

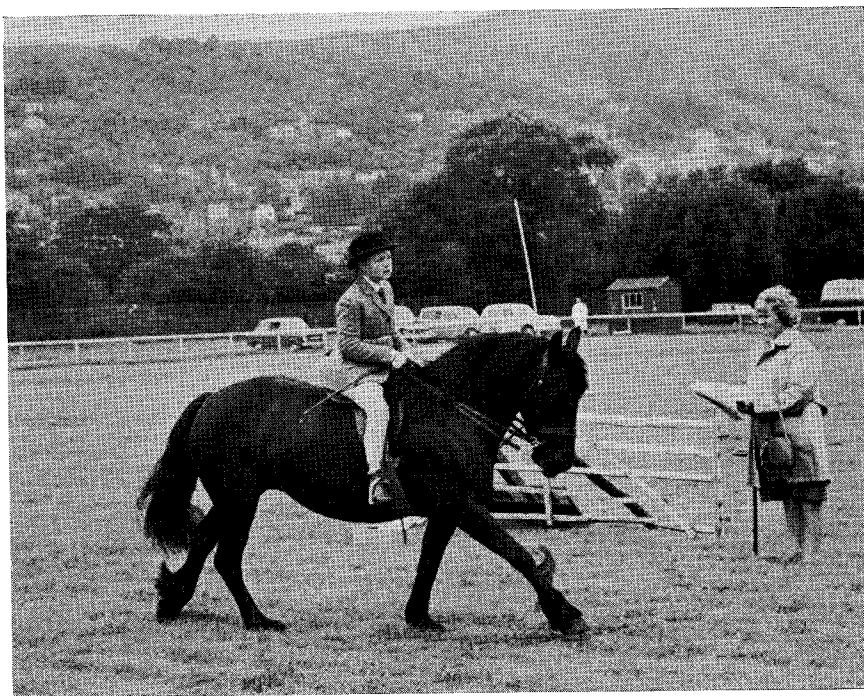
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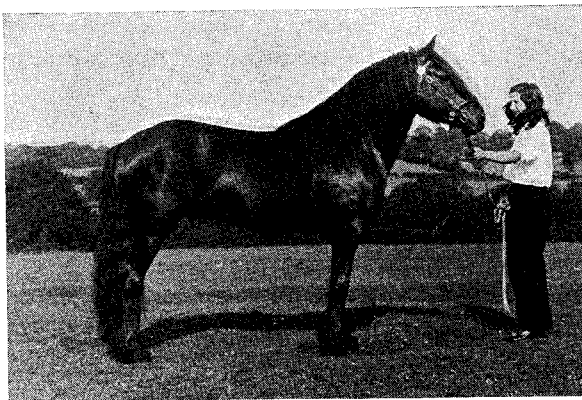
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Editorial

At last the third edition of the Fell Pony Society's News is issued and we do hope that it will bring interest and pleasure once more to members all over the country. So much has happened during the past three years, and our Society's activities are well-known.

Both the Summer Show and the Stallion Show grow each year: the numbers of ponies paraded are mostly of high quality and well turned out, this latter point being very important from the spectators' point of view. A few grey ponies, chiefly colts, have come to the fore once more. It is good to see an old fell colour in the ring, but our eyes must not be led astray by attractive colours at the expense of true quality and conformation.

The Judges Training Scheme is now in being and is a welcome innovation. We need the younger generation just as much as they need the knowledge from veteran members: there are many enthusiastic young members in our midst, and one day, the Society, we hope, will be carried on by them into the next century, when they in their turn will patiently give their guidance to members yet unborn, as we older ones are trying to do in these present years.

Once again we look forward to welcoming distant members and friends to our gatherings in the year ahead.

Our Late President

It is with a feeling of sadness that we record the passing on our our much loved president, Edward Hasell, in the summer of 1972. He was such a well known figure among all the farming community and his knowledge of all country matters was of great value. Ever anxious to preserve all that was good and beautiful, he took a strong line when, as chairman of the Ullswater Preservation Society, he fought successfully to preserve the beauty of our natural heritage when Manchester wanted to tap the lake.

Being president of the Fell Pony Society gave him much pleasure, as he had for long years been a supporter of the breed, and always rode a fell pony when he drilled the Cumberland Farmers Branch of the Pony Club in the park at Dalemain in its early days at the end of the last war. He rode Dalemain Gipsy, of Heltondale stock, in the ring at Penrith while the team performed a musical ride with flying pennants on one occasion, and the eightsome reel on another.

"The Major" was a splendid host and made all who came to Dalemain feel welcome, whether they were agriculturalists or antiquarians, foresters or fell pony enthusiasts, or the old comrades of the Cumberland and Westmorland Yeomanry with whom he felt such a bond of friendship. Through his hospitality our Breed Show got off to a flying start.

The Society mourns the passing of a real friend.

