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The late Tommy Capstick with Murthwaite Windrush, Champion at the 2013 FPS Stallion & Colt Show at Dalemain. Photo, Fleur Hallam.

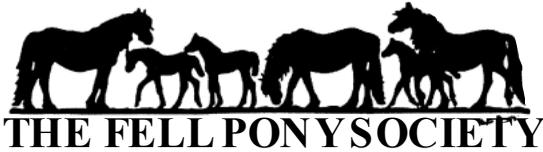


Lowther Show. An impressive line-up of Fells with their riders, drivers and handlers ready to showcase the talents of the breed. They put on displays on both days—see below—



Left to right: Kath and Myles Ellis logging with Scotgate Midnight Rebel; Christine Robinson and pack pony Linnel Doublet. Below, left to right: Claire Simpson with Greenholme Dillon to a 1906 Norfolk cart; Jack Nicholson and Kerbeck Night Shadow.





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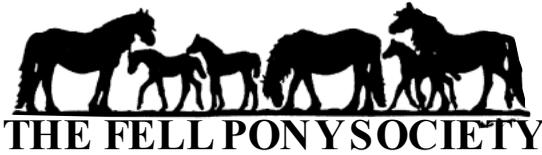
24 October—FPS Show and Sale, Kendal
8th November 2015—FPS Foal and
Youngstock show

2016

2 April—FPS AGM
14 May—Stallion & Colt Show

12 June—South Cumbria Show
13 August—Breed Show
11 September—Southern Breed Show
29 October—FPS Show and Sale

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



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Editorial

The Magazine this autumn has surprised me by the sheer quantity of wonderful publicity the Fell ponies have had this year.

The sad dispersal sale of the late Thomas Capstick's Murthwaite herd, which was televised by BBC's Countryfile, has probably prompted more "Did you see them?" questions than anything else, from friends and acquaintances of mine who hadn't previously taken any notice of Fells. (I wonder how many then recognised Fells in a subsequent Countryfile feature in September?)

Open Days at Greenholme, Ryehouse and Wellbrow studs have broadened the experience of many Fell enthusiasts and friends.

On 15th and 16th August, the Society filled three display slots in the Main Arena at Lowther Show, which attracted over 40,000 people during the weekend. This was a crowd whose interests were horses, carriage driving and country sports, quite different from the Fell pony "converts" we meet at a Breed show. There were up to 18 ponies and their associated people in the ring each time, acting out a script "Introducing the Fell Pony" that ranged over the breed's history and its modern uses. Lowther Show also gave the FPS space for the merchandise tent complete with the Society's new advertising banner and charity collecting box. While I was in the Lowther commentary box watching the grey, brown bay and black cast come in and line up, one seasoned horse lady remarked, "I didn't know they could be any other colour than black!" Well, she now knows they can, and much more—and so should all the crowd who saw them that weekend. It was a terrific showcase for the breed.

At the end of August some of the same exhibitors—and some fresh ones—took ponies to Black Combe Country Fair, where they enacted a similar display to equally good effect. There's talk now of an official Fell Pony Society Display Team and bookings are already coming in for next year!

I also know of at least four Cumbrian organisations—Women's Institutes and Historical Societies—who have engaged speakers on the topic of Fell ponies for the coming year.

And this is in addition to the remarkable number of ponies who have been supreme champions of shows this year over all breeds—sometimes over all domestic species as well!

All in all, I am delighted to include reports on so much positive activity in this issue of the Magazine. Thank you to all our contributors.

Sue Millard

Deadline for the Spring 2016 issue will, as always, be 1st February. If you forget, or if you lose your Magazine, the date is also on the FPS web site, <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk>, on the Newsletters page.



President's Report—Autumn 2015

A big thank you to you all for the honour you have given, by allowing me to be your President. Also thank you to my predecessor Charmian Ross-Thomson who has tremendous enthusiasm for our Breed and has done so much to promote them, especially in the South.

Even with failing eyesight I have thoroughly enjoyed three stud open days and it is stunning to see herds of ponies looking so well in their natural habitat.

Our two breed shows were well supported with plenty of visitors to enjoy the classes, and Fells have also done well at the National Shows; with the Southern Show still to come.

Our sincere thanks must go to our Council and the Committee members, and others, who all work hard to make everything possible, with Katherine Wilkinson keeping us all on the 'straight and narrow' and doing such an excellent job for our society. We all owe her our respect and gratitude.

Finally, thank you to our Chairman Eileen Walker who puts up with us all, including myself! and works away on our behalf, which is so obviously reflected by a flourishing society.----- Lucky Us!

Mary



From our Past President

Having today pulled up and read the Fell Pony Magazine of Autumn 2013, I found it most entertaining—why did I not read it before?

The ponies and riders have a few extra pounds under their belts! Did I really take on those stropky ponies who went on to flourish with their new owners?

One who struck me was Rambler whose new owner Stella fell in love with him. He was a horror and totally unsuitable for such a delightful small person. I think it took me at least 6 months to actually come to socialising terms with him. He was broken to ride by Guy and Mother and Father who have done all my difficult ponies; they do such an excellent job. As the saddle was a problem Rambler was ridden bareback. He went on to ride the South Down Way and many other excitements. He travelled down from the North and wasn't in a very good mood when asked to leave the others in the lorry; the driver wouldn't touch him and his parting words were, "He's a bad 'un."

I managed to put him into the yard where he would stay. He wanted nothing to do with anyone with two legs and was an unpleasant pony. Eventually he came to accept me as the bearer of food! The day came when I thought it would be nice for him to have some grass and see the others—he thought differently. He took

one look at the wide open spaces, turned round and went back to his bedroom. Looking back this was possibly a good thing as I might never have seen him again.

I feel so proud of these black, grey and bay ponies I have had and loved. One stands out—Underwoods Tom-Tom, out of a lovely Sleddale mare. When he was born he was gorgeous and I thought “stallion”—though that thought was short lived. During the hot summer sweet itch set in, so the vet was booked and the op done—so sad. Susie and Mum came to lunch, and I’m not too sure how it happened, but he left with them. He is now a transformed pony, winning red rosettes at all the big shows. I love going to see him: huge mane and tail, all down to their loving care.

To end my Fell pony saga I have to boast about Grand-daughter Zoe Gould, who had and rode Heltondale Magic who was a wonderful pony. They taught each other so much at a very young age. Zoe is now competing at very high levels and sponsored by Saracens Feeds. Magic died in her sleep without suffering, at a great age, having taught so many youngsters to ride. She will always be my favourite.

Don’t think for a moment that I am biased towards these wonderful ponies!

Ex-President Charmian Ross-Thomson
Underwoods Farm, East Sussex

Letters to the Editor

Recycled Teenagers

We would like to thank the FPS YPG for their two excellent events this year and the very warm welcome we were given at both, the first at Redbrook and the second later in the year at the Greenholme Stud and then a superb lunch followed by a visit to the Ryehouse Native Ponies at Killington. We only got into Fells a few years ago when my husband decided he needed a pony of his own. As I had a Highland X Fell, we asked a friend to find another Highland. We found it was a Fell, not a Highland, but we made arrangements to see the pony and were told it was Greenholme Terry. When we saw him he was a real stunning pony, soft eye and a temperament to match. He was 6 when we brought him home a week later to live with my pony. We sadly lost Terry in July 2013 after having him 6 years. We started looking again in March 2014 for a birthday gift for my husband and just by chance I saw one advertised on FaceBook in South Wales. We went to see him a few days later and bought him home a week after. We’ve now had him 18 months and wouldn’t be without him. He fills what was an empty void

in our hearts. Once a Fell owner, always a Fell owner. As with most natives they are good doers and don't get too hyper if left unriden for a month or two.

We think the FPS YPG is a fantastic group catering for all ages and doing marvellous things to keep the Fell pony "alive and kicking." Well done YPG, keep up your important work.

Jeannie and Graham Stallard

As a follow on from my letter in Spring 2011 issue I would like to say a huge thank you to the Ellis family for getting the Fell classes at Millom and Broughton show reinstated.

Sincerely

Helen Bailey, Broadgate, Cumbria

I'm very pleased to announce the safe arrival of this year's Foalsyke foals, two fillies and one colt. No mares covered this year as I'm running the risk of being overstocked again. I'm planning to reduce numbers early next year, leaving me more time to go competing. I missed every show so far this year due to work commitments, but my contract finishes at the end of August—that means more time for horsey stuff!

Hope to catch up with you all before the end of the season, but if not, all the best for the rest of 2015 and forthcoming 2016.

Anne Richardson, Foal Syke Farm, Co Durham.

My daughter Henrietta on Greenholme Bell Heather. We bought her at Christmas from George Hutton. She's amazing and great for Henry to do her shepherding and sheepdog displays!!!



Best wishes

Katy Cropper, Shap, Cumbria



Chairman's Report, September 2015

I would like to begin by congratulating our patron, Her Majesty the Queen, on becoming the longest reigning British Monarch. Mary Longsdon and I had the pleasure of attending a choral evensong at Carlisle Cathedral on Wednesday 9th September to mark this occasion. The Fell Pony Society is extremely grateful for her continued support.

Since I wrote my last report we have lost several valued members of the society. Mr G L Steventon from Kent, breeder of the Ashenfield ponies, Mr H Tunstall from Ravenstonedale, breeder of the Foggy Gill ponies, Mr T B Capstick also from Ravenstonedale, breeder of the Murthwaite ponies and most recently Mr E Blockley from Yorkshire. They will all be greatly missed and our deepest sympathy goes to their families and friends. The dispersal sale of Murthwaite Fell ponies following the death of Mr T B Capstick was a very sad occasion but all of the ponies were sold for good prices which was a real acknowledgement of their quality and the lifetime commitment to breeding given by Mr Capstick. The Countryfile coverage of the Murthwaite herd at home on the Howgills and the sale at North West Auctions was a special tribute and will remain in our thoughts for many years to come.

During August we held our annual Breed Show at Dalemain by kind invitation of the McCosh family. The Supreme Champion pony was Banksgate Galway Girl, owned and bred by Mr & Mrs Ashcroft and the HOYS qualifier was Townend Schubert, owned by Rebecca Penny. Congratulations especially to them and to all prize winners and very well done to everyone involved in turning out so many quality ponies on the day for everyone to enjoy. The fancy dress class is always a pleasure to watch.

The following weekend I went along to Lowther Show to take part in a demonstration entitled 'Introducing the Fell Pony'. I took along a broodmare and foal to be part of the 30 minute demonstration which took place in the main arena on both the Saturday and Sunday. All ponies, handlers and riders did a fantastic job and were supported by a commentary written and delivered by Sue Millard. Well done to everyone who was involved in any way as this was a great publicity event for the Fell pony breed and demonstrated many of the uses that Fell ponies have been used for in the past as well as their current 21st century roles.

At the end of August I attended the Wellbrow Stud Open Day along with around 250 other people. A quaint farm surrounded by the old cotton mills, a quarry and open fell land. We were invited to view several groups of broodmares with foals at foot. Andrew Thorpe carefully explained their breeding as other members of his family kept the ponies held in a corner of the field. After lunch the stallions were

paraded in the farmyard and then we were invited to look at several colts and geldings which had been brought down from the fell the evening before, just for us to see. This Open Day was to commemorate 20 years of the Wellbrow Fell Pony Stud.

Earlier this year I announced that the FPS Council were working on a Stallion & Colt Grading Scheme which will be introduced in 2016. This is a voluntary scheme which will initially be offered to 2yr old colts in 2016 and result in the pony being given a gold, silver or bronze status. The paperwork has been prepared and approved by Council so an assessor training day will take place during November to give the chosen assessors the opportunity to become familiar with marking to the breed standard and a scale of points. The first opportunity for assessment will be at the FPS Stallion & Colt Show held during May 2016. It is hoped that this scheme will be offered to older ponies in the future when decisions have been made about recording the results and making them available to potential breeding mare owners. More information will be given in the spring 2016 magazine.

Please remember that there will not be a general meeting this autumn but if you are looking for or considering owning another pony, then please remember to come to the annual FPS sale on Saturday 24th October at North West Auctions J36 on the M6. I hope you enjoy reading your magazine and appreciate all the hard work that goes into putting it together.

Eileen A Walker



FPS Breed Show: Left to right: WHP champion Murthwaite Ice Man ridden by Hayley Reynolds; judge Georgina Callister; and Open WHP winner Meres Javlin ridden by Anna Metcalfe.

Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland Pony Show: Champion: Murthwaite Looks Promising ridden by Jane Rawden, and Reserve: Strines Sizzle ridden by Laura Drake



Secretary & Treasurer's Report

As I write this report we seem to have moved into Autumn without seeing much of a Summer, particularly in Cumbria anyway!

We have recently received information from DEFRA of the new regulations which come into effect from 1 January 2016. It may be that the passport application form will change from then so please don't use the old forms without checking with the office first.

The Stallion Show & Breed Show were well supported by both exhibitors and spectators and there has been lots of positive feedback in particular comments on how 'there is something for everyone at the Breed Show'. The South Cumbria Show enjoyed continued success again this year. Thank you to all those who gave sponsorship, and who helped in any way to make these events a success.

Thank you to our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, for her donation sent together with warmest wishes for the forthcoming year.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board have confirmed our grant at the same level as this year for 2016; we are very grateful for this help. Eileen & I attended a HBLB Rare Breed Societies meeting in July. We've been advised that the HBLB may be replaced by the Horserace Betting Right, run by the racing industry rather than the Government who run the HBLB, which may have an effect on the availability of the grant in the future.

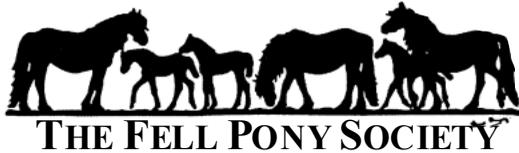
Council are currently looking at drawing up a 'Social Media and Internet Policy' for the Society. It should be ready by November and will be published on the website and included with a future magazine.

Many members have been busy promoting the Fell Pony at events other than shows, including Lowther Show and Blackcombe Country Fair in Cumbria. The Quick family have agreed to take a pony to HOYS as part of the Parelli Natural Horsemanship demonstration and along with other members to man a promotional stand for the Fell Pony. Well done to everyone involved.

I would like to thank Eileen Walker and Council for their continued support, Carol for working so efficiently along side me in the office and Elizabeth for overseeing the finances.

Best wishes

Katherine Wilkinson



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**MINUTES OF
THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY**

Held at Orton Market Hall on Saturday 28 March 2015

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained the reasons for the proposed Special Resolutions:

**ALTERATION TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE FELL PONY
AND
SCALE OF POINTS**

That Clause 18 (Breed Standard) of the Memorandum and Articles of Association is amended as follows:

Description of the Fell Pony

From: General Characteristics

To: Breed Type / General Characteristics

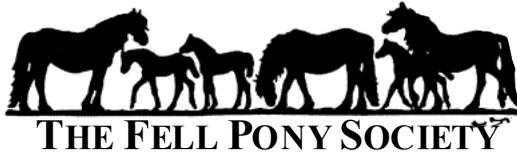
SCALE OF POINTS

From: General Characteristics 25

To: Breed Type / General Characteristics 100

When put to the vote all members voted in favour of the resolution.

The resolution was duly passed.



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**MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY**

Held at Orton Market Hall on Saturday 28 March 2015

Mrs Walker opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and told members of the friends that the Society had lost over the last twelve months: Mr C D Hall, Cornwall, Member & Breeder of the Tredellans ponies since 2000 and Mr G Steventon, a driving member since 1990. She asked members to show respect to them and their families by observing one minute's silence.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Mrs F & Miss L Awde, Miss B Bell, Mr M Brown, Mr I Brunskill, Mrs S Camp, Miss L Charlton, Mrs S Densham, Mr A & Mrs R Douglas, Miss J Glass, Miss L Halbert, Miss C Holliday, Mr B Mallinson, Mr E Marshall, Mr A Mason, Mr GH Morton, Mrs M Murray, Mrs M Raines, Mrs P Randell, Mr J M Rawlinson, Mr R Relph-Briggs, Mrs D Roberts-Jones, Mr W Robinson, Mrs C Ross-Thomson, Mrs J Ward and Mrs M Wilson.

2 Approval and adoption of EGM & Annual General Meeting Minutes of 29 March 2014

Mr Morland stated that the minutes were incorrect in that they recorded that he had suggested that the membership fees should be increased; he said he had not said this. Mrs Walker responded by saying that Mr Morland had raised concerns about the Society's finances and asked if the Society had considered increasing the membership fees. Mr Morland said he did not. Mrs Walker agreed that the minutes would be corrected.

Mr Morland raised another point, relating to the HBLB grant, Mrs Walker had requested that Mr Morland asked for details of the grant in writing, Mr Morland said that the information was in the past always available at the AGM and therefore should still be available at the AGM. Mr Morland expressed his concern about the Stallion Licensing fees and the extra £40 for the FIS test, he suggested that the £40 should be paid for out of the HBLB grant. Mrs Walker responded by saying that Council had already agreed the fees for Stallion Licensing, no one had complained about the increase and we were still one of the cheapest in comparison to other Societies. The HBLB have rules as to what the grant can be

used for, this would have to be looked into. He asked for details of how the grant was spent over the last 6 years to be sent to him in writing. Mrs Walker responded by saying that information could be supplied for the last 3 or maybe 4 years.

Mrs Morton suggested that many members are unaware of what the HBLB grant is used for. Mrs Walker responded by saying that perhaps some details could be printed in the Autumn magazine.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mrs L Chamberlain, seconded by Miss D Chadwick, and agreed by the members.

3 Matters arising from the minutes of the EGM and the Annual General Meeting held on 29 March 2014

No Matters arising

4 Chairman's Report

Firstly Mrs Walker thanked all members who sent in articles and photo for the magazine and Sue Millard who spends hours putting it all together and meeting the print and distribution deadlines, to keep up the good work. She reported that unfortunately her report in the magazine contained some inaccuracies regarding the running of the FPS Southern Breed Show. She had accredited all the hard work to the Midland East Support Group when in fact there is a special Southern Breed Show committee made up of members from different regions. She thanked those who had pointed this out to her and asked that her apologies were accepted.

