the entertainment. We had to present a short entertainment to the other teams and many more people and unfortunately we were elected to go first which in the end was great fun, but I was pleased when we could just watch the other teams after our turn!

Thursday saw the Competition begin and the whole thing was very exciting. I was worried Merrie wouldn't like the Castle Arena after his scare with the stagecoach but he was fine and I think he really liked the atmosphere. Our team managed to come 3rd in 3 of the sessions, 2nd in two and we won one. We went into Sunday's Final in third place. The crowd for the Final was the biggest yet and The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were in the audience. Merrie was amazing the whole time and never put a foot wrong. My favourite race was the Jubilee Flag, and the Milk Race was very funny when Northern Ireland's Cow ran into the Sentry Box! We ended





Picked alongside Merrie and me (2nd from left) were Dan Drummond (Cheshire Hunt North), Peter Downs (Rockwood Harriers), Astrid Straume-Brown (Warwickshire Hunt) Harry Gates (Oakley Hunt West) and Reserve Jessica Beachill (Badsworth Hunt)

the Competition in third place and received our medals from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh which was lovely. Our Team also won the week long Tack and Turnout Competition.

As well as the riding side all the teams were asked to be part of the Diamond Jubilee Pageant which we went to every night of our stay and our job was to hold flags of some of the countries The Queen had visited, on the stairs leading up to the main stage. It was great to be a part of something so spectacular and I think you can safely say I will never get another opportunity like it again. We also got the chance to meet lots of people that had come from all over the world to be part of the pageant whilst waiting back stage and this too was really special. We spent a lot of time in the evenings getting to know people from the other teams The Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland

learning new expressions like 'that's grand' - the Irish would say that a lot !

Overall my week at Windsor was amazing and I will never forget it. I would like to thank everyone that helped and supported me along the way both before the Trail and after, Thanks to all those that supported our fundraising efforts prior to Windsor. Finally my biggest thanks go to Merrie for being such a tremendous pony and taking it all in his stride.

In October there is an International Windsor rematch, all the Teams from Windsor gather again at The Curragh racecourse near Dublin for a weekend Competition. We are really excited and looking forward to competing together again. If anyone would like to follow our travels you can find information on Merrie's Facebook Page! Roll on Ireland 2012!

Anna Meadows & Merrie 'The Flying Fell of Atherstone'



People and Ponies: Jeanette McGuinness and Greenholme Duke

Jeanette McGuinness and Greenholme Duke have qualified for the British Dressage National Championships at Stoneleigh on the 13th September in the Prelim class. We think that Duke is probably the first Fell pony to qualify and again proving, if proof were needed, that you can't put a Fell Pony to the wrong job. Duke, who was bought as a foal from Bill Potter of the Greenholme Stud, near Shap in Cumbria; did very well on the show circuit; but Jeanette found dressage to be more rewarding and a better fit with her busy work and family life so decided to focus on the discipline.

They qualified at the Regionals at Somerford Park which was bathed in sunshine, a rarity this year. Duke was the fourth horse to go in the competition, and after the test Jeanette thought that they had gone well and she hoped to be in the top 10. Jeanette and her two friends then had an agonising wait and spent the rest of the day going back and forth checking the scores. The pair kept the lead for quite a while, then later, with nine more horses to go and still in the lead Jeanette was thrilled as she had then made the top ten and would be invited back for the prize giving. After what must have been a very tense wait, at the end of the class Jeanette's friend went to check the final marks and came running back at a speed that would have rivalled Usain Bolt shouting 'You're going to the Nationals, you have come 2nd and the top 2 go through!' Needless to say Jeanette is absolutely delighted and at the time of writing is looking forward to the trip on 13 September. Good Luck Jeanette, we're looking forward to an update!



Photo: Equinational



People and Ponies: Conservation Grazing with Fells

Nicola Evans has been conservation grazing with Fell ponies for the last 3 years. Since September she has been grazing 27ha at Oxenholme, near Kendal, Cumbria on behalf of Friends of the Lake District (FLD). She currently has 7 young ponies between one and four years old who are getting on with their grazing job very happily.

The area is being managed under a Higher Level Stewardship Scheme with the aim of improving the structure and species diversity of the grassland sward. The area is acid grassland with gorse scrub and some wetter rushy and fen areas around a small tarn. The FLD receive a supplement for having registered native breed animals there which also contribute to the gene pool, i.e. will be used for breeding.

Nicola bought four of her ponies in the autumn and they had had little handling, so she has been working with them to build their trust and (on a good day) she can now get a headcollar on them all. She is working up to foot trimming! She has had her other three ponies for three years and are all very friendly and laid back. She has started to ride one of them and plans to do a bit of snigging too, as well as breeding from two of her mares this year.