Our New President

We welcome our new President, Mr. Harry Wales, with much pleasure. For some years Mr. Wales has been our patient chairman: always a peacemaker when arguments become heated, his kindly nature and fund of knowledge of the breed, gives him support from all sections: Lownthwaite ponies have been well known for many years: Mr. Wales is regarded by us all with affection.

Secretary's Notes

I KNOW YOU WILL NOT READ THIS, probably because you expect secretary's notes to be dull; the reason why I know, is because in my last notes I gave a few hints to help both you and I, and yet some of you are still passing on registration certificates to buyers instead of sending them to me giving the new owner's name together with the fee, which makes the job so much more simple. Also there are still ponies being registered under the wrong colours, although only a few of such borderline cases, (I went to see one the other day) but if you follow my last notes you won't go far wrong. My thanks to those of you who fill up the forms correctly, and send the correct money. I am the opposite of the shepherd in the parable, for if I have an hour to spend on registrations, I attend to the ninety-and-nine forms which need no correction, and tell the other one to "get lost"!

At the autumn meeting you were all had! I told you registration fees were going up; in actual fact I had mis-read a letter from the N.P.S. which only concerned riding ponies. But what a grand lot of registrations were sent in to beat the dead-line! In 1973 a record of 255 ponies were registered, 150 of them in the last two months of the year! If any of our new members have not received their free copies of the Rules and Regulations, which contain Procedure for Registrations and fees, please let me know. Also I have received a few copies of the old numbers of the "News", so again, those who have not had copies, please write. Those who have had copies of the Rules, etc. and who have lost them, please send a large S.A.E. and a few stamps to cover cost of printing, and then keep them safe!!

We have been sent another generous donation from H.M. The Queen, who takes a keen interest in our breed. A telegram was sent by the Society to Her majesty and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of their Silver Wedding, and a telegram in reply was received.

The Council have decided that in 1974, £5 will be paid towards stallion licences, and not the whole amount. The money will be sent on receipt of the stallion licence. All stallions over two years old MUST be licenced by the Ministry if they are serving mares other than the owner's, or if they are going to be shown. The N.P.S. wants all stallions to be licenced, as the number has to be shown on the foals' registration papers.

In 1973 fifty odd new members joined the Society. (Hmm! Is there something wrong with that sentence?).

I now have a very capable assistant secretary, which means that although owing to the growth of the Society I do not any less work, she prevents my getting totally submerged under a pile of paper.

Our very grateful thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Ball, Mr. & Mrs. Dobie and Miss Glass, who held "Open Days" to raise funds for the N.P.S. Royal Show Exhibition, collecting altogether the magnificent sum of nearly £100. Without their efforts we could have been in the soup!

1973 saw the first foals registered in the main body of the Stud Book from grading-up mares.

As is mentioned elsewhere, I think buyers and sellers will be pleased that Messrs. Hope's Auction Co. have decided to run our Annual Sale in conjunction with their sale of pedigree Shetland Ponies, instead of at their Horse and Pony Sale. This should make it possible to see the ponies better, without the sale, being run on into the dark as happened last year. I hope this will encourage those stalwarts who set off for the sale at 4 a.m. and left with their purchases very late at night, to come again. My very grateful thanks to the breeders who got their ponies registered before the sale, thus making my task of re-registering ponies much easier.

PEGGY CROSSLAND.

Trainee Judges Scheme

This scheme which has been in the minds of some of our members of a long time, is entering its third season. It is essential to our Society that new generations of judges are continually encouraged and trained so that a true knowledge of the breed is imparted.

The object of the scheme is to pass on this knowledge, and in doing so to retain the true standard and picture of a Fell pony: it takes considerable experience to acquire an eye for a true Fell pony of the type required.

The N.P.S. approve so much of this training scheme, which they have encouraged to continue to ensure that our trainees acquire their experience and knowledge from recognised judges in the north because, sad is it may be, the Fell pony loses many of its characteristics when bred and reared in softer climes.

The experienced judges who accept the invitation to be a trainer take considerable trouble to help the trainers who it must be remembered are only onlookers at this stage. Should the trainees successfully complete two seasons training he or she may be asked to become an Assistant Judge to an approved Judge. At this state the candidate is asked to express an opinion to the judge, whose own decision is final.

The committee for the Trainee Judges Scheme is as follows:—

Chairman: Miss A. BICKERSTETH.

Committee members, Mrs. NEWALL and Mr. J. WILLIAMS — the new secretary is Miss B. WALKER, who has recently succeeded Miss Susan Briggs-Bury, now Mrs. Dunning. We would like to thank our late secretary for all the hard work she put into the early days of the scheme.

News from Here and There

Mrs. Thompson from Wembury, near Plymouth, is a keen member, and has been most enthusiastic in collecting news of fell ponies in the south.