Mrs Walker reported that the last two years as Chairman of the Society had been quite a challenge as the Society faced many changes. Firstly Elizabeth, our former secretary resigned. This resulted in the Society needing to relocate the office from Great Asby. Now happily settled in Appleby, though financial pressures resulted in the need to run the office with one member of staff rather than two. Mrs Walker has helped out wherever possible to the detriment of her own business and family but she reported that the Society was very lucky to have Katherine already trained to do the job and who puts 110% into her work and has coped admirably with all the legal changes which have happened regarding passport legislation etc. during the last 12 months. Following Council approval, Mrs Walker was delighted to report that the Society now has an administrative assistant, Carol, who joined the team in January and will be working 2 days per week and will provide cover during Katherine's holidays.

Since writing her Chairman's Report for the magazine she has attended two events on behalf of the Society. The first was an invitation to give a talk to a group of ladies at a local WI. They were all very attentive and now they will be able to recognise a Fell pony at the local agricultural shows in the future. They were really surprised to find out that they are not all black! The second event was a 'Stallion Showcase' sponsored by Baileys Feeds and held at an equestrian centre near Hexham last Saturday. The organisers wanted to have all native breeds represented and contacted her as there were no Fell ponies entered. Her

own stallion has wintered out at Hamsterley and was definitely not in show condition so she took along a Lunesdale Stallion belonging to one of her neighbours. She talked to many interested people and handed out lots of leaflets. He did an excellent ridden show and was by far the smartest native pony stallion being exhibited.

Mrs Walker would like to thank all council members for their continued support. All members of Council are volunteers and give a great deal of time and effort to Society matters without claiming any expenses. She reported that we are all there for the good of the Fell pony. Thanks go to John Greener and Michael Rawlinson who have just completed their term of office and because of work commitments made the decision not to stand for re-election. Mrs Walker welcomed two new Council members, Alison Bell and Michael Goddard, who will be attend their first meeting on Tuesday 12th May.

Finally, Mrs Walker thanked everyone who helps the Society in any way. She reported that she is only just beginning to know how much is done by volunteers so please continue to support your Society and have an enjoyable summer doing what you enjoy most with your Fell ponies.

5 Election of President

Mrs Walker thanked Mrs Charmian Ross-Thomson for being the Society President over the last 2 years but unfortunately she could not attend today's meeting. There has only been one nomination for our next President, a lady who has spent 29 years on Council including 10 years as Chairman, Breeder of the Bewcastle ponies, Miss Mary Longsdon. Miss Longsdon had previously agreed to take up the position with Council approval. Mrs Walker asked the members to show their approval by a show of hands. Members agreed. Miss Longsdon thanked members for the honour.

6 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 October 2014

Mrs Walker reported that she was delighted that the accounts had been turned round, mainly due to fund raising efforts, making a profit of £9500 compared to a loss over the previous 2 years. Mrs Walker thanked all those who had donated prizes and made donations. There had been no questions received prior to the meeting from members. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mrs Charlton, seconded by Mr Metcalfe and agreed by members.

7 Resolution to appoint Brosnans Chartered Accountants as Accountants to the Society

The resolution was proposed by Mrs Millard, seconded by Mr Howe and agreed by the members.

8 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

An Audit was carried out on behalf of Defra on 29 January. The purpose being to ensure that as a Passport Issuing Office, the Society meets the Minimum Operating Standards (6 Feb 2014) for the issue of passports, as set out by Defra.

All procedures, practices and policies were checked., no major weaknesses in meeting the legal requirements and Defra standards were detected. A new Regulation published by the EU has now officially been published and comes into effect from 1 January 2016, this particularly relates to the layout of a passport, how it is bound and also the establishment of a central database within the UK.

With the 2014 registrations completed we have been able to get the stud book edited and printed and it's available for sale today, along with the 2016 calendar. Registrations have fallen again, but we are still seeing a similar number of transfers of ownership and the number of Society members remains static with a little under 900 having already renewed for 2015.

Schedules and entry forms for the Stallion Show and Breed Show can be downloaded from our website. Paper copies are also available today.

We have received our grant from the Horserace Betting Levy Board, and we were again very grateful to receive the same level of grant as last year together with an additional £200 for this year only. Council will discuss at their next meeting how this additional £200 will be used in accordance with the HBLB Standard Policies and Conditions.

The price of the DNA test will be increasing from 1 April by £1.20 per sample. Council have agreed for now to absorb the increase and not pass this on to owners.

Over £4000 was raised from sponsorship and the promise auction, thanks to members' efforts and generosity. The effect of increased charges for non members was evident in transfers and to a lesser degree in registrations, particularly for overseas breeders. A reduction of £1000 in expenditure was due to a Government subsidy of Employers NI for small businesses effective from 1 April 2014. The increase in Computer Expenses included £300 for the new Grassroots module to comply with the Defra requirements for tracking passports.

Finally, thank you to Carol and Elizabeth who complete the office team and to Eileen who has been a great support and assistance, and to Council for their continued support.

9 Reports from Sub-Committees

Mrs Robinson, Conservation Sub-Committee, reported that a meeting had been held that morning to get the ball rolling and that a full report would be in the Autumn magazine of the progress made.

Mrs Robinson, Show Sub-Committee, told members that everything was in place for the Stallion Show and almost everything in place for the Breed Show. The WHP section still requires someone to oversee/take charge; a group of volunteers were in place. If no one comes forward by the closing date then the classes would not run, as the current show committee will not be able to oversee these classes. Miss J Charlton said she may be able to run the classes.

Scotland SG - Mrs Cheetham reported that it has been a quiet year with a lack of organisers but had arranged a Pleasure Ride and picnic, few ideas in the pipeline;

a visit to the Rare Breeds Society, visit and possibly join up with them at events, an Instruction/Training day, BBQ and visit to World Horse Welfare Centre.

NWSG - Mrs Plank reported that the group had already held a visit to the yard of George Bowman, International Carriage Driving Champion, it was really interesting, not just for driving enthusiasts, followed by lunch at Penrith Golf Club, organised by David & Katherine Wilkinson, Training day with Julie Robinson at Newton Rigg, organised by Cath Wrigley and the Cumbria Fell & Dales warm up show run by Hilary Fawcett and Ellen Jones. Full programme of events for the remainder of the year, full details available on website and facebook page, including Cumbria Fell & Dales Show in May, a Pleasure ride in June at Craven Country park, Wellbrow Stud visit in August, Beach Ride in September and Foal & Youngstock show in November. Mrs Plank thanked Katherine & David Wilkinson, who have been enormously helpful to her as Chairman and to the group as a whole, Amanda Bridges, super-efficient Secretary and Courtney Savage, Treasurer, she also thanked those who had supported events so far.

MWSG - Miss Longsdon reminded members of the Spring Show 12 April, entries still open and the judge is Colin Turner, Derbyshire Fell and Dales Show, Bakewell, to be held on Sunday 14 June, judge Mrs S Hore. In the Autumn there will be a talk by Vyv Wood-Gee, and a ride around the Chatsworth Estate, jointly with the Dales Pony Society and a Lunch with a speaker.

NESG - Mrs Walker reported that a successful lunch had been held in February with a talk by Mr & Mrs Parkinson about their driving experiences. An 'Introduction to Jumping' training day had recently been held, particularly supported by younger members. Forthcoming events include the Fell & Highland Pony camp held in May, Performance Trials in September and Pleasure ride in October. Further details can be found on the FPS website.

SWSG - Mr Goddard reported that the Dorset Show will be held 3 May; Mrs J Charlton will be the judge. Cornwall Show this year to be held 6 September, judge Mrs A Torode, and in October there will be a Pleasure Ride around Stonehenge.

YPG - Mrs Miller reported that the Groups AGM had been held earlier. 2014 had been successful and lots planned for 2015 to include a Young Judges Training Scheme, YPG rosettes to donate to under 18's, not just for showing, 12 July, Southern Convention, S Glos, Mr Boustead will be giving a breed talk and informal judging clinic and Mr Ashcroft, a farrier presentation. On 23 August, Greenholme Stud open day, lunch at Cross keys Inn, Tebay and driving and riding demo by Paul Metcalfe and Julie Robinson.

Mrs Walker reported that the Support Groups were set up by Miss Longsdon and are all doing well, organising events throughout the country.

Judges Committee - Mrs Armstrong-Foxton reported that from those trainees who attended the assessment in September 2014, 2 had completed their training and have been issued with the new record card to record the shows they have judged, 1 was going on for a 2nd year, and there are 2 new trainees for 2015. This

year's assessment will take place on 26 September at Greenlands, volunteers required to bring ponies for in hand and ridden. There is a waiting list with 1 new candidate coming along for assessment in 2015 and another in 2016. She hoped the weather would be kind to us this year to enable our trainee judges to get up and running as soon as possible.

Mrs Millard, Overseas Sub-Committee, reported that the committee normally look to recertify the branches around 1 April each year. The branches were contacted by email asking for a report, no reply to date received from the actual branches but reports have been received from South Germany and France; Anne Fishburn (Germany) said that she was pleased that the Overseas Sub Committee are caring about the growing number of Fell ponies overseas. She reported that there has been more interest in the Breed in Germany recently and that she has been contacted for specific help, which was she was able to give via the office. There is a show to be held in May, to include Fell Ponies, in the North and others are continuing to promote the Breed. There are some issues, some owners unaware of the FPS and the procedures in relation to change of ownership, stallions licensed by bodies in Germany who are unaware of the Breed Standards etc. She said that Mrs Wilkinson provides an enormous amount of help, she is helpful, friendly, patient and tireless and that she could not praise her enough. Libby Robinson (France) also reported an increase in interest in the Fell Pony at their forthcoming meeting. Libby will need some backup if the Branch status was to be reinstated. Fell Ponies have joined new owners in France for Carriage Driving, as a family pony, long distant riding, le trec and there has been an interest from some new breeders. Libby herself has been driving her own pair of Fells in driven endurance events.

10 Any Other Business

Mrs Morland reported that not everyone who purchases a Fell pony is a FPS member and not everyone views the Society website; the only information that every owner has is that which is contained in a passport, and all it says in a passport is that a new owner should return a passport within 30 days. There is no information to say that if this does not happen then the FPS will report the owner to the Trading Standards Office as happened to her husband. Mrs Morland had spoken to Council members; at least 5 did not know of this ruling and 1 still is not aware that this is required. Mrs Walker replied to say that the case referred to was a pony purchased by Mr Morland at the FPS sale in October. The details of 4 people who had purchased a pony at the October sale and had not transferred ownership within 30 days, were passed onto Trading Standards. Cumbria Trading Standards have confirmed that there had been a breach of the regulations and the Society was correct in notifying them, and for them as the Enforcement body to decide if any enforcement action was necessary. Mrs Ashcroft stated that the breach had not been by the person 'reported' to Trading Standards. Mrs Walker pointed out that the FPS could not report the owner if that information is not known; all the person who had bought the pony needed to do was to inform the office who the pony was now owned by. Mrs Ashcroft pointed out that the Horse

Passport Regulations states that the buyer, the owner, must notify the PIO within 30 days and that the word owner isn't defined in the regulations so common sense should be applied and that someone buying on behalf of someone else, an agent, is not the owner, no obligation as the seller to notify the PIO of the sale.

Mrs Ashcroft said that the Society should not be gold plating the regulations and using them against its long standing members and then advertising the fact on Facebook etc. Mrs Walker responded by saying that 'dealers' are not exempt from these rules. If the Society is to maintain its PIO status and to continue issuing pedigree passports then the Society must abide by these rules.

Mrs Ashcroft pointed out that the Council did not make the decision to notify Trading Standards, the office did. Mrs Walker replied by saying that Mrs Wilkinson is employed by the Council and Council support decisions made by the office. Mrs Ashcroft challenged this. Mr Wilkinson said that the Secretary does not make these decisions, DEFRA make the decisions which have to be adhered to, if the Society is to maintain its PIO status.

Miss Fairburn reported that only individuals who have been a part of the meetings relating to the legislation and regulations she has in Scotland understand their importance, this applies to all Societies, not just FPS, as well as all PIO's, and if they don't adhere there is a strong likelihood that they will lose their authority to issue Breed passports and they will instead be issued by a central body. Fell Pony breeders would lose the records of pedigrees, as all DEFRA will be interested in is a piece of paper with a microchip number on it. Mrs Walker re iterated the concerns raised by Miss Fairburn.

Mrs Morton asked if possession of the passport constituted ownership of the pony. Mrs Walker said that if the passport had been stolen or the pony was on loan, then the records would confirm the ownership of the pony. Mr Wilkinson said "possession is 9/10th of the law". Mrs Walker said that the name of the owner recorded in the passport will normally be the legal owner of the pony. Mr Parkinson stated that this is why it is important changes are recorded within 30 days. Mrs Walker pointed out that for farmers the timescale to adhere to is much less than 30 days, and payments are reduced if not complied with.

Mrs Morland asked if dealers who purchased ponies at the sale were 'reported' to Trading Standards. Mrs Walker confirmed that they were.

A member asked if a purchaser of a pony at the sale is required to transfer ownership before the pony leaves the auction mart. Why does the Society not record all transfers of ownership when the passport is collected? Mrs Wilkinson responded by saying that purchasers cannot be forced to transfer ownership, if they choose not to then the 30 day requirement can only be pointed out to the new owner. It was asked why the Society could not have contacted Mr Morland pointing out to him that it was over 30 days since the pony had been purchased, when the Society knew he had purchased the pony at the sale. Mrs Walker replied to say that a letter was sent to Mr Morland on 13 February, reminding him that the transfer of ownership was outstanding; it was 30 days after the issue of that

letter that the details were passed onto Trading Standards. It was asked why a letter had not been issued within the 30 days to remind him, as a good will gesture. Mrs Walker confirmed that the Society was prompted to take this action at the inspection by DEFRA in January.

Miss Fell said that it was sad that so much time was spent on this matter and that as Mr Morland has been in the Society for so long he should know the rules and need not have got so antagonistic about the matter. She hoped that people would not be put off joining the Society just because of this particular issue.

Miss Hallam asked if the Society would consider holding an Overseas Convention similar to the one held a few years ago. Mrs Walker said that she was sure that could be possible.

Mrs Morton asked why Council had decided to introduce a grading scheme for Stallion Licensing. Mrs Walker replied saying that the topic has been discussed at Council for some time, often complaints received and asked by new breeders who are wanting some guidance. Still discussing how this is going to work, all aware that our breeders are getting older and herds will reduce in the years to come, perhaps to maintain the breed standards by inspecting stallions is the way forward. Mrs Morton reported that the previous inspection scheme was horrendous and the age of the improvers was long gone. Mrs Walker said that Council has listened to what happened in the past; corruption was a big problem in the previous scheme and Council are adamant that this will not happen again. Mr Boustead reported that the proposed scheme is voluntary and the previous inspection procedure was being confused with this proposed voluntary scheme and that if an owner doesn't want to take part in the scheme then they needn't. Mr Thorpe said that the scheme would maintain the standards of the pony today and that something needed to be done to improve the movement; Fell Ponies used to move but don't now. Mrs Morton said that an inspection was someone's opinion; Mr Thorpe said that he does not want to tell anyone that they can't use a pony as a Stallion. Mrs Morton thought that Council should be concentrating more on other matters, for example welfare.

Mrs Hodgson said that she agreed that Fell Ponies should be able to move and this is not seen at shows today. She is concerned that to improve movement then other faults and conformation defects may creep in to the detriment of conformation. She urged breeders not to breed from those ponies who were not correct.

Mr Miller read out a letter to the Chairman and Council in which he reported that during the 2 years he had been a member he felt that the Society does not do justice to the breed, and is not driven by its membership; he had looked at the Memorandum of Association and compared it to that of other native breed societies concluding that the FPS document is outdated, not meeting its objectives, in particular to promote and educate; he had not seen an FPS promotional stand to represent the breed at events around the country, no judges' refresher training, nothing (corrected to not much) being done to educate

the young; the small gesture of the LWF is not running in 2015; lack of awareness and promotion. Not much is being done to support semi feral herds and encourage new ponies in this environment. He believed that many members felt that communication and transparency is poor, not using modern methods of communication, social media and the internet. Taking all this into account there was recently a vote of no confidence in the Chair proposed by the FPBA. Mr Miller suggested that a vote of no confidence in the Chair, with the hope that a replacement be elected to reform the Society and push it into the future, should be given to the members. Mr Miller appreciated that there may not be a willing replacement and that there are 2 vacancies on Council this year and this may be due to the rules which govern eligibility and week day meetings. Many seats on Council are taken by default and not a contested vote. If the vote be granted then he requested that the vote be taken by poll, giving anonymity to participants; to grant this he would need the backing of four other members.

Mr Howe asked if he could respond to Mr Miller. He stated that he had bred Fell Ponies for quite a few years now and he knew a lot of people who had bred Fell Ponies for a number of years and that Mr Miller had been in the Society for only 2 years; directed at Mr Miller, Mr Howe said “if you can’t stand the heat then get out of the kitchen”. Mr Howe was applauded. Mr Miller responded by saying that “we are the future” and that as things are now there won’t be any Fell Ponies in 10 years!

Miss Fairburn said that the same problems were reported 25 years ago

Miss J Charlton introduced herself, saying she considered herself a young member, her mother is on Council and her father was Chairman for a number of years and a past President, and her family have been breeding Fell ponies for 5 generations. She reported that she was put off by a number of young people who have come into the Society and feel that they can lecture the Council, whose only intention is to promote, preserve and encourage people to be in the Fell Pony Society; there is not a single Council member who does not give their absolute all to the Society; the commitment financially, emotionally in every respect is utterly phenomenal and to come in and slander any member of the Council, Chairman and Secretary is just an absolute joke; and they need to really consider the commitment put in and as a young member need to be more diplomatic in their approach. She was astonished by the way Mr Miller had approached the Council. Members applauded her.

Miss Longsdon in agreement with Miss Charlton; can’t say that Council has not done anything, as it formed the YPG which she suggested is going to cure everything.

Mrs Morland requested more transparency between what goes on at Council and the members. She also requested that minutes of Council be put on the website, once approved, so that everyone knows what is going on. Mrs Walker replied that the Society would need to take legal advice regarding the publishing the minutes, and would need to take the matter to Council in May.