Christine Robinson's ponies have been grazing land for the National Trust (NT) near Ennerdale in August and September for the last three

years. Last year she was asked to leave the ponies on a little longer to ensure that the seeds from the plants that attract the native butterflies were well paddled into the ground.

It is encouraging to see that the FLD and NT appreciate the benefit that grazing local native ponies can bring in preserving the natural landscape and enabling the flora, fauna and wildlife to thrive amongst it. Unfortunately this view is not shared by all such organisations - sadly the Greenholme stud has been forced to vastly reduce the size of the herd this year due to a ruling by Natural England.

Claire Simpson

Ponies on the Helm near Kendal. Photo: Nicola Evans





Seen during Convention Week



Top: Fell mares above Dufton, 11 August 2012

Left: private visit to the Townend Stud, 14 August 2012.

(Caption, anyone?)

Photos: Georgina Blair

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There is a special rate for studs who wish to advertise for a whole year - reducing the cost from £40 (4 x three-month adverts at £10 each) to just £30 for the whole year if the ad is paid for in one go.

Advertisements over 3 months old (12 in the case of special-rate stud ads) will be removed and archived if not renewed.

Photos may be included in posted listings in the sales list by emailing JPG/JPEG to the FPS Office.

Please let the Office know when a pony is sold and its listing can be removed.

On the Web Site or in Print

The Sales List can be accessed on the Fell Pony Society's Web Site (www.fellponysociety.org/sales_list.htm).

The list is updated on a regular basis, so the online version is the most current one; if you don't have access to the Web at home, you could use a computer at the local library.

A printed copy is available on receipt of £3 + SAE but remember, it is only a snapshot of the list at the time it is posted out to you.

Enquiries to FPS Office: Tel 01768 353100, address as above.

e-mail: fellponysocietysecretary@hotmail.co.uk



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Text

We would like informative articles to be around 1500 words. If your article will be longer than this please get in touch and discuss it before sending. We can be flexible, but your submission may have to be cut to fit the Magazine's content into 100 pages or less. Pony news pieces should be about 400 words, usually with one good photo, and obituaries are likely to be limited to half a page.

Please double-check facts before sending, especially names.

There are very specific settings for the Magazine text which keep its "look" consistent, so please don't spend time on special layouts, styles or fonts, because they won't fit and I will just remove them.

Show Secretaries: please don't use tabs to create 'columns' of show results, because they do not translate into the Magazine's shape and size. Let me apply the column formatting, if it's needed. Simply list the results, one entry per line, in a normal page of text. Placing, pony name, breeding if you like, then exhibitor's name. Don't send show entry numbers, or placings lower than 4th. An Excel spreadsheet is acceptable.

If your copy is important, please SEND IT TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE DEADLINE: 1st September and 1st February. The Magazine must be put together, which can be 5 or more days' work; it's proof-read by the Office and Chairman. We make any necessary amendments before it goes to the printers—and their turnaround also has to be factored in—before the Office can envelope and post the Magazine in time for you to receive your Notice and Agenda three weeks before any FPS General Meeting. Copy that delays this timetable just can't be included. Our regular Magazine contributors, fortunately, are very good—thank you!

Submissions for the Web Site

Small images are all that are needed for the FPS Photo Gallery or the Sales List. Maximum size 800 pixels wide.

Please indicate whether photos are meant for the Magazine or the web site—they are unlikely to be used in both.

*Sue Millard
Magazine and Web site Editor
(contact details on page 3)*

Fell Pony Society Hog Roast and Dance

17 November 2012

7.30 pm

Newbiggin Village Hall (Stainton)

Dancing to MOCHARA

Tickets from Glenis Cockbain, Rakefoot Farm, Keswick.

Tel 01768 772133

BUS TRIP TO HOYS

WED, 3RD OCTOBER, M&M RIDDEN DAY. PICK UPS FROM PENRITH, BROUGH, TEBAY AND VARIOUS ON THE M6. EARLY START AND LATE FINISH BUT A FABULOUS DAY!! Price is £65. Please make cheques payable to "CUMBRIA FELL AND DALES PONY SHOW" and send to Ellen Jones, Mill Cottage, Sparket Mill, Hutton John, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0LZ

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Offers in the region of £250,000