Her own pony Dusty has been "giving rides" in aid of the Plymouth Cancer Campaign, and reached their target of collecting £50. She tells me that people were so impressed with Dusty, and wanted to know more about the breed, and almost "wore out" her own copy of the "News"; as a result quite a few more copies were sold in Dorset. Congratulations to Mrs. Thompson for all her good work on behalf of the F.P.S. Dusty is a dark brown mare of the old Castlerigg breed from Keswick, and is by Mr. Baxter's Master John. Her dam, Castlerigg Bonnie, worked on the farm for most of her life. Dusty's triumphs in the south have been consistent: she has not been shown a great deal owing to distances and expense, but she has won several very large mixed mountain and moorland classes, beating Connemaras, New Forest and Welsh cobs, with as many as 26 entries in the class.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came north for their holiday and visited Lownthwaite: they were shown the mares and foals and the stallion Town End Prince. Mr. Wales and his family were so hospitable that this day was the most memorable of their whole holiday.

Dusty also won first prize and the cup when taking part in the Dartmoor Hunt's sponsored race; they rode thirty miles across open moorland; it was the first time that either of them had ridden across the moor, and at this time Mrs. Thompson had difficulty balancing due to a dislodged retina: she thought Dusty did a wonderful job keeping her in the saddle all that distance, and suggests that it is the inbred instinct to balance a pack-load!

The Ponies of Britain held an excellent Working Pony Show for M. and M. ponies near Castle Douglas in 1972, and again several fell ponies competed. One of the most attractive classes was for pairs which was won by Mr. and Mrs. Dobie's Heltondale Toby and Lownthwaite Lucky, against many good entrants: they looked a very outstanding pair. Mrs. McCosh's Borwick Marksman also took part and was third in two large mixed classes, in one of them with a fourteen-year old girl as his rider.

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The Shilstone Rocks trekking team at Widecombe Moor, Devon is still composed of fells. Some of the names are interesting to members: Stouphill Romany, Heltondale High Street, H. Jock, H. Meadow Fescue, H. Lichen, Waverhead Roamer, Post Knott Knight, Heltondale Rambler. The last named, now a gelding, has lately been recovered after seven years' absence roaming around the moor; he is in very good condition, but living under a cloud after his return!

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It is sad to relate that the Misses Brooke's beautiful four year old stallion Dene Devout died of grass sickness at New Year. He was out with his mares, none of whom were affected. The Moredun Institute and local vets were contacted but nothing could be done. So much store had been set by this promising stallion out of the famous Dene Dauntless and by Lucky Jim: fortunately his second crop of foals should arrive shortly.

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Colonel Miller writes about H.M. The Queen's fell ponies. They are all kept at Balmoral and are primarily used as stalking ponies, for which purpose they are very good because they are lower than a Highland pony, and therefore it is so much easier to lift a stag onto them.

The ponies are broken to riding and to harness work, and in the recent past, most of them have frequently been driven by Prince Philip.

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Mrs. Allen lives in Kent on the North Downs which are decidedly bracing. She has around eight fell mares, four breeding, with her stallion, Covers Deimos.

The stallion and the mares are all broken to saddle, and the mares are used frequently as instructional ponies for children. They take part in Long Distance Rides (so far up to 25 miles) and all the usual Pony Club activities; they also hunt, which they seem to enjoy very much.

The stallion Covers Deimos (by Waverhead Rambler; dam Hades Hill Blossom) is ridden regularly, and if all goes well he is to be broken to harness this summer. Last November three fells were sent to an English veterinary surgeon in France and have become of great interest to the people of the district. The ponies are a yearling filly, Covers Brambling, a coal foal, C. Chota and Lunesdale Sue, a filly foal bred by Mr. A. W. Morland.

Mrs. Allen writes that there are several fell geldings around, especially in Essex, where a lady has an arrangement with Miss Glass to buy colts have them gelded, and break them to sell as three year olds.

The Society is very anxious to encourage people to do this, as the glut of colt foals is tragic in every breed, and so many of them go through great hardship before they end up in the slaughter-house.

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A few colt foals have started out on the road to happier existences. Mrs. Crosby-Browne from Yorkshire came to the Wigton sale in October 1972 with this project in mind. She bought Greenfield Polyester and Lownthwaite Jade and is delighted with them.

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Another pair of lucky colt foals were Townend Telstar and Town End Toby. Mr. and Mrs. Cocker from Essex were "put in touch" with possible foals and visited Mr. Wilson at Town End where they spent a fascinating time in that lovely part of the country below Carrock Fell. It is a year since the ponies went south, and they have given their owners great pleasure.

Prior to Telstar's birth, his mother Birket Bank Darkie, was found deep in a bog early one winter's morning by a passer-by. With the help of ropes and the tractor Darkie was eventually rescued. It shows how resilient a fell mare can be that she produced a strong colt foal at the right time of year after such an adventure.