Mrs Morton said that there needs to be better communication, and she was concerned that the Autumn meeting no longer existed.

Miss Chadwick asked if perhaps Council could place the Agenda on the website 2 weeks prior to the meeting, then members could write in with their comments to be discussed at Council. She did point out that perhaps there is some sensitive information in Council minutes that should not be made public.

Miss Fairburn reported that methods of communication including the trend to post info on Facebook was highlighted at a recent NPS judges conference. Mrs Walker agreed that the administration of the Facebook page probably needed looking at.

Mr Boustead reiterated that if members knew what was to be discussed at Council in advance then they could pass on their view point in advance of the meeting. He also pointed out that for a long time he went onto Council without a vote because members did not come forward for Council election, and the FPS need to look at why. Mr Thorpe said he thought most members just wanted to leave it for someone else. Miss Chadwick said that week day meetings were no good for her due to work commitments otherwise she would love to get more involved. Mrs Walker said that in the past Miss Longsdon did try to alternate meetings on Tuesday and Saturday, but that didn't work; she agreed that this could be looked at again. Mrs Morton suggested that more people would apply to go onto Council if the meetings were held at weekends.

Mr Thorpe asked Mr Miller if he was a member of FPBA; he had only just joined because he found the Council unapproachable. Mrs Charlton asked if he had tried to contact a Council member, and said that Council could not help if they were not asked. Mr Thorpe said that he was not having a go at Mr Miller. He reported that the last FPBA meeting was different and he would never have thought that people could sink so low to do what they did, he was disgusted, the paperwork put forward was just trying to blacken someone's character, when previous meetings had been attended by nice, decent people. Mrs Morton reported that a lot of what was discussed at the FPBA meeting was as a result of allegations relating to the proposed changes to stallion licensing that were disclosed at the Dales Pony AGM before being discussed with FPS members. Whether this is true or not is irrelevant. Young members must be encouraged, if not there won't be a Society in the future. Mr Thorpe responded by saying that by 5pm after the Council meeting prior to the Dales Pony AGM, a FPS member in the South knew what had been discussed.

Miss Fell proposed and Mrs Hodgson seconded that the Council Agenda be placed on the FPS website 2 weeks before the meeting; majority of members agreed.

Mr Thompson said that he had been a FPS member for 2 years following the death of his father Chris. He was amazed at the enthusiasm and passion for the breed. The number present at this meeting said it all, and he was pleased to hear positive feedback.

Miss Fell said that the Society had to thank Council and volunteers for its success.

Miss Hallam said that young and old had to work together.

Mr Wilkinson said that he attended 6 Council meetings plus other meetings though out the year, and he was sick of 'flack' from people who wanted to cause trouble. Perhaps these people would like to assist with the setting up of the shows and other mundane tasks done by volunteers. Council do a lot behind the scenes with no financial reward, and only the Secretary gets paid. Mrs Morton responded by saying that the young people would help if they knew what was to be done, coming back to lack of communication.

Mr Quick asked for clarity of length of membership to be eligible to stand for Council: why is this rule in place as it's restricting the number of people eligible. Mrs Walker responded that the 5 years shows commitment to the breed. Mr Quick asked if there could be an allowance for young members who have not served 5 years. Mrs Walker said that a representative of the YPG is invited to 1 Council meeting per year as agreed by Council, and the matter would be discussed at Council again.

Mrs Bell raised a query regarding the point 10 of the Showing Rules, as the word 'connection' is ambiguous. Mrs Walker responded that the wording was taken from the NPS handbook to bring it in line with other Societies. Mrs Robinson agreed that the wording was ambiguous although it does need some clarity from how it was in the previous rules. Mrs Bell asked why members were issued with the new rules in March, part way through a year and why not be introduced from next year? The rules were approved by Council in January, placed on the website and issued with magazine end of February. Mrs Bell asked why there was not 12 months notice of the changes.

It was proposed by Mrs Bell and seconded by Mrs Ferrier that rule 10 of the showing rule revert to how it was in 2014 and Council to have a look at re wording that rule to come into effect from 2016, majority in favour.

It was reported that the NPS don't give notice of changes; they publish changes as preferred rules for 12 months before becoming compulsory.

Mrs Walker said that Mrs Robinson had raised the matter at Council in March.

Mr Parkinson asked if any changes could be announced at the AGM, discussed and then brought into effect the following year. Mrs Walker agreed this was a valid point.

Mrs Morland asked again that the Council minutes be published on the website. Mrs Walker responded by saying that as she had already said, Council would need to take legal advice on this matter.

Mr Parkinson said that as a member of other Committees he pointed out that they had been legally advised not to publish the minutes; however, viewing could be requested. Mrs Walker confirmed that the minutes were available for viewing at the AGM.

Mr Boustead pointed out that rules in the Memorandum & Articles do have to be changed through an EGM but Regulations don't.

Mrs Ashcroft wanted to make one more point, she thought the meeting had been a structured meeting and a lot of good has come out of it, people have attended and brought their grievances with them. A lot of issues that have caused upset over the last year have come about because decisions have been made in the office and haven't been run through the Council. Council members have responded by saying they know nothing about particular issues. Mrs Ashcroft requested that Council members refer to the Charity Commission "What you need to know as a Trustee" - Decisions to be made by all trustees together. She reported that good communications will make for a better and happier Society.

12 Presentation of Awards

Mrs Walker presented the Queen's Award which is for someone who promotes the Society and Fell Ponies. She was sure everyone would agree with Council's decision to present the award to Mary Longsdon, who has given almost a lifetime to the Fell Pony. Miss Longsdon thanked everyone; she didn't think she deserved it as she had so much fun.

Mrs Walker announced the presentation of a new trophy donated by the Thompson family in memory of Chris. Mr Hugh Thompson said how it gave him great pleasure on behalf of the Thompson family to present the trophy to the FPS as a legacy. Mr Thompson thanked Joe, Carolyn's husband, who had made the trophy also to Gordon & Francis who had added the silver plates to the trophy. The trophy was awarded to the Wellbrow Stud, and rosettes were presented to 6th place.

Mrs Walker announced the winner of another new trophy, the Edinburgh prize, donated by the Duke of Edinburgh for achievements in driving, 25 trophies have been given to the Society, the trophy is to be kept by the winner, this year's winners are Dougie & Jackie Parkinson. Mr Parkinson said that the first Fell Pony they had was one from the Thompsons; now they have 2 and are the best hearted ponies they have ever had. He asked everyone to keep doing what they are for the Fell Pony Society.

Mrs Walker presented the Lowthwaite Rob Trophy, this year to Peahill Basil, owned by Cath Wrigley.

Mrs Robinson and Miss Brunskill presented the awards and rosettes for the Points Awards.

Mr Howe thanked Chairman past and present for all their work done for the Society and thanked Council who do an excellent job for us all.

Mrs Walker thanked the Quick children for again bringing their felt work display of Fell Ponies, for everyone to see.

Miss Longsdon as new president said she would like to endorse the thanks for Mrs Walker as Chairman. She also thanked Mrs Wilkinson who works very hard. She

reminded everyone that surely everyone is batting on the same side for the long term good of the Fell Pony.

Mrs Walker closed the meeting then members had tea and the raffle was drawn.



The Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant

At the AGM held in March 2015, several questions were asked about the HBLB grant and how it was being spent. It was suggested that many members may not know anything about this grant so an article in the magazine may help to clarify several points. I agreed to provide this information.

The HBLB grants to rare, native British breeds of horse and pony were introduced during the 1960s. 'Rare' is defined as being included on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) Equine Watchlist (category 1 'Critical'; category 2 'Endangered'; category 3 'Vulnerable'; category 4 'At Risk'; or category 5 'Minority'). The Fell pony is currently classified as category 4 'At Risk'. The grants are made to improve or maintain quality standard and numbers as appropriate to the breed, and are made only to support pure breeding.

Societies must use their HBLB grant to support their breed improvement programme and are given a list of items that it may be used for. It is up to each Society to decide which item(s) on the list will most efficiently and effectively result in further improvement of the breed. When societies make their annual proposals for expenditure of the forthcoming year's anticipated grant, HBLB expects the majority of the grant to be used as direct incentives to horse/pony owners to keep and breed high quality pure bred animals. Recipients of the grant must reside in Britain. Each Society must supplement its grant with a contribution of 20% from its own funds.

The HBLB reviews the grants to breed societies annually and the amount paid may be maintained, increased or decreased in any year. Societies must budget to spend the full amount of their grant (including their 20% contribution) each year. The primary responsibility for the improvement of breeds rests with the Society. Each Society must complete an annual return form issued by HBLB. The information given in the annual return is used by HBLB to review its grants. Additional information is also provided by the RBST. The annual return must be completed and returned as instructed and within the given deadline. Late applications will not be considered.

The 2014 HBLB grant was paid to the Society in the spring of 2015 and was based, as always, on figures supplied on the claim form, from the previous year. The HBLB awarded the FPS £3820 to which £764 (20%) was added from our own funds making a total of £4584 to be paid out in premiums etc. In addition to this,

there was a one off payment of £200 to which £40 (20%) was added from our own funds, making a total of £240 to be used for training judges and stallion grading assessors. During 2015 the Society has paid out premiums to breeders and owners through the Performance Points Award Scheme and a variety of classes at the Stallion & Colt Show and the Breed Show. Premiums have been paid to Stallions, Colts, Mares, Youngstock and Foals as well as those competing in Performance, Endurance, Dressage and Driving. The grant is also used to pay the Breed (Progeny) Prizes at the Breed Show and a Broodmare Premium to those mares producing a foal in the semi-feral herds. The 2015 grant which will be paid to the Society in the spring of 2016, will include a small amount to be used to supplement the cost of producing the Stud Book.

The HBLB grant has been used to support the semi-feral herds and reward quality breeding of ponies that excel in one or more disciplines making them a desirable commodity. How the grant will be used in the future will be discussed by Council members at the September meeting prior to the HBLB form being completed and submitted early in October. The Fell pony breeding programme needs to be reviewed annually to ensure the best use is made of this funding.

Eileen A Walker

Payment Summary		
Mare Premium (Semi Feral) Foals born 2012		
Breeder	No of Mares Total	Payment
Mr A Smith	5	£75.00
Mr C Roberts	11	£165.00
Miss B Potter	3	£45.00
Mr D Braithwaite	4	£60.00
Mr E Winder	3	£45.00
Mr WS Potter	15	£225.00
Mr K Black	1	£15.00
Miss RJ Potter	4	£60.00
Mr W Lloyd	1	£15.00
Miss L Whitehead	2	£30.00
Miss L Awde	1	£15.00
Mr GH Morton	2	£30.00
Mrs SC Morton	6	£90.00
Miss AW Morton	2	£30.00
Mrs CA Morland	8	£120.00
Mr TB Capstick	13	£195.00
Mr WF Dargue	1	£15.00
Mr RD Howe	1	£15.00

Mr RN Beaty	5	£75.00
Miss M Hall	3	£45.00
Mrs M Wilson	11	£165.00
Mr A Thorpe	19	£285.00

**Fell Pony Society Points Scheme 2013
Payments awarded 2014**

Awarded To:	As:	Amount
Ms N Mayling	Owner 4yo per f	£100.00
Miss S Camp	Owner 4yo in hand	£50.00
Mr WS Potter	Breeder 4yo per f, sire breeder 3yo, breeder, sire & dam breeder yearling. Sire breeder foal. Sire Premium owner & breeder	£600.00
Mr TB Capstick	Sire breeder 4yo per f	£50.00

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Mrs M Wilson owner & breeder	Mare premium £200.00
Mrs GM Noble perf	Dam breeder 4yo £50.00
Mr I Smith	Breeder & dam breeder £100.00 4yo in hand
Mr RW Relph-Briggs	Owner 3yo 50.00
Miss RJ Potter	Breeder 3yo £50.00
Mrs C H Robinson	Dressage breeder £50.00
Miss B Bell	Sire breeder 4yo in hand £50.00
Miss Carrie-Ann Richardson	Owner 2yo £50.00
Mr MJ Woods	Breeder & dam breeder 2yo £100.00
Mr & Mrs RB Charlton,	Sire breeder 2yo £50.00
Mrs D Roberts-Jones,	Owner yearling £50.00
Mr E Marshall foal	Owner & breeder £100.00
The late Mr L Stewart	Dam breeder, foal £50.00
Mrs EA Worthy	Endurance owner £50.00
Ms DM Raine	Dressage owner £50.00
Mr E Winder	Endurance breeder £50.00
Mr WD Parkinson	Driving owner £50.00
Mrs C Logan	Driving breeder £50.00

2013	Yearling Colts - Stallion Show
A & E D Ashcroft	£25.00
Mr D Wilkinson	£25.00
Miss B Bell	£25.00
Mr R N Beaty	£25.00
Mrs E A Walker	£25.00
Mrs R Douglass	£25.00
2013 Two Year Old Colts - Stallion Show	
Miss B Potter	£25.00
A & E D Ashcroft	£25.00
Mrs D Vychinski	£25.00
Miss Z Marsden	£50.00
2013 Mare premiums - Breed Show	
1st Mr D Wilkinson Owner & breeder	£100.00
2nd Mrs M Wilson Owner & breeder	£50.00
3rd Mrs E A Walker breeder	Owner & £25.00
2013 Stallion premiums - Breed Show	
1st Mr T B Capstick , breeder	Owner & £100.00
2nd Mrs S C Morton & Mrs F E Awde	Owner £12.50 £12.50
Mr W F Dargue	Breeder £25.00
3rd Miss B Bell	Breeder £25.00
Printing of stud book, contribution	<u>£160.00</u>
TOTAL	£4,600.00



From the Office

- We're still receiving mail addressed to the FPS at 'Ion House' even from members—the office moved into Appleby in February 2014!—so please remember to address any correspondence correctly. We also suggest that passports are posted in padded envelopes, to prevent damage to the passport when it goes through the Royal Mail sorting machines, and that they are sent by the 'Signed For' service.
- Please remember to check your passports, particularly those issued prior to 10 June 2004, as they may not have been updated with a 'Section IX' page (usually the back page). Without this page, the passport is no longer valid and it is illegal to transport or sell a pony without it.
- Service Books / notifications of coverings online that are received after 31 December in the year of covering, will require the foal to be DNA typed to confirm the sire. This is not a new rule: the notes in the service books state that books must be returned by 31 December, additional information issued with service books also states this, and the Fell Pony Society Regulations do so too. Until this year, registrations received where the service slip had been received after the AGM were referred to Council for a decision as to whether the foal should have the sire confirmed by DNA; the decision by Council has always been that DNA testing has to be done prior to registration. At the March Council meeting it was agreed that the ruling would be tightened up. Council appreciate that it is mare owners who will be penalised in these situations, but a certain amount of onus has to lie with them to check the service details have been notified to the Society in time. Council also agreed that there is no reason why a service book should be delivered to the Society after 31 December or online notifications submitted after 31 December!
- Just a reminder that it is a legal requirement that change of ownership should be notified to the Society within 30 days of the change. Also don't forget to send in the passport for updating when a pony has been gelded. There should be a form in the back of the passport or you can download one from the website.
- It is also a legal requirement to return the passport to the Society when a pony dies. It can of course be returned to you, if requested, after cancellation.

Katherine



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Fees & Charges

	UK		Overseas	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Registration to 30 November				
Colt	£10	£20	£15	£25
Filly	£15	£30	£20	£35
December				
Colt	£20	£40	£25	£45
Filly	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	£100	£55	£105
Transfer	£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding	FOC	FOC	FOC	FOC
Prefix	£40	£50	£60	£70
Stallion Licence	See page 32			
FIS Kit	£40	£50	£45	£55
DNA Kit	£50	£60	£55	£65
Duplicate Passport (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	£60	£55	£65

FELL PONY SOCIETY BANK DETAILS

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Membership Fees

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

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

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

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Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually. We do not send out reminders at this time—it would cost the Society approximately £450.

No member is entitled to vote for the election of Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February or to vote at an EGM/AGM if his/her subscription has not been paid by the date of the meeting (28 March 2015).

If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring Magazine, a reminder slip is enclosed. Alternatively, members can arrange to pay their subscription by standing order on 1 January each year.



FPS Stallion Licensing

It is compulsory for a colt/stallion to be FIS tested before a Stallion License can be issued. The FIS test fee will no longer be refunded.

The fees for a Stallion License application are:

	To include DNA & FIS kits	If already FIS tested*
UK member	£120	£80
UK non member	£240	£200
Overseas member	£125	£85
Overseas non-member	£245	£205

If already FIS tested, proof will be required (either sight of Certificate or confirmation from a relevant laboratory, eg. AHT, that colt/stallion has been tested).

If already DNA typed please apply to the office for appropriate fees.

FPS Member Directory

Listing in the Member Directory on the website is purely voluntary.

If you wish your details to be added please complete the form online or send your information by email to the Office, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate.

Listings will be removed if current FPS membership lapses.



The 200 Club: Draws 2015

Nos	Name	Prize	Nos	Name	Prize
Jan '15			May '15		
1st 243	Mrs. S.A. Clark	£25.00	1st 328	Mrs J R Howard	£25.00
2nd 314	Mrs. E. Nichols	£15.00	2nd 290	Mrs J H F Thompson	£15.00
3rd 259	Mrs. M. Davies	£10.00	3rd 373	Mrs S A Clark	£10.00
4th 430	Mr. C. Hollands	£5.00	4th 231	Mr W S Potter	£5.00
Feb '15			Jun '15		
1st 371	Carol Harvey	£25.00	1st 340	Mrs C H Robinson	£25.00
2nd 408	Mr. J. Waples	£15.00	2nd 276	Mr J D Lee	£15.00
3rd 399	Kate Merry	£10.00	3rd 328	Mrs J R Howard	£10.00
4th 250	Mrs. S. Beasley	£5.00	4th 232	Miss D J Chadwick	£5.00
Mar '15					
1st 259	Mrs. M. Davies	£25.00			
2nd 273	Sara Hartley	£15.00			
3rd 297	Mrs. K.M. Hope	£10.00			
4th 272	Mr. I. Bailey	£5.00			
Apr '15					
1st 230	Helen Wenden	£25.00			
2nd 373	Mrs. S.A. Clark	£15.00			
3rd 217	Laura Richardson	£10.00			
4th 256	Miss P.J. Anderson	£5.00			

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

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

**Please send your name, address and cheque for £12 made payable to
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Five judges from the FPS Panel are chosen at random at a Council meeting to serve on this Committee. Of these five, two are selected to remain on for two years, with 3 new judges selected at random plus two as reserves.

