



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY MAGAZINE

Spring 2018 - Volume 36



The last day of Celia Holmes-Surplus's Pennine Bridleway ride - leaving Garsdale with Foxy (Greenholme Where U At) as pack pony, and riding Juno (Greenholme Virginia).



Vicky Parker

The "Team Quest" northern dressage team Fell Factor. The team consisted of Victoria Parker on Thornbeck Andrew, Lesley Wake Hardy on Thornbeck Christine, Nicola Chippendale on Rackwood Duke and Francesca Walmsley on Dalefoot Amber II.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

President: Mrs Jean Ward

Chairman: Mrs Eileen Walker

Vice-Chairman: Mr Andrew Thorpe

Secretary: Mrs K Wilkinson

Society Office

Bank House, Boroughgate, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6XF

Tel/Fax: 01768 353100

E-mail: secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

<http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk>

Council

To retire 2018: Miss B Bell, Mr J Potter, Mr C Roberts, Mr D Wilkinson

To retire 2019: Mr G H B Mallinson, Mr P Metcalfe, Mr W S Potter, Miss C Simpson

To retire 2020: Mrs A Bell, Mrs S Charlton, Mrs G Cockbain, Mr M Goddard

To retire 2021: Mrs S Millard, Mrs C Robinson, Mr A Thorpe, Mrs E Walker

To retire 2022: Mr P Boustead, Miss R Brunskill, Miss J Rawden, Mrs D Slack.

Magazine Editor and FPS Webmaster: Sue Millard

Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3TA

Tel: 01539 624636. E-mail: sue@dawbank.co.uk

Fell Pony Sales List: Please contact the Office

Show Affiliation Secretary: Mrs Michelle Thorpe, Winterbutlee Farm, Shawforth,
Nr Rochdale, Lancashire, OL12 8XE. Tel: 01706 853843, Fax 01706 217886.

E-mail: info@wellbrowfell.co.uk

Press Officer: Claire Simpson, Hale Bank, Hale, Nr Milnthorpe,
Cumbria LA7 7BL. Tel: 07767 838662. E-mail: claire.halebank@yahoo.co.uk

Registered Office: Brosnans Chartered Accountants, Enterprise House,
56-58 Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7HY.

Contents - Spring 2018

Council Information.....	5	Breeders Award.....	51
Editorial.....	6	Edinburgh Prize.....	52
President's Report.....	6		
Chairman's Report	7	Area Support Groups	
Secretary & Treasurer's Report.....	8	Scotland.....	53
From the Office.....	9	North West.....	54
Fees & Charges.....	10	North East.....	55
Membership Fees.....	11	Midlands West.....	57
Stallion Licensing.....	12	Midlands East.....	59
Sub-Committees.....	13	South East.....	59
		South West.....	60
AGM Agenda.....	14	Young Person's Group.....	60
Accounts.....	15		
Council Elections.....	31	Fells Do Dressage.....	61
		The Pony I Always Wanted.....	64
Extensively Grazing Fell Ponies.....	33	Ponies in the Media.....	64
		Meet the Fell Ponies.....	65
Obituary, Walter Lloyd.....	35	Foxy & Juno's Big Adventure.....	66
2018 Stallion Grading.....	37	Fell Pony Study Day.....	70
Southern Show.....	38	National Trust - Fix the Fells.....	71
2017 Endurance Awards.....	44	Learning with Fells.....	72
2017 Points Awards Scheme.....	45	Promotions Team.....	72
2017 Performance Trials.....	46	Fell Pony Museum at Dalemain.....	72
Foal & Youngstock Show.....	48	Mary Longsdon's Fell Pony Memories.....	73
Annual Show & Sale.....	50	Heritage of the Fells Exhibition.....	73
Calendar Competition Results	51	Merchandise Price List.....	74