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The Society's Sales Officer, Mrs. Geo. Laing, Twislehope, Hermitage, Hawick, Roxburghshire, will be very glad to put further prospective colt foal owners in touch with breeders. Many of the foals are out of show mares, and we are anxious to save them from the meat market. There is a shortage of well-broken fully grown geldings; like the Galloway bullocks, the finished product is in demand if owners can but have patience to rear them.

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Another fell, Sleddale Hero ("Brownie") was supplied to the Diamond Centre for handicapped riders, and is always in great demand.

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Mrs. Varley writes that their black gelding, Benjamin, who they sold to Mrs. Harvey in Lincolnshire, hunts frequently in highly superior company, and acquits himself well; he always loved jumping and used to pop over walls all his life — not an endearing quality when there are in-foal mares about: however, this trait is paying off dividends now.

Anne hunts Calgarth Brown Jack each weekend; they have rescued the huntsman from bogs twice up to date!

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Copper Glow of Shilstone Rocks is another mare who hunts regularly once a week with the West Kent hunt. She also competes with success in the Sevenoaks Riding Club Events ridden by Mrs. P. Campbell, and owned by Mrs. Dod.

Mrs. Bland of Guiseley, near Leeds, is an excellent propagandist for the Society. She holds courses in stable management at her local College of Further Education, and also lectures on native ponies, particularly fells, and on all forms of horse mastership. She accompanies her lectures with films and slides; on one occasion Mrs. Laing was invited to show the Society's films to their Park Grammar School Riding Club which is a very active organization.

Mrs. Bland drives her 13 year old fell gelding regularly. He is Mallwin Jet of Guards breeding, and bought at Wigton as a yearling, but since he was a gelding he was unfortunately never registered. He takes part very successfully in many driving events and when under saddle never refuses a jump. He also appeared in a film called "The Pursuit" made by "Mercury Movies".

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Mrs. Mildmay-White writes that her father, Lord Mildmay, was given the fell pony "Hughie" by Lord Lonsdale, the Yellow Earl, many years ago. The pony was perfectly trained for shooting and would stand stockstill if one shot off his back. Lord Mildmay continued to ride him when he was over 80, and would disappear off on him to the consternation of the family, but Hughie always brought him back safely!

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A sad story from Lancashire. Patricia Parkinson saved hard and worked while she was still at school to buy a fell pony. She bought a yearling Hardendale Mountain Ranger, and a year later the pony was with four other horses in a field, and was killed by lightning. What a heartbreak! She was sharing her sister's pony Gypsy Beaut, out of Sleddale Beauty IV until she could save up for another pony, which we do hope she has been able to do.

(Footnote: Patricia has since bought Robby Ranger from Mr. G. Bowman of Ruckcroft).

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Members will be sad to hear that another venerable member of the breed has passed on. Twenty-seven year old Dalemmain Scarlet Pimpernel ended his days happily at Rosgill with Mrs. Lindwall who bought him as a four-year-old. At that time she lived in Surrey, and for eleven years Scarlet Pimpernel hunted regularly with the Surrey Union in mainly woodland country and on the North Downs. He loved jumping and was clipped except for his legs; he was well-fed and fit, and became a well-known character with the hunt. Scarlet Pimpernel was a splendid, useful type of fell gelding, being fully 13.3 hh with a good shoulder; a saddle would never slip on him.

His sire was Linnel Romany II and his dam Dalemmain Gypsy Queen. Her previous foal, a jet black colt Dalemmain Knight of the Thistle, went to Pakistan as a four-year-old stallion. One of Gypsy Queen's earlier foals was the famous Windsor Gypsy who was frequently driven in harness by H.M. The Queen.

Before leaving Dalemmain Scarlet Pimpernel took part in a four-day riding tour with three other ponies, D. Gentian, D. Wild Rose, and D. Match. This tour included climbing out of the head of Borrowdale over Sty Head Pass and down a very rough descent to Wasdale Head: from thence over Birk Moor to Eskdale, and

back across Hardknott and Wrynose passes to Grasmere. From the shelter of that lovely valley filled with the calls of cuckoos and the glimmer of wild daffodils, we climbed the long, gentle climb up Tongue Gill with a Shetland Pony stallion following us for part of the way to add to the excitement: then over the shoulder below Dollywagon where beautiful grey, glimmering Grizedale Tarn appears like a tear drop in the hollow of the fell. On down the rough track at the head of Grizedale, and finally Ullswater appears, and along its ever-changing shores we rode for home. Throughout this exciting and lovely ride which took place in glorious May weather, my mother rode Match, a 14.1 hh half-bred chestnut mare with a side-saddle. Everyone returned home safely, and not a shoe was lost: on the roughest and steepest parts we always led the ponies, giving them the full length of rein; they could then pick their own way which was very necessary where the way was strewn with rocks and boulders. It was a never-to-be-forgotten expedition and must have given those young ponies a great deal of experience. If only there was more time as the years go past, so that we could ride the wild and lonely places of our wonderful heritage.