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016

The following members retire from the Council in 2016 and are eligible for re-election:

Mrs C H Robinson, Mr A Thorpe, Mrs S Millard, Mrs E Walker .

Members wishing to make a nomination for Council should obtain a form from the Office and ensure that it is delivered to the Secretary on or before 1 January 2016.

POSTAL VOTING FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ballot papers will be sent out with their Spring magazine to those eligible to vote. Completed ballot papers have to be returned to the scrutineer appointed by the Council not less than 10 days before the date of the AGM. No member is entitled to vote in the election for Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February 2016. You will find details on Votes of Members under Section 7 of the Articles of Association, and Election to the Council under Section 8.6.

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



What is Required of Council Members?

- Be dedicated to the Fell pony breed and the Society that looks after it.
- Try to get things right, for the ponies. [We all want to get it right but we accept that we can't always be right!]
- Be active in promoting the ponies in as many ways as possible.
- Be prepared to do things. Everyone brings individual skills, so Council members don't need to be "all things to all ponies" but just do whatever they can to help the Society's activities to support the breed.
- Speak up when there's something important to say.
- Honour the traditions of the Fell pony breed, but without being stuffy about it; apply them in a modern context.
- Attend Council meetings: there are 6 per year, held in Cumbria, each on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Accept that matters being discussed in Council must be kept confidential.
- Listen to Society members' comments and feed them back to Council.
- Look for ways to turn problems into positive suggestions for action.
- Read the Charity Commission's "The Essential Trustee" (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/443838/CC3.pdf)
- Have a flexible attitude inside a thick skin and above all, a sense of humour.
- Get your nominations in to the Office by 1st January!



FIS Test results

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, but if passports are sent in to the office for endorsement, return postage would be appreciated.



Obituary—Thomas Bracken Capstick

28 November 1950 - 9th June 2015

The Fell pony world lost a true gentleman when Thomas Capstick, renowned breeder of the Murthwaite Fell ponies, died on 9th June. The Reverend Phil Dew led a very moving celebration of Tommy's life at a service held at Crosby Ravensworth on 19th June, which included several amusing anecdotes that captured Tommy's cheeky sense of humour perfectly; some of which are included in this tribute.

Tommy lived most of his life at Murthwaite, Ravenstonedale, where he built up a semi-feral herd of ponies that roamed free over 42 square miles on the commons collectively known as the Howgills, at 1200 feet above sea level. For his 12th birthday Tommy was offered the choice of a pony or a bike; he chose the pony; and Ted Benson, from Adamthwaite, was commissioned to purchase a Fell pony, at the annual Cowper Day sale at Kirkby Stephen auction mart. Flicker was duly purchased, and the rest, as they say, is history.

He was filmed up at Murthwaite in January 2010 as part of a collection of films made by Tom Lloyd to give a insight into the lives of Fell Pony Hill Breeders. Surrounded by snow and ponies in the harshest of environments, he was completely at home, talking about what he looked for in a Fell pony and how he was concerned that some of his ponies had not come home in the snow so, after travelling as far as he could on his quad bike, he had had to carry a bale of hay on his back for a mile down the remote valley until he had found them. Tommy also made another observation - the rapidly increasing average age of fell farmers; they are quite literally a dying breed.

Tommy's ponies competed successfully in all equine disciplines for many years. At home in Cumbria Tommy took the supreme championship at the Breed Show 4 times since 1990 with Foggy Gill Prim, Murthwaite Mulan, Heltondale Misty IV and Murthwaite Magic Moment. During the same period he took the supreme championship at the Stallion Show nine times with Heltondale Black Prince III, Murthwaite Look At Me, Murthwaite Gurkha and Murthwaite Windrush. More recently, this year Courtney Savage partnered Murthwaite Smoking Joe to win the ridden stallion class at the Stallion Show, a class which included no fewer than four Murthwaite bred grey stallions.

Tommy also enjoyed great success further afield at national events such as The Royal Show [Supreme Champion] and Olympia [Best of Breed] and the Horse of the Year Show [Reserve Champion].

Tommy had the honour of providing H.M.The Queen with the Fell pony mares that are ridden daily by Her Majesty, accompanied by her Stud Groom and Stable Manager, Terry Pendry. Stories of Tommy's pony trading with the Palace abound; Lizzie Briant organised the sale of Carltonima Emma, and Tommy, rather cheekily, instructed her to ask for cash; when she returned home with a cheque



Tommy with Murthwaite Look At Me, Champion at the FPS Stallion & Colt Show in 2002, 2003 and 2004

he proceeded to have it framed. When he was later asked to provide another pony for the Queen he and his cousin Liz travelled down to Windsor with Murthwaite Dawn Chorus. His car battery failed while they were on the Windsor estate, and so, not one to be overawed by the situation, he asked if Ma'am had any jump leads. Tommy and Liz also got to sit in the State Landau; which apparently is a treasonable offence for which Tommy fortunately can no longer stand trial.

We understand that Her Majesty would have liked to have attended Tommy's funeral, but could not due to other commitments at Ascot; she was represented by Terry Pendry and his wife Sue. When the Murthwaite herd were sold at NWA auctions Junction 36 Rural Auction Centre on 4 July the crowd was delighted to hear that lot number 34, Murthwaite Taylor Maid, a black six year old mare, had been purchased on behalf of Her Majesty.

The sale attracted international buyers and the top price was achieved by Murthwaite Mercy, a five year old grey mare by Murthwaite Ice Man out of Murthwaite Fern; she sold to a buyer in Florida for 7,000 gns, the highest price ever recorded for a Fell pony sold at auction. Travelling to their new home with Mercy will be Murthwaite Hannah Bell, a six year old black mare (4400 gns); Grey



At the final dispersal sale, Murthwaite Mercy, a five year old grey mare by Murthwaite Ice Man out of Murthwaite Fem, sold to a buyer in Florida for 7,000 gns, the highest price ever recorded for a Fell pony sold at auction.

Bird, an eleven year old grey mare (3200 gns), and Tommy's personal favourite Bracken's Lass, a ten year old bay mare (6400 gns); all three mares have filly foals at foot. Murthwaite Natasha, a twelve year old black mare with colt foal at foot was sold to a buyer in Pennsylvania for 2400 gns.

Surprisingly Tommy never boasted about his success. He was a very private and humble person. He won countless trophies and rosettes, but none of them were ever put on display. There was one exception when Tommy was at Olympia, when he found himself standing behind Clare Balding who was doing a TV interview. So Tommy phoned his mother, Joyce, from his mobile and told her to put on the TV and see if she could spot him. 'Yes - yes I can see you,' Mother replied, 'you're on the phone to someone!'

Tommy was a very likeable man with a great sense of humour who touched many lives. On the day before he died the final foal was born and named 'That'll Do'; the last Murthwaite pony; and the end of an era. He will be very sadly missed. God Bless.

Claire Simpson



FPS Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain—9 May 2015

The Fell Pony Society Stallion and Colt show was again held in the beautiful setting of Dalemain House, near Penrith, Cumbria, by kind permission of the Hasell-McCosh family.

The classes were judged by Paul Metcalfe who was pleased with the quality of entries forward and chose Deb Vychinski's in-form Boutime Wooster to take the supreme champion stallion in hand. This lovely four year old was sired by last year's champion Lunesdale Warlord; and it was Warlord's breeder, Bert Morland,



who originally suggested that Deb should send her mare Darrenvale Katie to Warlord. Deb explained that the prefix Boutime comes from 'about time' as it took three years to breed her foal. Wooster also won the class for the best foot shod, a very impressive job by Farrier Louis May, with traditional handmade shoes, nailed on high and perfectly level; all the more remarkable for the fact that the pony had never been shod before.

The reserve supreme went to the Smith family from Perthshire with their yearling, and youngstock champion, Bracklinn Travis, an outstanding mover, sired by the multi champion Bracklinn Jackpot. Travis stood out in a good class of



Matt Hodgson Photography

Judge Paul Metcalfe assesses Messrs Smith's Bracklinn Travis whom he later chose as Reserve Supreme Champion.

yearlings. The youngstock reserve went to Hayley Reynolds' very consistent and typey two year old, Murthwaite Sid, who had headed up another strong class.

The gelding championship went to the two year old Greenholme Hill Billy owned by Amanda Batey and shown by Rob Relph-Briggs. Hill Billy was the only two year old in the class but stood out with his good conformation and limbs. Jill Gilthorpe's consistent five year old Lunesdale Lord, another pony by Lunesdale Warlord, took the gelding reserve.

Katy Raine was surprised and delighted to win a quality class for stallions five years and over with Lunesdale Black Ice II; the pony was an eighteenth birthday present and the pair later took third place in the ridden class.

Francesca Hoggarth took the class for ridden geldings with Banksgate Brando; and Courtney Savage won the strong class for ridden stallions, which included four Murthwaite ponies bred by Thomas Capstick, three of which were grey. Courtney rode Murthwaite Smoking Joe, a cheerful, well balanced pony with good action that really caught the eye.

The driving class was a display of quality, if not quantity, with only two entries forward. The winner was Joe Tighe's Lunesdale Dylan, driven by Declan Davies to a 'Hatter's Van', a lovely trade vehicle, handmade by Joe. *[see colour section]* Declan was accompanied by Bert Morland who had bred Dylan. The prize for the best exercise cart went to Jackie Parkinson's consistent pair, the bay brothers Tynebank Danny Boy and Tynebank Brown Bobby.

Claire Simpson



FPS MESG Sandringham Show 2015

Once again the show was held on the beautiful Sandringham Royal estate by kind permission of HM The Queen.

The weather leading up to the day was very wet prompting would-be competitors to get in touch asking if we would cancel, but the showground is on very well drained sandy soil and the only way we would be waterlogged is if the sea came over the marsh, so we should be safe for several years.

The only casualty of the weather was the gazebo which turned into a wreck of tangled metal due to the ferocity of the overnight wind. This necessitated the secretary having to work out of the boot of her car and the judges to eat their lunch al fresco under the shade of the trees. We hope to have better luck with a tent next year.

There were not many Fell ponies forward but all those who came went home with at least one rosette. The Fell friends were well represented and the Dales entry was on a par with last year.

Alison Torode, the Fell and Friends judge, chose her first champion of the day in the youngstock class. Although Jane Rawden's Bracklinn Glayva was the only entry he was a worthy winner. He also took home the inaugural Merlin Cup for best registered Fell youngstock.

The adult in hand classes had more entries, with Rachael Nicholls' Greenbeck Bamboozle taking the stallion class, Jenny Crane's Greenholme Caitlin winning the mare class and Sarah Prior's Broxdown Tornado coming first in the gelding class.

The in hand Champion and MESG qualifier for The Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy final was Sarah Prior's Broxdown Tornado. Reserve in hand Champion was Greenholme Caitlin.



Jane Rawden's Bracklinn Glayva, youngstock champion



Jenny Crane's Greenholme Caitlin, 1st in-hand Mares

After lunch the ridden ponies came forward, with Amba Bowley riding Julie Southwell's Inglegarth Yor das being the winner of the under 16s class.

Jane Rawden's gelding Murthwaite Looks Promising took the red ribbon in the Open Ridden class, and was also the winner of the Traditional Walk and Trot class.

The Ridden Champion was Murthwaite Looks Promising, with Inglegarth Yor das as Reserve.

The long reining class which was open to all ponies was won by Claire Lawrence's Tighewood Model. Claire also won the Very Novice WHP, a new class this year.

The WHP Novice and Open classes and the Trotting Time Trial did not have any Fell entries.

Claire Lawrence and Tighewood Model were the only Fell rosette winners in the Dressage, with a third in the Introductory A test.

The Fell Supreme Championship was a rerun of the in hand Championship with Sarah Prior's Broxdown Tornado taking the winner's sash and Jenny Crane's Greenholme Caitlin the reserve.

The end of the day saw the Supreme Champions from the Fell, Fell Friends and Dales rings competing against each other for the accolade of Champion of Champion. Alison Torode and her Dales counterpart Jill Graham had three stunning ponies to choose from. Fell Broxdown Tornado, the Fell friend Supreme champion Melanie Govier's Dartmoor Lochnamoss Symphony, and the Dales Supreme Lindsay Knight's Griseburn Black Darcy all took to the ring to be scrutinised by both judges.

The 2015 Champion of Champions was Sarah Prior's homebred 6 year old Fell gelding Broxdown Tornado (Sunnybrowe Jack x Townend Whisper). *[see colour section]*

Well done to everyone who took part. It would be lovely to see you all again next year and maybe some new faces too. We would especially like to see some more junior riders and handlers. We aim to hold a very friendly show suitable for even the most novice of competitors.

Best of luck to everyone who qualified for Equifest, TSR, Think Pink and Iceni at the show, hope you all do well in your classes.

Our thanks go as always to everyone who helped both in the planning and on the day, our sponsors and of course the competitors—without you there would be no show.

See you all next year.

Jean Bateson



Dorset Fell Show 2015

The weather forecast for once was right as it stopped raining at 9am and the sun came out. Unfortunately it was very windy and in the afternoon the secretary's tent would have blown away if our helpers had not held on to it!

As usual we had more In Hand entries than Ridden for our judge Jenny Charlton. However all ponies were looking good.

It was nice to see new faces along with our regulars, and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Entries in the Dressage classes were lower than in previous years. For those who took part we will have two Walk and Trot classes next year as this was better supported. Class 2 will allow riders to choose between Walk & Trot & a Prelim test. I hope this will help with entries.

We also ran our Handy pony classes. I am hoping that next year someone will give Diana and Jet some competition in the ridden class!

"Thank You" to all our sponsors, because without you we could not hold the show. If any of you wish to help us again for 2016 please get in touch.

All those who gave up their time to help run the show on the day, Thank You too; as you know, without helpers, the show wouldn't run.

So Georgina Blair, Janet Blair, Catriona Edwards, Anne & Mary Biggs, my other half Steve, and Michael Goddard (who was meant to be showing, but instead became ring steward) Thank You.

Sharron

P.S Hurn Bridge is booked for Sunday 1st May 2016.



Learning with Fells 2016

Council have again agreed that applications will be taken from adult as well as junior members. There will be 4 places for 2016 plus 2 reserves. Priority will be given to those aged 10 - 18 years of age.

We are in the process of making the necessary arrangements. There will probably 2 studs involved this year.

If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office as soon as possible. Email secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

There is a bursary, payable from the Mary & Henderson Dodd Memorial Fund, of £50 for each participant to assist with travelling expenses, provided at least two visits are attended.



Cumbria Fell & Dales Show

Cumbria Fell and Dales Pony Show moved from its usual Show venue of Jenkinsons Field at Cliburn Road Ends to Greenlands Equestrian Centre this year. It is hoped that the Show will move back to the Penrith area but Greenlands was a good venue in the meantime. Working Hunter classes were held in the Indoor Arena and In Hand and Flat Ridden Classes were held outside on grass.

The Show enjoys the continued Sponsorship of two local companies. Carrs Agriculture kindly donate a bag of horse feed to each Class Winner and Paragon Veterinary Group generously sponsor a good section of the Rosette Bill which is very welcome!! It would be impossible for the Show to continue without the support of

these two Companies. Entries were up on last year with the largest increase in the Working Hunter Section. Many competitors enjoyed having a go at the Working Hunter Jumps when they had finished their classes in the other rings. The weather was kind on Show Day even though there had been quite a lot of rain the day before.

Mr Bert Morland of Kirkby Stephen judged the Fell Pony In Hand Classes. Stacy Longrigg's 3 year old, Conway Caroles Legacy was the Pony to watch here. The Filly won her Three year old Class, and then was Youngstock Champion and then took the In Hand Fell Pony Championship. Reserve Youngstock Champion was Two year old Filly Banksgate Elidor owned by Fancesca Hoggarth from Ravensglass. Lucy Hogg from Bolton won a strong Geld Mare Class with her own Wansfell Anzin and then was chosen to be Fell Pony In Hand Reserve Champion.

Miss Judith Williamson of Ulverston judged all the Fell Pony Ridden Section which is always the largest section. With 11 Ridden Classes, there was plenty of choice in the Championship. Townend Apple Blossom Picton Novice Ridden Class winner owned and bred by Margaret Wilson and Penny Randell and ridden by Kate Watson of Barrow was the Champion Ridden Fell Pony and Reserve Ridden Fell Pony was Greenholme Dillon owned by Claire Simpson of Milnthorpe and ridden by Alex Robinson of Killington Lake.

David and Sybil Lee of Halifax judged both Dales Pony and Fell Pony Working Hunter Classes. Fell Pony Champion in this section was Lunesdale Wardance ridden by Sophie Jones who won Intermediate and Junior Classes. Fell Pony Reserve Working Hunter Champion was Pamela Brown from Preston riding her own Linnel Tiger Lilly. Dales Pony Working Hunter Champion was Gill Gilthorpe from Gateshead with her own Lowhouses Jemima.

Mr Ernest Coulthard of Kirkby Stephen judged Driving and Best Shod in addition to his main task of sorting out the Dales Pony In Hand Classes.

Lee Daley from County Durham secured both Dales Pony Youngstock Champion with Three year old class winner, Highcroft Princess and Reserve Youngstock Champion with the Two year old class winner, Highcroft Petal. Highcroft Princess

then went on to take the Dales Pony In Hand Section Championship with the Mare Class winner, Lowhouses Monica owned and bred by Ritchie Longstaff from Barnard castle in Reserve.

Mrs Shiela Brookes from Kelso judged all the Dales Pony Ridden Classes. Winner of the Open Ridden Class was Kate Watson's Tabarl Mary Jane who went on take the Ridden Dales Pony Championship. This was Kate's second Ridden Championship of the day, having already won the Fell Pony Ridden Championship. Reserve in this Section went to Julie Robinson's Morlandsdale Mia. Dales Pony Supreme Champion of the Show went to Lee Daley and Highcroft Princess who was the In Hand Champion and Reserve Supreme Dales Pony was Morlandsdale Mia ridden by Julie Robinson who was Reserve Ridden Champion.