Dates for 2018

7 April (Saturday) - FPS AGM, Orton, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3RL.

22 April (Sunday) - Promotions Team Pleasure Ride at Millstones, Bootle, Cumbria LA19 5TJ.

5 May - Sandringham MESH Fell, Dales, Exmoor and Friends Show, Norfolk PE35 6EN.

12 May - Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0HB.

10 June - South Cumbria Show, Crooklands, Kendal LA7 7NH.

24 June - Derbyshire Fell & Dales Show, Derbyshire DE65 6HT.

5 August - Breed Show, Dalemain, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0HB.

1 September - FPS Magazine deadline, Autumn 2018.

9 September tbc - Southern Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture, Berkshire, SL6 6QR.

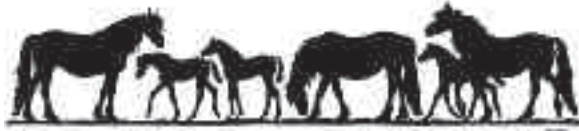
16 September tbc - Performance Trials, Linnel Wood, Hexham, NE46 1UB.

27 October - Annual Show and Sale - NW Auctions J36, Crooklands, Kendal, LA7 7FP

10 November - NWSG Foal and Youngstock Show, Newton Rigg, Penrith CA11 0AH.

Important—All these dates and venues are provisional. Please check with the FPS Office for confirmation.

Many other FPS events, socials, and educational days are listed on the Area Support Groups' pages.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Council Information

Alison Bell: 07765 405509,
E-mail: pjamesbell@hotmail.com

Bill Potter, Home/fax: 01931 716267

Barbara Bell: 01697 478644

John Potter: 01539 624002,
E-mail: greenholmeponies@mail.com

Peter Boustead: Tel: 01524 383665,
E-mail: peterboustead@gmail.com

Colin Roberts: 01539 624291

Rachael Brunskill: 07990 606362,
E-mail: neighfear@hotmail.com

Jane Rawden: 07970 297642,
E-mail: janerawden@inspiration-teal.com

Sarah Charlton: 01434 673262,
Fax: 01434 673852, E-mail: lindelwood@gmail.com

Christine Robinson, Home / Fax:
016973 51917, E-mail: Christine@kerbeck-fell-ponies.co.uk

Glenis Cockbain: 01768 772133

Claire Simpson: 07767 838662,
E-mail: claire.halebank@yahoo.com

Michael Goddard: 01258 817161,
E-mail: g.michaelrichard@yahoo.com

Di Slack: 017683 71806,
E-mail: michaelslack700@btinternet.com

Barry Mallinson: 01228 675814,
Mobile: 07393 506100

Andrew Thorpe: 01706 853843

Paul Metcalfe: 01539 621655

Eileen Walker: 01388 763607,
Mobile: 07990 521205, E-mail: Eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk

Sue Millard: 01539 624636,
E-mail: sue@dawbank.co.uk

David Wilkinson: 01768 352861, E-mail: wilkinsonfellponies@hotmail.co.uk

Disclaimer

Whereas every care is taken to publish accurate information, the Editor and Council of the Fell Pony Society do not necessarily agree with all the views expressed within the Fell Pony Society Magazine and cannot accept any liability for erroneous opinions or suggestions in the Magazine.

Editorial

Well, what a fine gang of contributors the Society has! Everything in before the deadline (well, almost... almost) and only one offering hand-written. Word-processed digital text really does make my job easier. Not PDFs though, unless it's a graphic ad like the inside back cover for Mary Longsdon's Fell Pony Memories. I can't edit PDFs.

I've been particularly grateful for timely submissions this time around because during the production of this issue I have been learning a new desktop publishing program. (It's called Scribus. MS Publisher 2003, which I have used for the 10 years I've been editing the Magazine, won't run on Linux. But you don't need to worry about that.) Suffice it to say I put Draft 1 of this issue together in three days and enjoyed the learning curve.

We have a nucleus of regular contributors who do an excellent job, and this time some have new ones too. So thank you very much for providing me with copy.

I'm also grateful to the people who take the trouble to thank the Office when we get things right. I wasn't sure that publishing Show results to 6th place would even be noticed - e.g., it took several months before anyone pointed out that some links to show results on the web site were broken! However we have had feedback that confirms there are still members who don't use the internet and who do appreciate reading the full results in the Magazine. I know what nit-picking work it is for show secretaries typing out all those extra names and getting them right (I've done it a few times over the years), so to you and to the Office - thank you, too.