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THE ROYAL SHOW

Classes for fell ponies in hand have been scheduled at the Royal Show in the last two years, and will be staged in 1974, together with an exhibition pony to be on view during the entire show. Travelling grants towards the cost of getting ponies to Stoneleigh are available for ponies coming from outside a radius of 50 miles. It is felt that the "Royal" is a good shop window.

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At the Royal Lancashire Show in 1973 an exhibition of native ponies was staged, and at short notice Miss Crossland took her Packway Rose to represent the fells.

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We are delighted to hear from Mr. Harwood, Deganwy, that although he is nearing ninety, he is well and sees his three fell mares regularly; they are Beauty and Linnel Margaret, both well on in their twenties; and Baldar who is ridden by a friend. Mr. Harwood says that he cannot really complain as he has had over seventy years of riding.

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Frances Wales was delighted with their sales at Wigton. The foals, seven colts and one filly averaged £62: a three year old filly, quiet to ride 330 gns. and a yearling filly 340 gns.

She and her sister Christine took the ponies to the Highland Show leaving Lownthwaite at 1 a.m.: Jewel and her young foal Diamaid and the yearling filly Star Trek made up the party.

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RIDE FOR PLEASURE

This will take place on Saturday, 5th October, in the Shap-Haweswater area. Bring picnic lunch and halter. Final arrangements to be arranged.



Lownthwaite Ponies at Home



Mobile Hay Heck — Mr. J. P. Gibson's W. Jenny II

The National Pony Society (Scottish Committee) held a mountain and moorland working pony show each year, with classes which included a short course of natural fences, also handy pony classes. These were held at Dryden, Selkirk, by kind invitation of Dr. McAulay.

Several fell ponies took part. In 1973 Miss Hogg's well known Linnel Rogerly, by Blakebeck Boy, was second in the working pony class in which sixteen ponies of all breeds competed. This pony won the 13.2—14.2 hh working hunter pony at the Berwickshire Show at Duns; a great achievement among such a class of good ponies from a wide area.

Stallion Shows

1972

An impressive show was held on a chilly day as usual. 11 Yearlings were entered, 7 two-year-olds, 4 three and four-year-old stallions, 11 stallions five-years-old and upwards, and 5 ridden stallions.

For the second year in succession, Mr. Edwin Wilson, Town End, Haltcliffe, won the premier award — the Lady Yule Cup.

Mr. Wilson's champion was the four-year-old Baldersdale Hero, bred by Mrs. M. Murrey, Cotherstone, Barnard Castle, and which won the class for three-year-olds at last year's show.

Entries were described by the secretary, Miss Peggy Crossland, as "very good indeed". In fact because of the number of senior ponies and stallions they had to be split into two classes.

Mr. Jim Bell, Wigton, was reserve with his 13-year-old stock sire, Waver Head Rambler, a stallion with an impressive record. Champion at Penrith three years ago, Rambler has rarely failed to secure a first prize ticket when shown. He was the sire of the champions at the Cumberland, Westmorland and Durham county shows last year and of the first and second ponies in both classes at the Royal Show.

Something of a rarity in years gone by although a little more common now, a grey Fell pony won the Dalemain Cup for the best young animal. It was the two-year-old Rupert, bred and shown by Mr. A. W. Morland, Tebay, which had its only previous competitive outing at last year's show when it won the yearling class.

The oldest pony in the show, 21-year-old Roundthwaite Lucky Jim, achieved one of the major prizes when, ridden by his owner, Mrs. G. F. S. Newall, Todridge, Great Whittington; it was awarded the Acreknowe Cup for the best ridden stallion.

Major Hasell presented the trophies. The judge was Mr. R. Tunstall, Cotherstone.

Stewards were Messrs. J. Atkinson, Penrith; J. S. Dargue, Dufton; J. D. Scott, Troutbeck, Windermere and H. Bell, Shap.

RESULTS

Yearling Colts: (1) E. M. Wilson's Town End Prince II, (2) M. Everington's Highstones Caradhras, Highstones Farm, Cragg Vale, Mytholmroyd; (3) Mrs. M. Murray's Town End Flash IV.

Two-year-old colts: (1) A. W. Morland's Lunesdale Rupert, (2) E. M. Wilson's Town End Royal; (3) Mrs. M. Murrey's Town End Bracken.

Stallions, three or four years: (1) E. M. Wilson's Baldersdale Hero; (2) H. F. Wales's Town End Prince; (3) Mrs. A. Ramsden's Fernleigh Rob Roy, Honley, Huddersfield.

Stallions, five and upwards; (1) J. Bell's Waver Head Rambler, (2) A. W. Morland's Mountain Flash II; (3) A. W. Morland's Lunesdale Richard.