Fell Pony Supreme Champion of the Show went to Stacy Longrigg and Conway Caroles Legacy who was In Hand Champion and Reserve Supreme Fell Pony was Lunesdale Wardance who was Working Hunter Champion ridden by Sophie Jones.

Next Year's Cumbria Fell & Dales Show Date is Saturday, June 4th.

Ellen Jones

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Fell Pony Supreme Champion of the Show went to Stacy Longrigg and her 3 year old filly, Conway Caroles Legacy

Allie Slack



Supreme Champion at the Breed Show, Banksgate Galway Girls shown by Tony Ashcroft

Claire Simpson



Ridden Champion and Reserve Supreme, Carole Morland's Lunesdale Aurora ridden



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Joe Tighe's Lunesdale Dylan, driven by Declan Davies to a 'Hatter's Van', a lovely trade vehicle, handmade by Joe. Declan is accompanied by Bert Morland who bred Dylan.

Below: Cumbria Fell and Dales Show: Sponsor, Miss Kelly Smith of PARAGON Vet Group with son James; Supreme Champion Pony, Conway Carole's Legacy, with handler/owner Stacy Longrigg of Appleby; In Hand Judge, Mr Bert Morland of Kirkby Stephen; Working Hunter Judge, Mr David Lee of Halifax; Ridden Judge, Miss Judith Williamson of Ulverston; Reserve Supreme Fell Pony, Lunesdale War Dance with rider/owner Sophie Jones of Hutton John; Sponsor, Mrs Claire Cowx of CARRS Agriculture, Penrith





Cath Wrigley organised the NWASG's Beach Ride at Silecroft in September. "The weather couldn't have been better and everybody had lots of fun."

Below: in The Showing Register ride-off—Mrs P Roberts' Waverhead Dazzler





South Cumbria Show: WHP C hampion Meres Javlin ridden by Anna Metcalfe, and Reserve Townend Apple Blossom ridden by Kate Watson. Below [left], Ridden Reserve Champion, Lunesdale War Dance, Miss S Jones; [right] Ridden Cham pion Ferrymount Tiffany, Miss V Barton





Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland show

In a very fitting tribute to Tommy Capstick, Murthwaite ponies excelled at the Fell, Dales and Highland show held at Bakewell on 4 June, taking the overall supreme and reserve championships under judge Mrs Stella Hore.

Murthwaite Looks Promising [*below*], ridden by Jane Rawden had a super day, and won both his ridden classes to stand Ridden Champion. He also won both dressage tests with the same score of 76% for both his Prelim and Novice qualifying him for the 2016 NPS dressage; and then went on to be supreme champion.



Murthwaite Wanted Man [*above right*], owned by Claire Wigley and Jenny Crane took the adult in hand championship and went on to take the reserve supreme, much to the satisfaction of many spectators who were hoping for a Murthwaite one, two. Jane explained that as she and Claire headed into the supreme they had agreed that they really wouldn't mind which way round the ponies stood, but they would really like both to be pulled forward.

Strines Sizzle, owned by Brenda Furniss and ridden by Laura Drake also had a great day; this was her first ridden show in 20 years and like a true professional she went on to stand reserve ridden champion to the delight of her owner and rider. She took it all in her stride and the team are now hoping to show her again in the near future.

Winner of the gelding class, Ms Duckhouse's Chestermann Dandy stood reserve champion adult in hand on his first outing, travelling up from west Wales and

staying overnight. His breeder Nadia Gwynne and her family travelled down from Scotland to see him.

The youngstock championship went to Mrs Steeples three year old, Greenholme Georgy Girl; with Mrs Rodger's yearling, Bell, taking the reserve. Bell also won the Midlands West Support Group Championship, a the qualifier for the Bewcastle Boy Blue trophy, contested at the Southern show each September.

Other competitors with a tale to tell include the winner of the mares 4-6 years, Barbara Crossmore with Blackash William's Ruby, who behaved like a complete pro throughout, even though she had never travelled before, or moved 100 yards from the field she was born in. Alisha Hope took second place in her novice class with Severnvale Joe, a pony bought from Derby market last year; both rider and pony at their first show ever. Thea Hannigan was also attending her first show with Drumburgh Emma, another rescue pony but with previous showing form. Charlotte Ball also had a very good day, taking two seconds in ridden classes with Townend Merry. Townend Merry was one of twins born at Townend in 2000 and Merry's current owners would dearly love to trace her twin sister Maddy, whose whereabouts is not known.

Competitors and spectators reported that the show, as always, had a super atmosphere; and that it was lovely to catch up with like minded people. Old school friends Nicola Foster and Barbara Crossmore found themselves riding together, 30 years since they last rode together, which had then been on Fell ponies! Thanks to all who make this lovely show a success.

Claire Simpson



FPS South Cumbria Show 2015

The Fell Pony Society South Cumbria show is run by Paul and Bev Metcalfe, Julie Robinson and their team, who always do a super job of creating a lovely show with a great atmosphere. The show was well supported, and the weather stayed mainly dry, but there was a very strong cold wind that created a few monsters to challenge some of the novice ponies.

Paul Saunders judged the in hand classes and Sue Mallinson the ridden; both were impressed with the very high standard across the board. Paul awarded the in hand championship to Margaret Wilson's Townend Skylark, a lovely five year old mare by Heltondale Bonzo Boy, shown by Penny Randell. Skylark has since won her class at the Royal Highland and was overall supreme horse champion at Skelton show. Bert and Carole Morland's yearling Lunesdale Anna took the reserve in hand championship. Anna is another cracking filly sired by Lunesdale Warlord. Skilfully shown by Vicki Kenyon, she had only been haltered a couple of weeks earlier, but took everything in her stride.



Judges Paul Saunders and Sue Mallinson with the champion ponies, Victoria Barton's Ferrymount Tiffany (left) and Margaret Wilson's Townend Skylark.

Sue awarded the ridden championship to Victoria Barton's Ferrymount Tiffany, sired by Lowthwaite Gary. Sue described Tiffany as a very worthy winner and a true traditional hill bred type. Sophie Jones took the reserve championship and the junior championship with Lunesdale War Dance, another pony sired by Lunesdale Warlord, and who also won his intermediate WHP class. Sue particularly liked War Dance's true Fell pony action and the fact that the combination performed consistently well throughout the day. The reserve junior championship went to Ellie Mitchell with her new young pony Greenholme Fiona. Sue said that she was very impressed by the junior riders, some of whom had entered the novice and junior classes and blossomed as the day progressed.

The working hunter ring ran all day with clear round classes and the option to join a mini masterclass with by Julie Robinson; followed by novice, intermediate and open classes which were judged by Liz Pilgrim. Meres Javlin, winner of the open class took the WHP championship, ridden by Anna Metcalfe; with Townend Apple Blossom and Kate Watson, winner of the novice class, in reserve.

At the end of the day the champions from the three rings contested the supreme where Townend Skylark took the honours with Ferrymount Tiffany in reserve.

Claire Simpson



MWSG Spring Show 2015

A wild and windy day greeted judge Colin Turner and competitors for the 3rd Annual Midlands West 'Festival of Fells' Spring Show on 12th April, who braved the weather with good spirits and smiles throughout the day. A lovely selection of ponies had travelled from various lengths of the MWSG area (and beyond) to take part and enjoy the event. Beautiful 'pom pom' rosettes, sashes and flower sashes had been made and supplied by group members Nat and Hannah Toft, which gave for a really united feel to the show!

Our first winner of the day was in the Stallion class and this was by the 4 year old stallion, Boutime Wooster owned and bred by Deborah Vynchinski from Derbyshire, having taken a 4 hour round trip to attend. Wooster then went on to claim the Adult Inhand Championship, the Overall Inhand Championship and finally the Supreme Championship, so very much worth the journey.

Youngstock and reserve overall Inhand Champion went to Hayley Reynolds's Townend yearling, Townend Chieftain. It was a great achievement for a young pony on only his second outing! Youngstock reserve also went to Hayley Reynolds once again with the 2 year old colt, Murthwaite Sid.

Our ridden section championship was claimed by Murthwaite Iceman, ridden by Hayley Reynolds, who then claimed the reserve Supreme spot too. A relatively new Fell owner, Heidi Saxon-Bland took the reserve ridden with Hillhead Horace, who was clearly over the moon with her award.

Our fun section championship went to Ryan Davies from Mid-Wales and Sleddale Tommy, who had won the childrens ridden and young handler classes. Reserve in this section was a Wellbrow bred yearling, Bell, owned and shown by Amanda Rodger, who had won the Senior Handler class.

Lots of happy competitors all round, who really enjoyed the friendly atmosphere to get them set up for the forthcoming season ahead. Many thanks to all involved, to our sponsors and benefactors. Next year we are keeping the same date, second Sunday in April 2016 and venue, so please mark your diary now to ensure for a good day.

Diane Key



43rd FPS Breed Show, Dalemain, 2015

The Fell Pony Society held its annual Breed Show in the heart of the Lake District at the beautiful setting of Dalemain, near Ullswater, on 8th August 2015, by kind permission of the Hasell-McCosh family. After a mixed week the rain held off and the event attracted a large number of spectators.

Judges Glenis Cockbain and Penny Randell who were kept busy in the in hand rings, and were joined by Colin Turner, who judged the open and junior ridden classes to judge the supreme.

They awarded the overall supreme championship to the Ashcroft family's Banksgate Galway Girl, a nine year old mare by Townend Rally out of Banksgate Bonny Lass. This is a tremendous achievement for the Ashcrofts who also won the supreme championship last year with Banksgate Vember. Galway Girl, who is named after the Steve Earle song, is a full sister to Banksgate Tamlin who is having a very successful career under saddle and has recently qualified for the Horse of the Year Show. Galway Girl had taken the in hand female championship with Drybarrows Collean, who won the mare with filly foal for David Thompson, in reserve.

Reserve supreme went to Carole Morland's Lunesdale Aurora, who had taken the open mares and ridden championship with Julie Robinson; topping off a good week for the combination who had qualified for HOYS at Malvern. The reserve ridden champion was Darrenvale Warrior with Miss J Smith, winner of stallion and gelding open ridden class. Winner of the hotly contested HOYS class on the day was Rebecca Penny with Townend Schubert.

The Morlands were delighted to see other Lunesdale ponies in top form; including their own yearling Lunesdale Anna, who won her class and took the youngstock championship with Banksgate Elidor reserve for Francesca Hoggarth. Lunesdale Moonlight, took best three year old for the Tighe family; and Lunesdale Warrior Queen, junior ridden champion with Anna Metcalfe for the third year running; with Miss A Morgan and Brackenbank Bobby in reserve.

Young Ellie Mitchell, who is just 13, won the novice mare class and novice ridden championship with Greenholme Fiona under judge Miss J Paterson, with Brackenthwaite Bonnie and Miss J Smith in reserve.

Ponies owned and bred by the Wellbrow stud had a fabulous day, with the offspring of Wellbrow Carmen and Heltondale Mountain Mist II, namely Wellbrows Cari, Mikado and Fury, winning the mare progeny class for the



Claire Simpson

Left to right: Reserve supreme champion, Carole Morland's Lunesdale Aurora, winner of the open mares and ridden championship with Julie Robins on; judges Colin Turner and Miss J Paterson; Reserve ridden champion was Darrenvale Warrior with Miss J Smith, winner of stallion and gelding open ridden class.

second year running and taking second place in the stallion progeny class behind the Bybeck stud's progeny of Murthwaite Timothy. Cari and Mikado won the classes for mares 4-7 years and two year old colt or gelding respectively, while Fury took second place in the class for three year old colt or gelding for Anneli Ferrier. In other classes Wellbrow Eli won the novice ridden stallion or gelding with Zoe Marsden; and Wellbrow Dodger won the geldings 4-7 years for Ms Younger; taking the reserve champion gelding, behind Beverley Hodgson and Inglegarth Renaissance.

Other winners in hand were the nineteen year old Darrenvale Katie shown by Deb Vychinski, who won the veteran class; Katie being the dam of her successful stallion Boutime Wooster. At the other end of the age scale Brackenbank Demelza won best foal for David and Katherine Wilkinson. Bracklinn Travis headed the yearling colts for Alistair Smith; and Brackenthwaite Radar took the three year old colt or gelding class for Rachel Douglas.

Young people were very well catered for with classes for young riders from lead rein onwards, young handlers and young judges, under judge Ruth Eastwood; as well as the fancy dress class, popular with young and old alike. Miss H Wainwright won the lead rein class with Bess; Jack

Nicholson won the first ridden with Kerbeck Night Shadow. Charlotte Holliday had an excellent day riding Lownthwaite Bramble to victory in the ridden veteran, juniors under 13 years and pairs class, together with Alison Bell and Lownthwaite Flicka II. Charlotte then also won the class for young handlers under 13 years. Megan Wilkinson won the class for young judges for the second year running; and the fancy dress class went again to the Ellis family with Scotgate Midnight Rebel.

Other winners in the ridden rings included Ferrymount Tiffany and Vicky Barton who won the traditional walk and trot class and Jill Gilthorpe won the best turned out with Lunesdale Lord.

The driving classes were judged by Barbara Bell. Paul Metcalfe won the showing class with Greenholme Dec and also the Packway Bellman Trophy for most points for riding, driving & dressage. Jackie Parkinson won the keenly contested cones driving with Tynebank Danny Boy and Tynebank Brown Bobby.

There were three dressage competitions running during the day, judged by Nancy Rowson. The senior BE90 Test 95 class was won by a delighted Vicki Parker and Thornbeck Andrew. The Prelim 7 junior class went to Ellie Mitchell with Greenholme Dec and the Introductory to Amanda Bridges with Brackenbank Ebony

In the foot classes Cath Wrigley's Murthwaite Ripley and was awarded the best foot shod, while Lownthwaite Cointreau won the unshod class for Sue Worthington.

Working hunter classes made a welcome return to the show after a gap of several years. All levels of ability and experience were catered for by organiser Jenny Charlton and judge Georgina Callister who did a great job of making it a relaxed and fun event. The day started with a clear round class which gave competitors a chance to gain confidence before competing in their classes. The WHP beginners' class was won by Chesterman Dandy and Ms Duckhouse. The novice class was won by Greenholme Dillon with Anna Metcalfe, who also won the open class with Meres Javlin. The winner of the intermediate class was Murthwaite Ice Man with Hayley Reynolds, who was delighted to take the overall WHP championship.

Many thanks to Rachel Brunskill, Show Secretary; the Show Committee and all the many other people who help with all the work behind the scenes to make the show such a success.

Claire Simpson



FPS Young Persons Group

Our second year has been another successful one. We held our AGM in March, which was well-supported and generated some good suggestions and new ideas. After a year as Secretary, I [Frances Miller] was voted-in as Chairman, Leanne Russell as Vice-chair, Stacy Longrigg as Secretary and Gordon Miller as Treasurer. Alison Bell has kindly agreed to be our link with Council. Amongst the topics discussed at our AGM were the growing interest in driving Fell Ponies, having a National Final for Fell Ponies in dressage, and finding new ways to reward younger members who take part in activities with their ponies other than showing. The YPG produced some 'special' rosettes which have been awarded to under-18s at several events this summer. After starting with no funds in March 2014, Gordon Miller reported a closing balance of £347.38 in the account.

Our southern event in July was held at The Glyn, near Monmouth. Despite a bad weather forecast we were relieved the sun shone for our judging clinic and wander round the valley to look at the ponies. Peter Boustead gave an interesting and informative talk on Breed Type and Conformation, and we were able to judge all of the ponies with this in mind. At lunchtime we were treated to a delicious hog roast & many home baked cakes which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. In the afternoon farriers Alan Ashcroft Dip. WCF and Stephen Green Dip. WCF (a tutor at Myerscough College) gave a fascinating presentation on the anatomy of a good foot and its importance to the Fell pony. Many people said how interesting they found this talk. It was a pleasure to welcome new and old Fell Pony enthusiasts to our home and to meet our ponies, from as far afield as Cornwall and Cumbria.

On 23rd August we were very kindly invited by Bill and Isobel Potter and their family to view their Greenholme ponies, at Stoney Gill near Shap. Approximately 150 people attended to see the wonderful semi-feral herd, with many mares and foals, as well as the four stallions which had been brought in for us to see at close quarters:



Bert Morland and Bill Potter at the Open day at Greenholme stud.

Anne Hogg

Greenholme Warrior, G Diego, G. Ringo and G. Bobby Dazzler. Bert Morland talked us through breed characteristics and good conformation using five mares and foals. Many questions followed, and we all thoroughly appreciated the chance to learn from Bert's many years of breeding the hugely successful Lunesdale Fell Ponies. After refuelling with a buffet at The Cross Keys Inn at Tebay, we went along to the Ryehouse Stud and Show Team at Killington Lake for a riding display by Anna Metcalfe, Bethan Lewis, Amy Kinsella, with help from Courtney Savage, and fantastic commentary by Julie Robinson. Not only did we see Fell ponies in their different stages of ridden training, but Julie also brought out her Dales mare so we could compare ways of going between a Fell & Dales pony. Paul Metcalfe then harnessed-up his Greenholme Dec to put him to a cart and give us a driving demonstration. The highlight for many was the opportunity to 'have a go' at driving the extremely patient Dec.



It was a great opportunity to see Fell ponies in their natural state in the morning, followed directly by seeing them transformed with sympathy and skill into working ponies in the afternoon display. We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed in many ways to making the day such a success for all who attended.

Both events this summer have been supported by Fell Pony enthusiasts from all corners of the country and we are extremely grateful for the support of those who have attended. However, we always welcome new members to support the FPS Young Person's Group committee and to have fun learning about our adored Fell Ponies.

I would like to pay special thanks to Stacy Longrigg who has worked very hard behind the scenes this year, and along with Allie Slack has baked many delicious cakes for us all to enjoy at both events. Leanne Russell and Helen Wenden have covered many miles to help at both events and it has been a true team effort along with the rest of the YPG committee.