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Society Merchandise Price List

| Item | Price | P&P | Total | Item | Price | P&P | Total |
|--|--------|-------|--------|--|--------|-------|--------|
| CLOTHING (with FPS logo) | | | | Shoulder Bag | £8.00 | £2.50 | £10.50 |
| Reversible Showerproof Fleece Lined Jacket | £26.00 | £3.00 | £29.00 | Wallet | £6.00 | £0.75 | £6.75 |
| Rugby Shirt | £30.00 | £2.50 | £32.50 | Place Mats | £7.50 | £1.00 | £8.50 |
| Hoody | £22.00 | £2.50 | £24.50 | CARDS | | | |
| Fleece Sweatshirt with Collar | £21.00 | £2.50 | £23.50 | Calendar | £5.00 | £2.50 | £7.50 |
| Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Adult) | £17.50 | £2.50 | £20.00 | Christmas Cards (pack of 5) | £2.50 | £0.75 | £3.25 |
| Polo Shirt (Adult) | £15.00 | £2.50 | £17.50 | Notelets (pack of 5) | £2.50 | £0.75 | £3.25 |
| T Shirt (Child) | £10.00 | £2.50 | £12.50 | Postcards (pack of 10) | £1.50 | £0.75 | £2.25 |
| Fleece Waistcoat (Adult) | £22.00 | £2.50 | £24.50 | Postcards (pack of 12 assorted) | £2.00 | £0.75 | £2.75 |
| Knitted Hat | £8.00 | £2.50 | £10.50 | BOOKS etc | | | |
| Hi Vis Waistcoat | £10.00 | £2.50 | £12.50 | The Fell Pony DVD | £15.00 | £2.00 | £17.00 |
| Tie | £10.00 | £2.50 | £12.50 | A Lifetime with Ponies by Roy B Charlton | £20.00 | £2.50 | £22.50 |
| Baseball Cap | £8.00 | £2.50 | £10.50 | Dales Ponies | £15.00 | £2.50 | £17.50 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | The Fell Pony (by Clive Richardson) | £7.50 | £2.00 | £9.50 |
| Towel | £6.00 | £2.50 | £8.50 | British Horse & Pony Breeds | £19.00 | £3.50 | £22.50 |
| Facecloth | £3.50 | £0.75 | £4.25 | Jubilee Book | £5.00 | £2.50 | £7.50 |
| Key Fob | £1.00 | £0.75 | £1.75 | One Fell Swoop | £5.00 | £2.00 | £7.00 |
| Ballpoint Pen | £1.00 | £0.75 | £1.75 | Hoofprints in Eden | £17.00 | £3.00 | £20.00 |
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| Car Sticker, Round/Oblong | £1.00 | £0.50 | £1.50 | Letters Home | £8.00 | £2.00 | £10.00 |
| Car Tax Disc Holder | £2.00 | £0.50 | £2.50 | A Humbling Experience | £19.00 | £2.00 | £21.00 |
| Mouse Mat | £3.00 | £0.75 | £3.75 | Fell Fun (for children 4-7 years) | £2.00 | £0.50 | £2.50 |
| Tea Towel | £3.00 | £0.75 | £3.75 | Fell Facts (for older children) | £2.00 | £0.50 | £2.50 |
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| Coaster | £2.00 | £0.75 | £2.75 | History CD | £13.00 | £1.00 | £14.00 |
| Place Mat | £7.50 | £1.00 | £8.50 | | | | |
| Fridge Magnet | £1.50 | £0.75 | £2.25 | | | | |
| Boot Bag | £12.00 | £2.50 | £14.50 | | | | |
| Tote Bag (large) | £7.00 | £2.50 | £9.50 | | | | |
| Tote Bag (small) | £4.00 | £1.00 | £5.00 | | | | |
| Laptop Bag | £14.00 | £2.50 | £16.50 | | | | |

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| Clear Tumblers | £2.50 | £2.50 | £5.00 |
| Mugs | £2.50 | £2.50 | £5.00 |
| Bowls | £2.50 | £2.50 | £5.00 |
| Plates | £2.50 | £2.50 | £5.00 |
| Cutlery Sets | £3.00 | £2.50 | £5.50 |
| Trays | £5.00 | £2.50 | £7.50 |
| Anniversary China Mug | £5.00 | £2.50 | £7.50 |

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Please contact the office for details of available colours/sizes for clothing and picnicware. Some items are not held in stock.

Please give the office at least two weeks to fulfil an order, especially near Christmas.

Send order and cheques payable to The Fell Pony Society to:

The Secretary, The Fell Pony Society, Ion House, Great Asby, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6HD
Tel/Fax 01768353100.

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Above, Murthwaite Tikka - photo by Fleur Hallam. Left, Brackenbank ponies and Mell Fell, North Pennines - photo by Mrs K Wilkinson

Society Calendar and Stationery

2013 Calendar

£5 plus £2.50 P & P





At the beginning of 2012 Anna Meadows and Aylestone The Merrie Monk were put forward for The England Mounted Games Team Trial held at Onley Grounds near Rugby. "I was astonished to be the first rider named for the Team! My favourite race was the Jubilee Flag. The crowd for the Final was the biggest yet and The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were in the audience. Merrie was amazing the whole time and never put a foot wrong." Photo, Tom James.

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