Riding Class: (1) Mrs. G. F. S. Newall, on Roundthwaite Lucky Jim; (2) Michael Marsh, Sandylands Farm, Barrow-in-Furness, on Dene Beau Banner; (3) Miss Isobell Laing, Hawick, on Twiselhope Druid.

Animals chosen for enclosure: Baldersdale Hero (Caldbeck) and Dene Beau Banner (Dowthwaite Head). Reserve: Lunesdale Richard.

The Society is indebted to Penrith Farmer's and Kidd's Auction Mart for allowing the Show to be held as usual in their field. 9 yearlings were entered, 10 two-year-olds, 4 three and four-year-old stallions, 16 stallions five years and upwards and 5 ridden stallions.

Mr. Edwin Wilson completed a notable "hat-trick" when he won the Lady Yule championship cup for the third successive year.

The show, which began in 1947, attracted record entries from as far away as Kent and Berwickshire and Kirkcudbrightshire — a clear indication, said the secretary Miss Peggy Crossland, of the growth of the Society and the increasing interest in "Fells", the sturdy native ponies of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Mr. Wilson's champion, Town End Flash II, a 4-year-old bred at Haltcliffe, was the same animal which won the first leg of his "hat-trick" three years ago. It was the pony's seventh championship win in eight show ring appearances. Its sire was Lunesdale Richard and the dam Town End Polly 6th, was also grand dam of Town End Prince III with which Mr. Wilson won the Dalemmain Cup for young animals.

With two cups, two first, a second, a third and a fourth prize, Mr. Wilson admitted that he had had a "good day".

Reserve for the overall championship was Frizington White Heather, a 13-year-old shown by Mr. Reuben Tunstall, Cotherstone, Barnard Castle, which won the strong senior stallion class.

"He won here as a two-year-old but, before I got him a couple of years ago, I think the tinkers had had him and he was so weak he could hardly walk", said Mr. Tunstall.

In the ridden class, the Acreknowe Cup went to Waver Head Fury, owned by Mrs. R. H. Hall, Barncosh, and bred by Mr. J. Bell. It was ridden by Rosemary Wood, Appleby, who was awarded the special prize for the neatest lady rider.

Prizes were presented by the Fell Pony Society's new President, Mr. Harry Wales. The judge was Mr. J. S. Dargue, Bow Hall, Dufton. Stewards were Messrs. J. Williams, J. D. Scott and G. Wood.

RESULTS

Yearling colts: (1) P. Dalglish's Admergill Nigger, Blacko, Nelson; (2) A. W. Morland's Lunesdale David; (3) E. M. Wilson's Town End Richard.

Two-year-old colts: (1) E. M. Wilson's Town End Prince III; (2) E. M. Wilson's Robbwater Royal; (3) W. S. and T. Noble's Heltondale Black Diamond.

Stallions, three to four years: (1) E. M. Wilson's Town End Flash II; (2) J. Bell's Waver Head Duke; (3) Mrs. A. Ramsden's Fernleigh Rob Roy.

Stallions, five years and upwards: (1) R. Tunstall's Frizington White Heather; (2) H. F. Wale's Townend Prince; (3) J. Bell's Waver Head Rambler.

Riding class: (1) Mrs. R. H. Ball's Waver Head Fury; (2) Mrs. G. F. S. Newall's Roundthwaite Lucky Jim; (3) Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dobie's Linnel Flamenco.

Neatest lady rider: Rosemary Wood.

Mr. E. M. Wilson's Baldersdale Hero was chosen for the Dowthwaite Head enclosure.

Breeding Scheme Enclosures

Two enclosures were in operation in 1972 at Caldbeck and at Dowthwaite Head, and only the latter in 1973. It is extremely difficult nowadays to find suitable land for such a scheme owing to its high value for hill cattle and sheep. It would be sad not to be able to continue the enclosures, as it is probably unique to the Fell Pony Society and has brought great benefit to many breeders, particularly to those with only one or two mares. Fortunately the Society is able to use the land at Dowthwaite Head again in 1974.

The Stallion for each enclosure and a reserve stallion, are voted for at the Stallion Show by members intending to send mares, who are entitled to one vote for each enclosure to be used.

Summer Breed Shows

1971

The Society's second breed show was held again at Dalemain in August 1971, home of the veteran President, Major Hasell and Mrs. Hasell. Although the rain came down most of the day the enthusiasm of the Fell Pony Fanciers kept up undiminished. In fact Mrs. Allchin, Windermere joint secretary, was able to report that — despite the contrast with last year's sun-favoured Show — entries were up by nearly fifty to about 200 all told. Some of the classes were divided owing to the increase in numbers, particularly the riding classes. Exhibitors were drawn from as far afield as Somerset, Hampshire, Yorkshire and central Scotland.

Mr. Bellas, Moor Farm, Keswick, was the breed judge, and Mrs. C. Furness, Eyemouth judged the ridden classes assisted by Mrs. Ibbetson, Ulpha, Mrs. J. Pattinson, Calthwaite and Mr. B. L. Thompson judged the large fancy dress classes, while Mr. R. Hudson, Wigton, judged the cross-country ride.