Details of the next YPG AGM will be in the Spring Newsletter. If you would like to contact us in the mean time:

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Stacy Longrigg: ritson29@hotmail.co.uk (07912 697584)



Scottish Area Support Group

The Fell Pony Society North Scotland area group held a get-together at Doonies Rare Breeds Farm near Aberdeen on 17 May 2015. It was a great turnout and we enjoyed an informative tour with Joan and Ernie Strachan of the RBST. We are hoping we can support the RBST in future to promote our lovely breed.



Fells at Finzean!!

Amongst the participants at the British Horse Society (Grampian) Grass Sickness sponsored ride on 14 June 2015, were these lovely Scottish Fell ponies. Wellbrow Candy (Nicola Garret), Hardendale Rowan (Jacqueline Cheetham), Greenholme Kirstie (Emily Cheetham) and Lindeth Malvolio (Patricia Frampton-Heldman). All enjoyed a great ride while helping to raise over £2000 for such a worthwhile cause.

Jacqueline
Cheetham





North East Area Support Group

It's been a fairly quiet year in the North East, especially as some of our events have been cancelled. We began the year in February with a Sunday Lunch Event where Dougie & Jackie Parkinson came to share their enthusiasm for Fell ponies and driving. They were very entertaining and we were all delighted to learn that they had won the 'Edinburgh Prize for Driving', a new award donated by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. This was followed early in March by our Study Day, held at Stonechester, near Crook. The topic was 'An Introduction to Jumping' with Anneli Ferrier. Our more mature members were rather shy at taking part but the junior members had a whale of a time and were effortlessly flying through the air.

The Highland and Fell Pony Camp (or Hairy Camp as it's more lovingly known!) was the next event in our calendar which took place over the bank holiday weekend early in May. It's becoming a great annual get together of like minded people wanting to try something different. The final day was rather damp but spirits were high and we all had a wonderful time. We are very grateful to the Charlton family for allowing us to hold this event at Linnel Wood.

Unfortunately the Hexham Native Pony Show was once again cancelled, but the new Native Pony Festival held at Throckley, near Newcastle attracted record entries in the Fell section. This show is going from strength to strength so is definitely one to attend in the future (Saturday 4th July 2016). The North East Group have two ponies going down to the FPS Southern Show to represent us in the Inter-Area In-hand Championship. They are Littletree Heartbreaker with Ellie Anderson and Linnel Jay with Zoe Alderslade. We wish them luck and hope they have a safe journey and enjoy the weekend.

It is with much regret that the Native Pony Performance Trials, to be held at Linnel Wood has had to be cancelled for 2015 because of Bob Charlton's current health problems. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope volunteers come forward to help run this event in 2016. If you are willing to be actively involved, then please let me know. Our final event of the year will be our annual pleasure ride which takes place on Sunday 11th October. This is open to all FPS members and full details and an application form is on the website.

The North East Group is always trying to do its bit for the planet so could we request that if you've not already done so or have changed your email address that you send your details to me at the following address: eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk

If any of our members would like to receive a paper copy of our newsletter in the New Year then please send an SAE to Eileen Walker at Abbots Close Farm, Fir Tree, Crook, Co Durham DL15 8DL

Finally, thank you all for your support during 2015 and let us know if you want us to consider a new event during 2016. We need ideas for our spring study day

and we are considering running a 'Le Trec' event next summer. All 2016 events will be advertised on the FPS Website and on the North East Support Group Facebook page next January.

Eileen A Walker



North West Area Support Group

Well what a busy and enjoyable year the North West Group have had so far. We have held five events so far this year with one event left, the annual Foal & Youngstock Show in November. The turnout and support we have had to our events throughout 2015 has been brilliant, we would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. This has led us to be able to sponsor a class at both the Stallion Show and Breed Show this year which has been great to put the support and money back into the Society.

We started this year by holding a **Visit to International Driving Champion George Bowman's yard**. This was our first event of the year, held on Sunday 22nd February, and we were delighted by the number of people who attended. He took us round to see his beautiful horses, then around each carriage, one by one, and told stories about each of them. He then gave us a fantastic driving demonstration and some people even had a go at driving for the first time; this was followed by a Sunday lunch at Penrith Golf Club which went down very well after the brisk morning.

One week later, we held a **Showing Clinic with Julie Robinson** at Newton Rigg Equestrian Centre. This is always a very successful event and we were fully booked with four sessions throughout the day, two ridden and two working hunter clinics. I'm sure everyone went home with plenty of advice and tips to help them improve. It's a great way to start the year with your pony.

Pleasure Ride - This was held at Craven Country Ride in Skipton, North Yorkshire on Sunday 21st June. We had 12 riders altogether, who split into three groups, and the ride took around two and a half hours. We were lucky with the weather, because it was a nice sunny day and the rain held off, phew. The day went very well, all the riders were happy and the ponies seemed to have enjoyed a really good day out. There were lots of different jumps, three water complexes, a bridge, some handy pony activities and lots more so there was plenty of fun for everyone. I'm sure this will be an event we hold again in the future.

Wellbrow Stud Visit - Kindly hosted by the Thorpe family on August bank holiday Sunday. We were delighted to be joined at the Wellbrow Stud's first ever open day situated in Rossendale, Lancashire by an international audience of over 100 people, travelling from all over the UK and from even as far as Colorado. Andrew, Michelle, Gemma and Ben walked us around each field and introduced us to all of their ponies, explaining each pony and its breeding. They had kindly

brought the ponies down from the surrounding hills to the fields around their farm. Everyone enjoyed a bite to eat at the catering van, before one by one their stallions were brought out and trotted in front of everyone. We were then able to walk around the ponies in their barn and people were able to have a walk around the ponies in the fields on their own to get a closer look at their favourites from the day.

Beach Ride - What an amazing day at Silecroft Beach, hosted by Cath Wrigley at Murthwaite Green Trekking Centre. We had 21 riders in total which was another fully booked event and we couldn't have booked better weather. Riders, families and friends enjoyed a BBQ right next to the beach so the riders could come and go on the beach as they pleased. Alex Wrigley kindly volunteered to do the photography, and I'm sure there will be lots of fantastic pictures of the day on his website. [See Colour photo section] This will also be another annual event we will be holding again after such a successful day.



Enjoying the pleasure ride at the Craven cross country course near Skipton, Yorkshire.

Still to come - Foal & Youngstock Show on Sunday 8th November at Newton Rigg Equestrian Centre, kindly judged by Mrs J Ward. Commencing at 11:00am prompt, there are 5 classes consisting of filly foals, colt foals, yearlings, 2 & 3 year olds. There is a Foal Championship, Youngstock Championship and an Overall Supreme Championship. Lots of rosettes, sashes, prize money and kindly donated trophies to be won. A downloadable copy of the schedule and entry form can be found on the FPS website, however, you can also email Amanda.bridges91@gmail.com and I will email a copy to you. If you would like a

paper version, please send a SAE to Amanda Bridges, Accornlee Hall Farm, Foulridge, Colne, Lancs, BB8 7QG.

The committee already have plans underway for events next year which we are very excited about. Our first event will be a Sunday lunch followed by a talk held at Crooklands Hotel on Sunday 6th March 2016. We will also be holding a Summer Camp at Newton Rigg Equestrian Centre, further details are still to be confirmed so please keep a look out in the coming months.

On behalf of the North West Group, we would like to thank every one of you that has supported our events throughout this year and for your kind donations. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the North West committee for all of your help, support and time dedicated to the group.

Amanda Bridges - Secretary



Penny Randell's Townend Skylark, Supreme Champion at South Cumbria Fell Pony Show. 5 year old Geld mare by Townend Sky x Heltondale Bonzo Boy. Skylark was also Supreme Champion Horse at Skelton Show against all breeds.



Midlands East Area Support Group

The year started off with a Points Awards celebration dinner and was followed in April by the first of three Fell and Friends shows.

We are a large area with the most Fell owners in the Leicester, Lincoln area. Norfolk and Suffolk have the least number of Fell owners but always put on a very good show with the Dales society at Sandringham Show in May.

Our second Fells and Friends show gave us our second Boy Blue qualifier for the Southern Breed Show. Ludworth Viking and Broxdown Tornado are the 2015 representatives for the Boy Blue Inter Area In Hand Championship.

One of our members has acquired an Equine Weighing machine which has been taken to our shows. I gather it has been helpful to the owners! No one asked the ponies!

Our wonderful ponies have been out and about. Jane Rawden and Murthwaite Looks Promising competed at the Royal International Longines Show, and there are lots of ponies doing their job and hacking out and giving the grandchildren a wonderful time. Here are Jean Bateson's grandchildren having fun with Nell (Linnel Fair Dinkum).

Our lunch and Meeting will be on 26th September at Huntingdon Holiday Inn, which is on the racecourse. Contact Kate Merry, bkmerry@gmail.com

3rd October Rare Breeds Show at Houghton Camb.

www.rbys.org.uk

Some of us will be joining Midlands West on 17th Oct for a talk by Viv Wood-Gee about her Coast to Coast ride at Gt Bideford Hall, nr Stafford contact diane@fellpony.me.uk. Always fascinating, come and join us.

Christmas events will be on FPS-MESG website and MESG Facebook.

I have had three enquiries about buying Fell ponies recently and a couple of general enquiries about where Fells can be seen.

For County contacts see main FPS website under Area Support Groups or FPS-MESG website.

Kate Merry, Convenor Midlands East





Midlands West Area Support Group

The group began the year with another successful **Spring Festival of Fells Show** at Oswestry. Show organizer Debbie Roberts Jones reports on the day.

“A change of venue proved to be a good decision to allow the show to grow and so our 3rd Annual Festival of Fells Spring Show was held at Radford Equestrian Centre, Llanymynech just on the Shropshire border. Competitors once again travelled good distances from around the MWSG Area and beyond to brave the fierce winds which seem to dominate the weather on show day, and put pay to the sponsors acknowledgement bunting, which was to be pinned around the outside of the ring! Colin Turner was our judge, and it was pleasing to see a good quality turnout in all classes.

“Our eventual In Hand Adult Champion, Overall In Hand Champion and Overall Supreme of the Show was the winner of the first class, Stallions In Hand Mrs D Vychinski’s Boutime Wooster, setting the standard high for the rest of the day and making their 4 ½ hour round trip very much worth their while! Yearling winner was Miss H Reynold’s Townend Chieftain, who was both Young Stock Champion and Reserve Overall In Hand Champion while his stable mate, Murthwaite Sid, who had taken the 2 and 3 year old colt class, was Reserve Young Stock Champion. Mr G Richardson took the red ribbon in the 2 year old filly or gelding class followed by Mrs D Robert-Jone’s Greenholme Gambler in the 3 year old filly or gelding class.

“Moving onto the Adult In Hand classes, the Mare In Hand class was claimed by Mr and Mrs G Miller with their 4 year old, grey mare, Drybarrows Freya, having made a long journey from the southern extremities of the group from South Wales. The Gelding In Hand class was won by Hillhead Horace, a first for owner Mrs H Bland who had never attended a ‘Breed Show’ before and was naturally delighted. A new class for 2015 was the Pure Novice In Hand class, which was taken by yearling, Townend Wispa also owned by Mr and Mrs G Miller.

“The Ridden classes were well supported, with two greys making a wonderful spectacle placed Champion and Reserve. Murthwaite Iceman ridden by Miss H Reynolds took the top honours after picking up the red in the Open Ridden, with Hillhead Horace and Mrs H Bland taking Reserve after their win in the Novice and Traditional Ridden classes. Iceman later went on to take Reserve Supreme of Show.

“Our relaxed and ‘fun’ classes section, for those who were perhaps novice or seeking a less pressured day, drew lots of new members forward, which was encouraging for both themselves and for us as show co-ordinators. Our judge was Rhiannon Breese from Oswestry. The Young Handler winner and Children’s Ridden winner and eventual ‘Fun Champion’ was the ever smiling Ryan Davies with Sleddale Tommy. Amanda Rodger with Bell was Reserve after claiming the Senior Handler class. Our Lead Rein class winner was Keely Woodhead riding

Murthwaite Baywatch. New for 2015 in this section was the Trekking Class, and it was wonderful to see the competitors had really taken this class to heart and got into the spirit of what it was about promoting safe and correct riding when out hacking. Ashness Black Rupert owned by Mrs J Hillman proved to be the eventual winner.

“Also new for 2015 were our Dressage classes. Judge Anne Jones from Welshpool had never judged Fells before and was completely smitten by the breed by the time she left! Murthwaite Iceman once again had a good run in both classes, and Ashness Black Rupert collected the prize for the pony who had ‘pleased the judge the most’ which was a diamante embossed saddle cloth and vouchers for a portrait very kindly donated by Ramelia Images.

“All that is left for me to say is a HUGE thank you to our friendly judges, our wonderful competitors, Shropshire Rosettes for providing the unusual and much appreciated ‘pom-pom’ rosettes and the rather stunning flower sashes, and all the benefactors which make the MWSG Spring Show a true Festival of Fells! I hope to see you all on Sunday 10th April 2016, same time, same place and more details will be published closer to the time on the Midlands West Support Group webpage and group web site.”

In June, the annual **Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland Pony Show** at Bakewell Show Ground Derbyshire was well attended with good entries. The Fell Pony section was judged by Mrs Stella Hore. (Full results are available elsewhere in this publication and also in the Group Newsletter).

We would welcome any sponsorship (no matter how small) and encourage ALL Midlands West Fell Pony owners to attend and support both the next Spring show and the Fell classes at the Derbyshire Fell, Dales and Highland Show. There are classes for everyone and useful points can be gained for the annual performance awards!

Following the show in June, the Group’s next event was the eagerly anticipated **Group visit to the Townend Fell Pony Stud**. The group were indebted to Margaret Wilson who very kindly allowed the group the opportunity to see her lovely ponies. There was a good turnout by group members who came from all over and who were very impressed with the Townend Fell ponies. Also impressive was the positive feast that Margaret provided following the visit.

Next Events:

Saturday October 17th ~ Talk By Vyv Wood-Gee on her Coast To Coast Fell Pony Ride. Postponed From March 2015

To be held at Great Bridgeford Village Hall, Newport Road, Great Bridgeford, Stafford, ST18 9PR (1½ miles from M6 Junction 14 Stafford North). Doors will open at 12.30pm, light refreshments from 1.00pm followed by talk at 2.00pm. There will also be a Chinese Auction (any donations for this will be gratefully received). Entry by ticket only. Tickets can be purchased at £5 each (£2.50 for under twelves) from either Diane Key at Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18

9PQ, telephone 01785 282922 or email diane@fellpony.me.uk or from Mary Longsdon at Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1NN or telephone 01629 640709. Cheques should be made out to Fell Pony Society Midlands West. Could you please send a SAE.

NB if you purchased tickets for the postponed talk in March, your tickets are valid for October.

Sunday October 18th - Ride on the Chatsworth Estate, Derbyshire.

This event is being organised by the Dales Pony Society but they are very generously allowing the MWFPS Group to join in. There will be group rosettes for all our members taking part.

Details will follow shortly but you do need to let us know if you will be going. You will also need to be a fully paid member of the Midlands West Fell Group and should have insurance cover. You can contact either Mary Longsdon or Diane Key about this event. Debbie Roberts Jones will keep Facebook users up to date with all of our events and details can be found on our Group website

Sunday 1st November - Annual Group Luncheon at the home of Elizabeth Marshall at Merefield, Oaks Green, Sudbury, (Near Uttoxeter), Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5HX.

Please meet for 12.30pm. The lunch will be followed by a guest speaker (details to be confirmed). There will also be the usual Fell Pony Photo Show, Pudding Competition, Newsletter Caption Competition, Raffle, presentation of the annual Performance Awards and Fell Pony Society merchandise for sale.

If you would like to attend this highly popular event please telephone Elizabeth Marshall on 01283 585358 or Diane Key 01785 282922. Please book at least one week before as places are limited.

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Midlands East & Midlands West Area Support Groups present

Coast to Coast—a talk by Vyv Wood-Gee

17th October 2015

**at Great Bridgeford Village Hall, Newport Road, Great Bridgeford, Stafford,
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£5 per person (£2.50 for under-12s). Tickets from:

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or Mary Longsdon at Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1NN, telephone 01629 640709.

Towards the end of November ~ Open Group Meeting at Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ

Fully paid up members will be advised of the agenda. If you have not paid your £5 subs for this year, you can pay on the day and attend. Your input is greatly valued!!

Christmas Social

Following last year's successful pre-Christmas social get together organised by Debbie Roberts-Jones, Debbie is hoping to organise a similar event this December. Details of this will be available in our next group newsletter or from Facebook.

Alternatively please contact Debbie Roberts-Jones on 01691 652843.

The Midlands West Group newsletter will be available after the November meeting, so if you have any sales or wants to be advertised FREE OF CHARGE please contact Diane Key on 01785 282922 or email diane@fellpony.me.uk

Please note that our Secretary Diane Key has now moved. Contact details are as follows: Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ, telephone 01785 282922, but email address remains the same—diane@fellpony.me.uk.

If you would like to join the Midlands West Fell Pony Support Group please contact Mr B Stamp, Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ, telephone number 01785 282922. A membership form is available to download from our web site. Please send a £5 cheque made payable to the Fell Pony Society Midlands West with your name and address and if applicable email address details. If you would like a receipt please include a SAE. Standing order forms are also now available (please send your completed standing order form to your bank not us - many thanks).

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

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Conservation Grazing with Fell Ponies

On the 29th March 2015, a new FPS conservation grazing sub-committee met to discuss how to create the supply to fulfil the demand. This new sub-committee consists of Eileen Walker as chairman, Andrew Thorpe, Christine Robinson, Sarah Charlton (all FPS Council members) Ruth Dalton (Northern Field Officer for the Rare Breeds Survival Trust) and Nicola Evans (Conservation Grazing Officer for Natural England).

A discussion took place identifying the importance of managing the habitat and the need to educate Fell pony owners about the benefits of grazing Fell ponies and the practicalities of conservation grazing, especially in Cumbria, and how they and their ponies can become involved. Ruth Dalton agreed to write an article relaying general facts about conservation grazing while Nicola Evans would provide a case study of her experiences of 'growing on' Fell youngsters before putting them to a job and offering them for sale. These will be followed in the spring magazine by another case study from the Wellbrow Stud and any other articles supplied by you, the members.