Sue

President's Report

What a wet year we have had, but despite that, our events have been well supported again, and 2017 has really been a good year for Fells. Not only did we have a large number of ponies who qualified for HOYS, but they also achieved some remarkable results there. I have to congratulate the Morlands for their award as Fell breeder of the year and also the Thorpe family for the Sire of the year. Many of our members have also been successful in the fields of endurance, dressage and driving and our support groups continue to enjoy their ponies in all sorts of activities. A bumper year for the Fells!

A matter that concerns me is that in the last ten years Cumbria has lost more than half a dozen shows holding Fell classes in favour of mixed mountain and moorland classes. Agricultural and County events are the showcases for our ponies, but I do appreciate it is getting ever more expensive to travel. Our new trainee judges need to attend Fell classes to join our panel, and it is getting increasingly difficult to place them within the shrinking pool of shows. Perhaps our support groups might encourage members to attend local shows where they would find that they are not the "high-powered" events they suspect, but are enjoyable and friendly days out. It is thanks to our Promotions Team displays at venues that the Fell is still well presented to the public.

Again my thanks to all members who contribute so much behind the scenes and the Office and Council who work tirelessly to keep our Society running smoothly. Best wishes to you all in 2018.

Jean

Chairman's Report - Spring 2018

I feel we are having a proper winter this year with snow and freezing temperatures during January. We missed having a white Christmas but for those of you travelling around the country that would be a benefit. The hours of daylight are becoming noticeably longer so I might just find time to get back in the saddle over the next week or two. I feel those of you who ride throughout winter are very brave and totally dedicated.

Sadly I have to report that we have lost several loyal and valued members over the last few months. Mrs S Rees from East Sussex, who had been a member for almost 30 years and bred more than 60 ponies with the Meres prefix. Mr D Braithwaite from Cumbria who also had been a member for around 30 years and bred more than 80 ponies with the Dalehead prefix. Mrs A Guy, wife of George Guy from Gloucestershire and most recently Mr W Lloyd who had been a member for many years and bred in excess of 90 ponies with the Hades Hill prefix. They will all be greatly missed and we send our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

Once again I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who gives up their time to help the Society. It is our team of volunteers that enable us to provide so many events throughout the country. Recently I've been shocked to learn that some of our volunteers have been verbally abused by Fell pony members when carrying out their volunteering roles. This behaviour is disgraceful and totally unacceptable to the FPS Council. We expect you all to be polite and courteous and remember that without volunteers our events will not run. We want our events to be professionally run but have a fun and friendly atmosphere so please refrain from using foul, abusive language at those giving up their time and doing their best for the Society.

On a happier note I'm delighted to learn that the area support groups are behind the idea of holding 'Mary's Fell Memories' during the month of July. What started out as a one day event has been expanded to the 31 days of July. I understand that the events will be advertised on a dedicated Facebook page and everyone is prepared to share some photos of their specific event when it takes place. Modern technology makes it so easy to reach so many people and keep them all up to date with what is happening.

Recently I attended a meeting held in Coventry regarding the changes to the Data Protection Law which will come into force at the end of May 2018. You will all need to sign a declaration allowing the Society to hold your information. If you are a Panel Judge, you will have already been asked to do this so that we can display your details on our website.

Finally I would like to thank all members of Council for their continued support. Council is made up of individuals who are prepared to listen to each other and do what is best for the Fell pony and the Society. They may not always agree but are prepared to compromise for the future of the Fell pony. They all come from different walks of life and have many qualities and skills that they can utilise and share.

Best wishes

Eileen

Secretary & Treasurer's Report - Spring 2018

The number of foal registrations has increased slightly from 2016 with a total of 289 registered to date (compared to last years total of 260). Membership for 2017 totalled 1131, slightly less than the previous year, as we had a few extra members joining to take part in the 2016 Windsor event.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board have yet to confirm the grant for 2018. The new Racing Authority have yet to agree a collective position on all non raceday expenditure, which includes the grants to native breeds. We should be notified following the next HBLB meeting.

The Society as a Passport Issuing Organisation is now on the live Central Equine Database system which means we upload information to them on almost a daily basis. The CED won't be live to the general public, etc, until all the PIOs have uploaded their records. The CED is a centrally managed database of all equine identification data in the UK. It is owned by Defra. The purpose is to secure the human food chain, and to help agencies deal with lost, fly-grazed or abandoned horses and combat criminal activity.