A new trophy, the "Columbine" cup for mares in the ridden classes was presented by Mrs. Jenner, Royston, Herts., who was present at the Show to see it won by Mr. Wales's Lownthwaite Jewel, ridden by his grand-daughter Christine. Jewel was also reserve champion. Mrs. Jenner's trophy was named after her pony Dalemain Columbine, now a veteran of 27 years, which she bought from Mrs. McCosh about 24 years ago, its mother having been bred by Mr. Wales, the first winner of the new cup. Columbine also won her owner over 1,000 rosettes and other awards in the south including the I.H.S.

The championship and many other prizes were awarded to the Bell family from Wigton. Their two-year-old Waverhead Honour took pride of place, while last years champion W. Peggy won the Garnett cup for three-year-olds. The driving class was won by Mr. John Wilson, New Inn, Musgrave, with Eden View Beauty who has taken part in many driving events.

Michael Ball rode his pony Linnel Lucky to victory in the cross-country event which included fording the flooded Dacre Beck and jumping a course of jumps in woodlands on the other side before completing a variety course of obstacles in the Park. Romaine Sproat on Lownthwaite Neddy won the senior cross-country event.

The trophies were presented by the President and host of the Show, who was introduced by the chairman Mrs. Laing.

The Show was again organized by a committee with Mrs. Laing as chairman, Mrs. McCosh treasurer and joint secretary with Mrs. Allchin: Mr. Bell, Wigton, Mr. Dargue, Bow Hall and Mr. J. Black, Troutbeck, who with Mr. P. Dean Brampton, looked after the ring. We are indebted each year to Mr. J. Barr, M.R.C.V.S., Penrith, who is our veterinary officer and patiently waits to measure ponies in all weathers!

1972

Held on the picturesque site at Brougham Hall Farm, with the historic church of St. Wilfred guarding the woodlands above the field, the Show was favoured by sunshine and large entries, yet a shadow hung over it due to the recent death of the Society's veteran President, Major E. W. Hasell. It was at his home, Dalemain, that the Show was to have been held as it had been previously, but the Society were greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Helme, who kindly allowed the Show to be held at short notice at Brougham Hall.

Wigton farmer, Mr. J. Bell, Waver Head, and daughters Barbara and Nancy, returned home triumphantly from the 1972 summer show with a host of cups — including the Tufton cup for the overall champion, won by the Bell family for the tenth time in a quarter of a century.

The Fell Pony Society must be one of the few who can boast a trophy for practically every class and the four new trophies on display at the show on Saturday brought the total to seventeen!

The Toby tankard for the best pony in the riding classes was presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobie, Ferneycastle, and named after a pony they own — Heltondale Toby, bred by Mr. S. Noble, Keld Head. Dr. Barbra Watters, Borrowdale, donated the Packway Duke cup for ridden geldings and Miss Mary Longsdon, Somerset, the Bewcastle cup for two-year-olds, while southern members of the Society subscribed towards the Romer cup for yearlings.

Winner of the Tufton cup for overall champion was Mr. Bell's four-year-old mare Waverhead Peggy, which was champion at the Royal Show this year and Peggy went on to take the Toby tankard and a National Pony Society medal.

Peggy's full sister, Waver Head Mayfly, a five-year-old mare, earned Mr. Bell the Columbine cup for ridden mares. This pony was champion at the "Royal" last year and reserve to Peggy this time.

Another of Mr. Bell's stud, Waver Head Jewel, a yearling filly, took the Romer cup following its success in the young stock classes at the "Royal" while Peggy, Mayfly and a five-year-old gelding Waver Head Robin — retained the Lady Yule cup for Mr. Bell. This cup is presented for a group of three progeny by the same stallion and the ponies were sired by Mr. Bell's eleven-year-old Waver Head Rambler which, incidentally, had fifteen of its progeny at the show!

Reserve for the Tufton cup was Mr. E. M. Wilson's Birkett Bank Polly II, This six-year-old mare was reserve champion at the Fell Pony show two years ago and after a year's absence through losing a foal, took the championship at this year's Cumberland Show.

Mr. Wilson also took the Bewcastle cup for two-year-olds with Townend Heather, a filly by Guards Hero, which was having its first major success.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dean, Brampton, are noted Exmoor breeders and have only one Fell pony, but it did not prevent them from winning two trophies. There was almost a story-book quality about Shap Lodge Duke, their five-year-old gelding winning these awards for Mr. Dean bought it at the Wigton sales last year for a nominal sum. The pony was looking its worst, after just having been gelded, but Mr. Dean recognised its quality and on Saturday — only its third show ring appearance — it won the Packway Duke cup for ridden geldings and the Sir Samuel Scott cup for a pony ridden by a child under sixteen years.