Please let me know if you are already involved in conservation grazing with Fell ponies or you would like to be involved in some way in the future.

Eileen A Walker



Grazing for Wildlife

One of the great strengths of the Fell Pony breed is its versatility. The ponies that are bred in the uplands can go on to great things in a range of ridden and driven disciplines, the often harsh environmental conditions ensuring that their sound constitution is maintained. Perhaps because they are so successful as working ponies, Fell ponies have not been used as much as some other native pony breeds for conservation grazing. There are however a growing number of people recognising the benefits, not only to biodiversity and landscape, but also to the breed.

Conservation grazing is grazing that is primarily carried out to manage and improve habitats of high nature conservation value, rather than for livestock production. However, many conservation grazing schemes do produce high-quality livestock products, usually in the form of lamb, beef, or breeding stock.

Most grasslands in the UK would eventually become dense scrub and woodland if left un-grazed. In order to maintain a variety of plant species, and prevent tussocky coarse grasses dominating, grazing is required both to maintain areas of existing nature conservation value, and to restore areas that could support a

greater variety of plants and insects if they were managed sympathetically. Many environmental stewardship schemes (payments by government to farmers for managing their land) specify the timing and type of grazing that is desirable for particular areas of land, and native ponies are included in the list of appropriate breeds.

Ponies have several benefits over the use of cattle and sheep and, because of this, are often in demand with conservation organisations as grazers: they are not subject to the onerous tagging and movement regulations of farmed livestock, and therefore do not run the risk of financial penalties if errors are made; they are relatively low-maintenance and hardy; and on water catchment areas around reservoirs they are preferred over cattle, as they do not carry the dangerous pathogen cryptosporidium, which can cause stomach upsets and is difficult to remove from the water supply.

Ponies tend not to be unduly bothered by dogs, are able to cope with difficult terrain and rough grazing, and handled ponies can even be led on and off sites with no vehicular access. Ponies are also good at eating a wide variety of plants in the winter, including less palatable rushes and scrub, whilst preferring grasses over wild flowers in the summer when forage is more plentiful.

There are also benefits to the ponies to being employed in conservation grazing—many grazing sites provide a good environment for ponies to mature between weaning and being brought into work, allowing them to interact in a herd environment and learn vital skills whilst costing relatively little to keep. Many grazing sites offer rough keep which is perfect for ponies who need bulk but not quality grazing, or good winter roughage.

Evidently, there are challenges as well as benefits to carrying out conservation grazing with ponies, and owners need to be aware of potential hazards before entering into such a scheme. Bear in mind that many areas looking for grazing animals are those which have been deemed unsuitable for use in commercial agriculture. This may be due to their small size, poor grazing, difficult access or potentially hazardous nature. Conservation sites with rights of way or open public access require careful thought and management - these sites may be more suitable for ponies which have not had a great deal of handling as they are less likely to approach humans in the expectation of food. This of course brings with it a suite of other complications, especially if areas only require grazing for a short period of time in which case ponies that are easy to catch and transport are invaluable. Having an older pony who knows the site can be useful on more extensive areas where there may be a turnover of younger animals, as they can educate the youngsters on the best spots to shelter and find water.

Regular checks of any livestock are always required, and some site managers may help with these, or it may be possible to find and train local volunteer “stock checkers” who will carry out daily checks. However, the owner is ultimately responsible for the health and welfare of the ponies, and must have contingency plans in place to gather stock in case of any problems. Regular hoof care and

parasite control must be undertaken as well as ensuring a plentiful supply of clean water is available. Adequate public liability insurance is another must.



Even very small-scale grazing jobs can be satisfying and valuable to both site manager and pony owner - ponies are used on many smaller nature reserves for only a few weeks each year, doing a fantastic job of removing the year's rank grass growth in the winter months, and allowing wild flowers and insects to proliferate the following Spring. My hairy Fell gelding returned from a grazing job on a tiny Parish Council-owned village site with a beautiful running plait all the way down his mane—presumably having been befriended by a local youngster! We had a small poster on the gate with our contact details and pony information, and I hope this was also a great advert for the breed.

If you are interested in conservation grazing and would like to know more, or are already employing your ponies in a scheme and would like to share your experience, do contact the Conservation Grazing Sub-committee of the Fell Pony Society via their chairman, Eileen Walker.

Ruth Dalton, RBST/GAP Northern Field Officer

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The RBST monitor, save and promote rare and native breeds of UK livestock. In 2015, Fell ponies are listed as "At Risk" on the RBST Watchlist of breeds at risk, meaning there are estimated to be between 900 and 1500 registered breeding-age females. The Rare Breeds Survival Trust Grazing Animals Project also run one day Livestock checkers courses, give advice on conservation grazing and, through the Coronation Meadows project, are involved in restoring hay meadows across the country.



Conservation Case Study—Helmside Fell Ponies

I bought my first Fell ponies over 6 years ago to carry out conservation grazing work. I now run a herd of 12-14 ponies comprising young mares and geldings, usually up to around 5 years old. I don't normally breed myself as I prefer to support other breeders by buying in youngstock. My ponies live out all year round carrying out conservation grazing work in South Cumbria.

I have a herd of 7 ponies grazing for Friends of the Lake District very close to home on acid grassland and gorse scrub all year round. They get lots of public attention on a daily basis [*see photo on opposite page*] as well as starring in many photographs and taking part in publicity events. Apart from chewing the green oak gates each Autumn, they are doing a great grazing job producing a more varied sward structure and keeping scrub growth in check.

My other ponies graze species rich pastures and meadows from their base at home and then go out to other grazing jobs as required. They have grazed limestone grassland and scrub, neutral grassland and lowland heath for private landowners and conservation organisations. Many grazing jobs are on small areas of land that only require grazing by a couple of ponies for a few weeks or months at a time. The needs of the habitats always come first and the ponies have to fit around that. Having adequate fall back land to return to in between times is therefore essential. As a professional ecologist myself I am often asked to provide advice on the most appropriate timing and duration of grazing. Flexibility is essential however, as weather conditions, and other factors, can rapidly change the situation. Pony welfare must never be compromised but sensitive management of the habitats is also paramount.

Having bought young ponies they are turned straight out with the others and are then quietly handled and learn about life, often from each other—this includes catching, leading, loading, hoof trimming, dog walkers, fell runners etc. Once old enough (usually at 4 years old but no rush if they need longer) they are gently introduced to riding and are brought on slowly through hacking, as I have no facilities, with the odd trip to local shows or pony club events as part of their education. I've found this is producing lovely friendly and confident ponies with a bit of real life experience, that are sure footed, hardy, keen to please and enjoy attention. They are quick to learn and ready to progress in any sphere in their new homes. Burnt off feather soon regrows with some amazing results!

Alongside a full time job the ponies certainly keep me busy, and just about break even too, as long as I don't factor in my time. It is just an obsessive hobby after all!

Nicola Evans



Fell Pony Society Displays at Lowther Show

Society members presented a display of Fell ponies at the Lowther Country Fair on the 15th/16th August under the direction of Sue Millard. who created an entertaining and informative script and provided the commentary. Susan Brunskill did a fantastic job of pulling everything together at short notice and managed to press gang a 'cast of thousands' into taking part.

Performing in the main ring at Lowther was quite a challenge for everyone involved as the driving trials were running in parallel and two of the obstacles were situated next to the ring; these were a water obstacle and a high wooden bridge that the teams clattered over while the drivers and crowd whooped! This did result in a little added spontaneity on the part of some of our young ponies ... but it all added to the variety!

The display demonstrated the versatility of the Fell pony throughout history to the present day; Fell pony enthusiasts in the crowd were very complimentary and reported that they felt the display had gone down very well with the public in general. After the displays a lot of people visited the FPS tent for further information and to look through the merchandise on sale; so we are quietly confident that the message that 'You can't put a Fell pony to the wrong job' got through.

The Society would like to express many thanks to Susan and family, Sue Millard, the Cast, and all the helpers who made the event not only possible, but a thoroughly enjoyable event for everyone involved.

CAST for Saturday:

BREEDING PONIES: Eileen Walker with Rackwood Black Magic and her foal Rackwood Rambling Rose, and Marie Boulton with Brackenbank Reyanna

ROMAN SOLDIER: Gabriella Ellis with Harthouse Hillman

SHEPHERD: Ellie Mitchell with Greenholme Fiona

PACK PONIES: Christine Robinson with Linnel Doublet, Nicola Evans with Lownthwaite Catleran (pack saddle kindly lent by Helen Bailey).

PONY PULLING A SLEDGE Kathryn Savage with Murthwaite Sako.308. (Sledge kindly lent by Charlie Parker.)

MODERN LOGGING PONY: Myles and Kath Ellis with Scotgate Midnight Rebel.

ROAD TRANSPORT: Claire Simpson Driving Greenholme Dillon to a 1906 Norfolk cart; Jackie and Dougy Parkinson with Tynebank Danny Boy and Tynebank Brown Bobby to a competition carriage.

ENDURANCE PONY: Margaret Plank with Townend Dillon.

Juniors: GAMES - Georgia Ellis with Townend Jasmine , Jack Nicholson with Kerbeck Night Shadow.

Seniors: **SHOWING** - Rachael Brunskill with Hynholme Amber, Amanda Bridges with Farleton Fern

DRESSAGE pony: Phillipa Dawson Coates with Littletree Bessie Bell

CAST for Sunday:

BREEDING PONIES: Rob Relph-Briggs with Carrock Princess and her foal Birkettbank Warrior

Barbara Potter with Dalefoot Rolo.

ROMAN SOLDIER: Gabriella Ellis with Harthouse Hillman

SHEPHERD: Ellie Mitchell with Greenholme Fiona

PACK PONY: Christine Robinson with Linnel Doublet

PONY PULLING A SLEDGE: Kathryn Savage with Murthwaite Sako.308.

MODERN LOGGING PONY: Myles and Kath Ellis with Scotgate Midnight Rebel

ROAD TRANSPORT: Paul Metcalfe driving Greenholme Dec to a modern pleasure driving carriage

RIDDEN: Concours d'elegance: Alison Bell with Lowntwaite Flicka II.

Juniors: **GAMES** - Georgia Ellis with Townend Jasmine, Jack Nicholson with Kerbeck Night Shadow.

Seniors: **SHOWING** - Rachael Brunskill with Hynholme Amber, Heather Mawrey with Wansfell Tobias.

There is a YouTube video of the Lowther display at: https://youtu.be/I5NyzrC4_QA—thanks to Julia Mitchell for using Sue's camera at five minutes' notice!



Kathryn Savage and Murthwaite Sako.308 demonstrate the uses of the sledge

Right: FPS Display at Lowther Show: Barbara Potter with Dalefoot Rolo as a pony off the fell



Below: Jackie Parkinson driving the Tynebank full brothers, Danny Boy and Brown Bobby, better known on the driving circuit as "Mouse and Bruva"



Right: Alison Bell demonstrating Concours d'elegance with Lownthwaite Flicka II.





Supreme Champions!

Members may be interested to see a list of Fell ponies who have been awarded Supreme show Championships around the country, in addition to the FPS shows reported elsewhere in the Magazine: the list won't be exhaustive but it's all the more impressive for that.

In no particular order...

Penny Randall's Townend Skylark was Supreme Champion Horse at Skelton Show on 4th July.

Philippa Dawson Coates showed Littletree Bessie Bell owned by Nick and Jane Woolley at Penrith Show, and took M and M ridden champion, overall M and M champion, Overall supreme horse of the show, and Overall reserve supreme champion of champions against the sheep, cows etc. 25th July.

Francesca & David Hoggarth's Banksgate Brando won overall show champion at Hawkshead Agricultural Show on 18th August.

Deb Vychinski's Boutime Wooster Boutime Wooster was reserve Supreme at Bakewell Show over all breeds; at Hope Agricultural show Wooster won the M&M Stallion class and went on to take the Overall Supreme M&M in hand in extremely good company.

Rebecca Morland's Greenhome Buttercup was supreme Champion at Dufton Show on 29th August.

Karen Hodge's Summerhouse Greta was Supreme Champion, and Frances & Gordon Miller's Wildhoeve Okidoki was Reserve Supreme, against all breeds at NPS Area X, Bicton Arena, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Clair Boardman's Restar Jack The Lad, Lincoln County Show, shown by Lindsey McDonald, won 1st large Breed mixed M&M Mare /Gelding youngster, Best of Breed, and Reserve Champion Large Mixed M&M .

Abigail Hicklin showing Dawn McCulloch's Wellbrow Warrior went supreme M&M champion of Britain at Royal London.

Philip Ward-Burton's Townend Stevie was Overall Supreme of Show at NPS area 20 over all breeds, not just M&Ms. British Isles champion and NPS silver medal winner .

Brough show champion was Sofia Tighe's Lunesdale Moonlight.

John William Cockbain's Carrock Elsa was supreme native pony at Cumberland County show, along with 5 other championships this year including RHS & GYS. 20 shows (10 this year) and 20 1st prizes.

Zoe Marsden's Wellbrow Edwin was Supreme at NCPA Yorkshire in the mixed breeds final, and at Hope Agricultural Show Edwin was 3rd in a class of 4 M&M Stallions, then won his Open M&M ridden of 13 and M&M ridden champion, the only 4 year old in the class.

Carrie-Ann Richardson's Lathomdale Belinda was in hand overall champion at Malham Agricultural Show.

Iysha Pitman's Bybeck Kasper was Supreme Champion at The ARC Show, Formby, Lancashire, 30 August.

Gwen Rae's homebred Nicholwalls Black Jack took the M&M Reserve championship at Ayr County. At the NPS Summer Show he won the Dales, Fells & New Forest 2&3yr old class, Fell Champion, M&M Inhand Champion, Silver Medal Champion & Supreme Inhand Champion.

Bracklinn Melissa, a six year old black Mare also owned by Gwen Rae, won the M&M intermediate, ridden championship and supreme ridden championship at the same show.

Mrs PJ Steeples' Foggy Gill Gemma was NCPA Champion, President's cup winner and overall supreme in the Golden inhand at NCPA POYS.

Even judges who say they "don't like Fells" are being won over by the quality of the ponies who are being shown.

Sue Millard



FPS Display at Blackcombe Country Fair



Top and left: FPS displays at BlackCombe Country Fair. Hayley Fell and Emma Garnett; Nicola Evans; Victoria Wright and friends wait their turn to take the stage.



FPS Ridden Bursary 2015—Francesca Hoggarth and Banksgate Brando

After getting over the shock of winning the bursary I booked some lessons with Jean Rogers BHS I and travelled to her home address where she has great facilities for training horses. We worked on flat work initially, improving engagement, sharpening up our transitions and then progressed to learning dressage movements and riding a dressage test. We started to work on jumping and Jean felt the best place for this, with Brando, was in the Cross Country field teaching him to go forward. We also covered some ground pole work which Brando enjoyed.

The first event I had planned was a Pony Club One Day Event. I know some people may say this is a bit like "throwing him in at the deep end" but if you know Brando he thrives on this and after all we had been practising!



The day set off well with Brando doing a good dressage test. A lot of the horses were spooking but Brando was focused and seemed to enjoy it. We then went on to jump a clear show jumping round and just had one stop in the cross country. I was absolutely over the moon to find out that not only had Brando and I won our

first One day event class—we even got the trophy for the best novice dressage score overall and so came away with 2 Red rosettes and 2 trophies!

Our next jumping event was the Fell and Dales show Baby Working Hunter where—after nearly falling off in the collecting ring—I was delighted to win the class because Brando jumped clear over some spooky fences and then went on to do a nice show. We have also had success winning another dressage class and a 2nd and 4th in show jumping. We still have a lot to work on, building his confidence with jumping, as although he has had done well there are still days when he struggles against more experienced horses. Fortunately I still have lessons forthcoming with Jean Rogers—so we can work away over the next few months.



On top of all the various events we have been to we have also competed in a couple of pleasure rides and showing classes where he has continued to do me proud, winning in hand, ridden classes and championships at local agricultural shows and our best achievement so far has to be winning Show Champion at Hawkshead Agricultural Show. It was such an emotional day when my 13 hands Fell pony stood champion of champions to heavy horses, hunters and other breeds.

I am grateful for receiving the bursary and look forward to continuing to promote the Fell pony as a versatile and family friend—definitely a top choice for anyone who wants a horse to enjoy competing on one day and let your friends children ride the next...

They simply are the perfect all round pony :)

Francesca Hoggarth



Fell Ponies and Milk Floats

My first memory of the association between Fells and dairies is from the Charlton family of the Linnel stud. Bob recounted this story on the FPS DVD: “I remember when my grandfather went to Ashington mines, and he had eighteen ponies there in a row of his, all lined up, and they all had a milk cart behind them because the old mines bought the land where they dug the coal so they became big farmers and ultimately then they had milk cows so they had to sell the milk, and the ponies pulled the cart.” (1) Sue Millard has painted a similar picture in her writings on the internet, “[Larger ponies] were bought to work in milk floats; they took dairy produce from the colliery farms, which overlay the pits, to customers in the local towns and villages.” (2)

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, a float is “a low-bodied dray for transporting heavy goods.” A milk float then is a low-bodied cart or wagon for transporting milk. Three Fell Pony colleagues have shared with me that their earliest memories of Fell Ponies are of the ponies put to a milk float.