Shap Lodge Duke, bred by Mr. Tommy Mounsey, Dalehead, Martindale, and sired by Heltondale Sonny Boy, was ridden by Mr. Dean's 15-year-old daughter Harriet.

The N.P.S. medal for colt or filly foals went to the Society secretary, Miss Crossland with Packway Kittiwake.

The Frank Garnett cup for three-year-old fillies went over to the North-East, being won by Mr. J. P. Gibson's Waver Head Pat, Burnopfield, and the N.P.S. tankard for geldings went to Mr. and Mrs. T. Toll's 11-year-old Linnel Fox, Cullingworth, Bradford.

One of the highlights of the day was the costume class which attracted a large entry. A deserving winner in the horse-drawn vehicle class was Steptoe and Son, with Mr. Rob Swainson, as "Harold", Mr. Joe Wilkinson, as "old man Steptoe", and Mrs. Nancy Lightfoot, plus her father's pony, Waver Head Magic. Complete with flat cart, rattling zinc bath and Mr. Bell's grandmother's ancient gramophone, the trio not only reduced the audience to tears of laughter but also demonstrated just how sensible a fell pony can be!

Other entries included Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Three Musketeers, and Robin Hood, Maid Marion and Friar Tuck.

Another feature of the Show was the driving class which showed how immensely suitable and attractive a well-made fell pony can look in harness. This was won by Miss Anne Varley with her handsome brown gelding Calgarth Brown Jack. The

handy pony competitions were won jointly by Mairi Laing and Catherine Stables with Norman Laing winning the junior competition.

One of the largest classes was for mares with foals at foot, which attracted 24 entries and, despite the fact that one of the riding classes had been split in two, both were still large classes.

People's opinions vary on whether or not the Fell should be of slim build or traditionally "heavy" but the assistant judge, Mrs. Dorothy Wright, Hilton, Yorks., told us that what she was looking for was a "nice comfortable ride on a horse I could spend the day trekking on".

The trophies were presented by Lady Fairfax-Lucy, Hawick, President of the S.N.P.S. Her brother, the late Major Hugh Mackenzie, was President of the F.P.S. from 1956-58.

During the afternoon, Mrs. G. McAulay, Ashkirk, gave a dressage display on her Fell pony gelding, Linnel Rogerly, and her daughter Jenny then took the pony over the handy pony course.

The Show was organised by the Show committee.

Miss Edge was in charge of the junior judges.

The judges were Mr. A. W. Morland, with Mrs. Wright, riding the ponies. Mr. R. S. Harker, Master of the Jedforest Foxhounds and Mrs. Harker judged the handy pony and fancy dress.

1973

There was keen competition from many areas of Britain for the 1973 Summer Show held once more at Brougham Hall Farm. The chief rivalry was between Mr. Edwin Wilson, and Mr. J. Bell.

Mr. R. B. Charlton, Linnels, judged the riding classes, and Mr. W. S. Noble, Keld Head, the breeding classes. They came together to judge the championship which eventually was carried off by Town End Heather, a three-year-old filly, with five-year-old Waverhead Peggy as reserve. Heather also won the "Horse & Hound" cup which goes the rounds of the mountain and moorland breeds, and in 1973 came to the fell pony breed show, while Peggy also won a new trophy, a rose bowl given by Mr. Vaughan, Reading for mares without foals.

The ridden classes were well distributed. Mrs. Newall won the senior mares class and the Columbine cup with Dene Fire Flare; Miss Glass's Wolds Chaffinch from Leicestershire won the Dobie cup for the best pony in all the ridden classes as well as one for novice mares, while Mrs. Greenlee's small daughter from Dorset rode Chaffinch to win the class and cup for riders under sixteen. The Packway Duke cup for geldings was won by Mrs. Ball's Adamthwaite Flashlight, from Castle Douglas, while the new Tablin Trophy for ponies with rider under 16 years old was won by Wolds Chaffinch.

The Driving Class was judged by Mr. J. Pattinson, Darlington, and Mr. George Bowman, Penrith, who is so well-known with his handsome driving teams. It may be remembered that in 1972 he drove the "Border Union" from Edinburgh to London on the old Great North Road. It was good of him to spare us the time; he thinks that fell ponies are splendid in harness.

Each drove the various exhibits and gave a wonderful show. The class was won by Miss Anne Varley with Calgarth Brown Jack who also won the Packway Bellman cup for most points in the riding, driving and handy pony classes. Mr. Bell and W. Magic were second with Miss M. Longsdon and Bewcastle Beacon third all the way from Somerset!

Mr. Bowman kindly judged the costume class which was won by Miss Longsdon, while the new "Heighton Trophy" for the best set of feet went to Miss K. Gale's Potts Valley Jenny.

These are only the main awards there being too many to enumerate in these pages. Mrs. Hasell presented the numerous trophies at the end of a very long but highly successful day.