Judith Bean described her experience as a child in Blennerhasset this way: “A Fell Pony walked up the rectory drive where I grew up and parked (without direction from the farmer /milkman) beside the back door. My nanny went out and was given two or three cans with wire handles of what is now called raw milk. This was before breakfast, because the thick cream was kept for cornflakes in the morning and pudding at dinner. The rig stopped at most of the back doors of the village, and the Fell mostly was given a pat, an apple or a carrot. The farmer would be paid in coin once a week, whenever we had the money; this was just before wartime, 1935-1937. The pony never trotted; it would have made butter. Of course, the milkman sold butter, cheese and whey, too. The float really seemed to float, a huge flat board on wheels, no sides, nothing to stop the cans falling off. But they never did.” (3)



*Darkie and the milk float in Silloth, 1974,
courtesy Christine Robinson*

Lest you think Judith fanciful that the pony knew how to park itself in the right place, consider the following from Helen Gallagher (née Stewart) about her grandfather Les Stewart, both of the Hillhead Fell Ponies. “The pony used to walk on to the next house when he was delivering the milk in South Shields. At the end of the block, the pony even knew to go around two corners so grandda could cut through the back yards and meet it on the next street. Sometimes

gradda put slippers on the ponies' feet to keep it quiet when he was delivering very early in the morning." (4)

Joe Langcake had a Fell Pony and milk float for his milk route when he was 12 to 22 years old in and around Flimby. Fell Ponies were ideal for this work, according to Joe, because they were quick and smart. "They were quick between stops, and they learned fast. They never missed a milk customer, and when I used the same pony and float on tatie runs (delivering potatoes or other vegetables) the pony never stopped at a milk stop, only the vegetable stops, and on milk runs never stopped at vegetable stops. I often got in the cart and never picked up the lines. The pony would stop spot on with the back of the cart at the gate where I needed to pour milk so I didn't have to take extra steps. Setting off first thing, it would go at a fast trot then swing in to the first stop; if I didn't watch what I was doing, I would fall in the bottom of the trap! The pony had a sense to know it gets a crust at the next door. It would only go as far as its next crust."

Judith fondly remembers, "Although most of the period photos of floats were hitched to draft horses (big placid ones) in the towns and cities, because they had more cans to deliver, Fells were, in fell country, cheap to keep, friendly and locally available. This was the last years of people going to market with their groceries in a cart, just before WW II. My grandmother lived in Sheffield and talked about the size of the floats there. She loved the "little" Fells." (5)

Jenifer Morrissey

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- 5) Email from Judith Bean to Jenifer Morrissey 6/14/15



HOYS Masterclass

We're absolutely delighted to report that Georgie Lewis Roberts and Waverhead Dazzler II, otherwise known as Possum, are going to HOYS on 9th October to take part in The Showing Register (TSR) Showing Master Class with Michael Eilberg, GB Team Dressage Rider.

Georgie beat off some stiff competition for her place, as the TSR held over 30 showing clinics across the UK, from which over 150 riders were talent spotted. Talent spotted riders could apply to join the TSR Master Class Ride Off held at the TSR Summer Show on the 18th and 19th July. At the end of May 42 riders were

selected for the final section, which is known as the Ride Off, and teamed up with a showing mentor to help them prepare. The Ride Off was split into four age groups with ten riders in each group, one of whom was selected to ride in the Master Class at HOYS.

On the first day of the Ride Off riders received further training, provided free of charge, and were assessed for presentation and in hand technique. The three selectors for the Ride Off were Jo Winfield FBHS and Director of Education for the BHS, Anne Leaver HOYS Judge and Sarah Bosomworth past HOYS rider and national dressage rider. They assessed each rider for riding ability, showmanship, overall performance of the test and way of going. The in hand section was marked out of 20; the ridden go round out of five; and the individual test was marked out of 25. The rider with the highest total score in each group went through to the Master Class at HOYS.

Georgie won the 15-25 years age group. Connor Drake from Scotland was second in the 8 - 14 years age group with Greenholme Clyde. He won a ticket to HOYS and a back stage tour. Jane Rawden and Murthwaite Looks Promising took part in the 40 plus age group and received a Baileys goody bag, HOYS book and sash.

Well done to all who represented our wonderful ponies in this super event, congratulations to Connor and Jane and all very best wishes to Georgie and Possum for their debut at HOYS!



Fun with Fells in Switzerland

After driving our Haflinger and New Forest Ponies for some years, my husband Martin Bühler started to dream of a pair of Fell Ponies. He bought two brood mares, intending to break them in to harness - then it turned out that they had been running with a stallion for a week before they came to us. Now we have three Fell Pony mares, which live in an open stable just around the corner from our house on the edge of one of Switzerland's largest towns. Of course, children and their parents come to look at the horses, and ask if they can ride. The children are too small and Martin is no riding instructor, but he does offer 'Pony Plausch' - to keep the alliteration, it could be translated as "Fun with Fells" - for children from two to six years of age. They come with a parent and help to groom the pony (as far as possible) while Martin explains how to behave with horses, shows the children things like hooves and explains how and why horses react as they do. Then the pony is saddled - this all takes about half an hour - and the child is lifted on. The next part is half an hour on horseback, on a lead rein, through the nearby vineyard or down beside the river.

If I were a jealous woman, I would have a problem, as Martin's diary is full of young women's names, and he is constantly getting text messages from Fionas or Melanies! As it is, I know they are "Fun with Fells" mothers. Many of them are themselves riders, and can handle a pony, so Martin can take three or even four

children at a time, when one or two mothers can lead. A group of four includes our New Forest, now 27 years old, who loves children and enjoys the walk. Martin has special offers for groups, like children's nurseries or primary schools, where the children take turns to ride and the whole thing goes much longer. Of course he doesn't get rich this way; he just tells the parents that the ponies are earning their hay, and he is working for nothing. He really loves to give these "townie" children a chance to get to know horses and nature, and many of them go on to a riding school in the neighbourhood when they are too big for the lead rein.

Jean Drummond-Young



Martin holding Goldie and Aurora, with a Fun-with-Fells mother holding Ronja.



Nicholwalls Stud

Gwen Rae has been flying the Fell flag in Scotland. Her homebred three year old stallion, Nicholwalls Black Jack, has attended only a couple of shows this year but took the M&M Reserve championship at Ayr County. Then at the NPS Summer Show he won the Dales, Fells, New Forest 2&3yr old, took Fell Champion, M&M Inhand Champion, Silver Medal Champion & Supreme Inhand Champion. Bracklinn Melissa, a six year old black Mare, owned by Gwen won the M&M intermediate, ridden championship and supreme ridden championship at the same show. So between both ponies at the NPS Gwen lifted Supreme Inhand & Supreme Ridden, 20 rosettes, 5 trophies, 2 sashes. Phew! Not a bad day!



Gwen also has Greenholme Emblem, a five year old Fell stallion out under saddle this year with Kirsty Aird. Gwen bought Emblem as a yearling from the FPS

Sale; he was given time to mature, slowly broken to saddle and spent 2014 hacking out and covering mares. Gwen has been thrilled with Kirsty's success this year, which includes winning his novice class at BSPS Scotland Spring Show and going onto take the ridden championship and supreme champion of the show. At NPS Scotland Spring Show the partnership took the Picton (F/D/H) class, novice M&M Championship and reserve champion silver medal ridden championship. Then at the BSPS Summer show they took the novice Heritage M&M ridden and the Open/Novice championship. Excellent results for a stallion in his first novice season under saddle.

Emblem will be returning to Kirsty very shortly and we wish them good luck in their goal to attend the NPS Picton Final at Malvern and the NPS Scotland Finals at Blair Athol.

Claire Simpson



Hillhead Davey



“Wanted - Pony for driving trials...must have sound temperament.” That’s how Hillhead Davey and I found each other in the early months of 2012. Davey was under consideration as an RDA pony, when his owner saw my advert and thought that she would invite me to try him, and then make her decision which pathway she would choose for him. So I (not the pony!) was vetted across three days to see to if I was suitable to be permitted to purchase Davey. I guess I must have passed! I can fully understand why Davey’s previous owner was so protective of him, as it’s a sentiment I now share.

However, I recall thinking that I was being duped, when I was informed that the Fell pony that I was about to consider purchasing was grey...A GREY Fell ?!?!? Surely not...It must be a part bred with a dodgy passport, was my initial thought! Thank goodness for the internet, where a quick search proved Hillhead Davey’s breeding, and opened my eyes to the world of the Fell pony—including grey ones! To this day, I still get shocked expressions when I tell people that Davey is a Fell Pony, and not the Connemara cross that he is so often taken for, due to his colour.

Our journey began at some of our local one day driving trials events with the West Midlands Driving Group, Wolverley Driving Group and Midlands Carriage Driving, during the later part of 2012 and early part of 2013. It was in May 2013 that Davey caught the attention of a fellow competitor, and with her support and 'push', Davey and I stepped things up a little, and we finished off the 2013 season by winning the Novice Pony class at the Midlands Carriage Driving Championships held at Catton Park, Derbyshire. Davey and I also spent time getting to know each other better at more relaxing events such as the Shropshire Driving Days.

The wet winter that followed saw Davey and me having a go at some local riding club dressage competitions....and it was decided that Davey and I would take the plunge and compete in some of the Novice Pony classes at National level during the 2014 carriage driving season....scary! I had been driving for a few years with a small pony pair at lower levels, but it had been my dream to own a larger single pony that would enable me to compete at National level. It now seemed that I would achieve that dream and it would be Hillhead Davey that would take me there.

The 2014 season turned out to be a successful and exciting one for Hillhead Davey, as we competed all over the country at various carriage driving events. It was a continuous voyage of discovery for us both, as we were both having to learn very quickly to be able to hold our heads above water at some of the National level events. In June 2014 I lost someone really close to me—my world was blown apart by the intense loss and grieving. I consciously immersed myself in carriage driving as a means of getting through this heart breaking time—Davey understood my needs and stepped up to the mark every time I asked him for a little more. He got me through it.

It was during the 2014 season that I had the pleasure of meeting Helen Gallagher of Hillhead Fell Ponies when Davey and I competed at Lowther driving Trials. I watched Helen as she touched and stroked Davey for the first time since he left her Grandfather's stud when he was a youngster. There was something very special about it - When she laid her hands on Davey, it felt as though Helen was reconnecting with her grandfather, the late Les Stewart who started the Hillhead blood line. It felt somehow magical, and I will never forget that moment.

Hillhead Davey's success during the 2014 season included:

Winner of the Novice Pony class at Catton Park Midlands Carriage Driving regional event

2nd in the Novice Pony class at Hopetoun British Carriage Driving (BC) National event

3rd in the combined Horses & Ponies Novice Class & 'Queen of the Cones' title - at Belvoir Castle, Midlands Carriage Driving regional event

Winner of the Novice Pony class & Qualifier for the National Championships at Sandringham, East Anglia regional event

Winner of the Novice Pony Qualifier class at Onley, Midlands Carriage Driving regional event

2nd in the Novice Pony class at Catton Park, BC National event

2nd in the Novice Pony class at Lowther, BC National event

Winner of the Novice Pony class at Widmerpool, Midlands Carriage Driving regional event

2nd in the Novice Pony class at Cirencester, British Carriage Driving National Championships

Driver of the Year, Novice Pony Points Champion, British Carriage Driving

Winner of the Points League & Queen of the cones title Midlands Carriage Driving

The British Carriage Driving Championships at Cirencester Park was the highlight of the year for us. Just 10 days before the event, Davey had suffered a muscular injury that had put us out of action for a week. But after lots of TLC and treatment, we made the decision to go to the Championships and try to compete. Things were going well until we had a partial collision with some straw bales in obstacle section of the marathon on the Saturday. This caused Davey's muscle injury to flare up again a little, resulting in some sensitivity when I asked him to turn left into cone 15 the following day! As he did so, I instinctively circled away from the cone onto the right rein and then continued. I was delighted that Davey and I drove a double clear in the cones at the National Championships! However, that extra circle at cone 15 had incurred a 5 point penalty which dropped us down the scoreboard. Without that penalty, Hillhead Davey would have won the Novice Championship title—but that's life! He was a winner to me, and I couldn't have asked for any more from him throughout the season. He's a real superstar!

Davey always makes other people smile too as they watch him...whilst other equines are anxious and stressed about being stalled at events, Davey can usually be found lying down on his mats sleeping! He knows just how to conserve his energy for when it matters.

Davey's success during the 2014 season now means that we have to move up to Intermediate level competition. So we shall see what the 2015 season brings. One thing that I do know for sure, is that he will continue to put a smile on my face forever. He is a true ambassador for the Fell pony breed within carriage driving trials - along with all the others that are out there!

Catherine Brockie



Ludworth Viking's RIHS ticket

Nichola Ash's 14 year old Fell stallion Ludworth Viking, in his debut season in RIHS qualifiers, secured his ticket by landing the Pretty Polly championship under judge Fiona Cabrol who said, "He shone glamour and vitality from every pore."

Viking came off the fells as a nine year old when purchased from breeder Pam Kell. Shortly afterwards Nichola spotted a lump on his forehead, a cyst that required a life saving operation, which was performed by specialist Justin Perkins at the Royal Veterinary College. This put a hold on Viking's ridden career, but Nichola said, "Now he just gets better and better—not bad as he's only 4 years under saddle and I was a total showing novice. I was over the moon when he won his class then took champion and then supreme. Thank you to Equestrian Life and all local shows for teaching me how to be as good as we are."





Great Yorkshire Show—Fell successes

Congratulations to the Cockbain family who took the Fell championship at the Great Yorkshire show with their winning machine Carrock Elsa, by Murthwaite Timothy; the yearling's 18th win on the trot. Keeping it in the family, congratulations also to Margaret Wilson and the five year old mare Townend Skylark by Heltondale Bonzo Boy, who took reserve, shown by Penny Randell.

Later in the day Brian Williams headed a large, quality class of Fells and Dales to secure his ticket to HOYS with Miss L Townson's Murthwaite Tradesman, a.k.a. Big Trev, a 12 year old black gelding by Castlehill Prince II. Well done all!

Claire Simpson



Champion and Reserve: John Cockbain with yearling Carrock Elsa, left, and the five year old mare Townend Skylark shown by Penny Randell.



Banksgate Tamlin

I first met Banksgate Tamlin, Mr T to his friends, back in January 2013. He was a star from the day I met him and had been brilliantly started by his owner Tamsin. We started a novice season where he won a number of pictons, went supreme at nps area 20, qualified for royal international and was champion in the Equifest final. The following year he had another good season qualifying for royal international again but Tamlin had a bit of an issue keeping his mind on the job and away from the ladies. He was so close in so many of his HOYS qualifiers but always seemed to get 'distracted' at the most crucial moments. By the end of the season Tamsin and I had had enough and decided the time had come to have him gelded.

This season he has gone from strength to strength and despite the occasional cheeky moment (such as being called top at Windsor and then bucking in his gallop.. Grrr!) he has been a complete star! On the 4th July we set our alarms for 2am and set off to NCPA Staffs where in a class of 45 entries he pulled off a beautiful show and won qualifying for HOYS! He had been so close for so long but he has finally done it.

He is a pony full of character but he is one of the kindest ponies I have had the privilege of riding and I cannot wait to ride him in the ring at HOYS! He is the first pony his owner Tamsin has had go to HOYS so it's going to be a very special day for us all.

Laura Elliott



Banksgate Tamlin ridden by Laura Elliott



FPS Calendar 2017—Call for Entries

Once again we are looking for photographs for the Fell Pony Society calendar. The deadline for submissions is **Monday October 12th 2015**. The rules are the same as before with landscape images preferred over portrait images though we are happy to accept a limited number of good portrait images.

Either digital or hard copy photographic prints can be submitted remembering that digital images have to scale up to the calendar format at 11" x 7" and so have to be of high resolution (300dpi minimum).

Professionally taken photographs are eligible providing the photographer is prepared to waive copyright for their inclusion in the calendar. Remember that only two professional photographs can be selected by the judges and that such images cannot be included in the calendar competition. If you do submit a professionally taken photograph please make sure that you identify which photograph it is, together with a waiver statement from the photographer, when you send the image in.

If hard copy prints are submitted they should be accompanied by a SAE if you would like them to be returned. Single digital images can be sent to the following e-mail: ProfBarbaraBrown@aol.com or alternatively CDs and photographic prints can be mailed to Barbara Dunne, West Briscoe, Baldersdale, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham DL12 9UP, U.K. Tel 01833 650059 Can I ask that you do not send more than three images per person and that if you are sending them via e-mail that you either send each image attached to a single e-mail i.e. three photos three e-mails or alternatively send the images via a Drop Box facility as our internet speed is not that good in the North Pennines

I realise that it has not been the best of springs and summers but I am sure that there are some excellent photos out there—hoping that you might share them with other members of the Society and their friends via the calendar.

Barbara Dunne



FPS Sales List

The Society web site has a Sales page for ponies for sale:

http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/sales_list.htm

A payment of £10 per listing/pony is required. Details will be included and remain on the list for a maximum period of three months. There is a printable form to guide you when writing your advertisement for the Sales List of Registered Fell Ponies. (Or print it, fill it out, and mail it as directed.) Please forward advertisement details together with a cheque

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FPS Sales List, Bank House, Boroughgate, Appleby, Cumbria, CA16 6XF. E-mail secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Fell Pony Society Annual Show and Sale

To be held at North West Auctions' Junction 36 Mart
Crooklands, Kendal, Cumbria LA7 7FP
On 24th October 2015

Show—9.30 am—Judge, Mrs CH Robinson
In hand Show of Ponies broken to ride, Young Stock and Foals

Sale—11am
Older ponies will be sold first, and foals last.

Vendors:

The entry fee for the Annual Sale will be £20 per pony, of which £10 will be refunded if the pony is presented at the sale or a vet certificate is produced to explain its non-appearance.

A photograph can accompany an entry in the FPS Show and Sale Catalogue.

Passports must be up to date and contain Section IX.

Purchasers:

There will be an “upset price” at this sale: 50gns for colt foals, and 100gns for filly foals and all other ponies.

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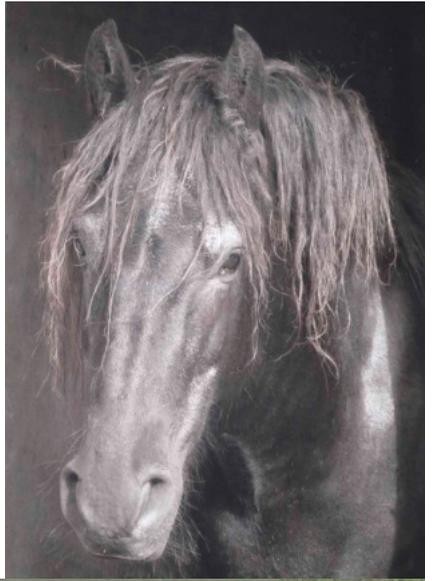
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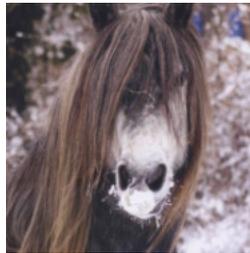
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Anne Hogg

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Allie Stack

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