Eileen and I recently attended a workshop regarding the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which replaces the current DPA from 25 May 2018. The workshop was very informative and gave us an insight as to how the Society will be affected by the changes and how we will manage our data in the future. As members you may receive a declaration to sign giving consent for the Society to hold your details on its records. Please return the form as soon as possible. Non-return of the form could hold things up for you, particularly membership renewals. As we find out more information we will let you know and will print it in the Autumn magazine.

As you will see from the accounts included in your magazine, the Society has made a profit in the last financial year. This was due to the substantial donation from HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration and funds raised from generous sponsorship received for the shows in 2017, donations from members, and Royalties from the sale of the 'Carltonlima Emma' Breyer model. Thank you to all those who have renewed their 2018 membership already and we look forward to receiving payments from those outstanding, in due course. For various reasons Council have agreed a change in Accountants: the suggestion is to move to Dodd & Co who have offices based in Penrith and who have a specialist team to work on Charity accounts. Members will be asked to vote on Council's recommendation at the AGM or, if you can't attend, by Proxy vote.

I would like to thank Council for their support, particularly Eileen, and Andrew. Also Chris and Elizabeth, who complete the office team, for their hard work.

Best wishes
Katherine Wilkinson

From the Office

- 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's also good for the Society to have an accurate record of where the ponies are!
- It also a legal requirement to return the passport to the Society when a pony dies, although it can of course be returned to you, if requested, after cancellation.
- Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website. They are only available by applying to the office or from Secretary at the Stallion and Breed Show and October sale. Do not photocopy the form. Please read the guidance notes carefully prior to completion of the forms. Any forms incomplete or incorrectly completed will be returned. We continually receive forms completed in blue ink and in hand writing that is almost illegible although it says on the form "PLEASE COMPLETE CLEARLY IN BLACK INK". Also many vets fail to record the location of the microchip as it says in the notes: "The vet must also indicate the location of the chip on the outline diagram with an 'm' in a circle". As the breeder it is your responsibility to make sure the form is fully and correctly completed before it is sent into the FPS office.
- Stallion Service books - Please make sure a minimum of the month and year are recorded on each service slip. Simply a month or a year is not acceptable and the book will be returned to you for more details.
- A requirement of the current Horse Passports Regulations is that registration applications for foals should reach the Passport Issuing Office (FPS office) by 31 December in the year of birth. Once the foal is weaned it cannot travel or be sold legally until a passport has been issued.

Katherine

*Wintonbeck Bob (age 26)
winning the Diamond
Veteran Class at
Westmorland County
Show.
Owner Sara Hartley, rider
Audrey Elenor.*





THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Fees & Charges

	UK		Overseas	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
All fees in £ sterling (GBP)				
To Register Colt or Gelding - registrations received to 30 November	£10	£20	£15	£25
To Register Filly - registrations received to 30 November	£15	£30	£20	£35
To Register Colt or Gelding - registrations received 1 - 31 December	£20	£40	£25	£45
To Register Filly - registrations received 1 - 31 December	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	£100	£55	£105
Transfer of Ownership (UK)	£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding	FoC	FoC	FoC	FoC
Register a Prefix - UK Rate	£40	£50	£60	£70
FIS test 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

Account name: The Fell Pony Society Limited.

Bank: Lloyds, Penrith.

Address: 5 - 6 King Street, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7AP.

Sort Code: 30-16-28. Account number: 00254896.

BIC LOYDGB21572. IBAN GB 86 LOYD 3016 2800 2548 96.

All bank transfers should be in English pounds sterling and any charges should be paid in the country of origin. Also, our bank makes a charge for the receipt of an electronic transfer from overseas, so please add £2 for transactions up to £100 and £7 for transactions greater than £100.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Membership Fees

Type of Membership	UK	Overseas
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.

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

Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually.

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. You must have paid your annual subscription, and received and signed your membership card, BEFORE the Annual General Meeting to be eligible for any vote at the meeting. Please have your membership card ready to show on arrival (AGM, 7 April 2018).

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



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY FPS Stallion Licensing

	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 DNA typed please apply to the office for appropriate fees.

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

FPS Member Directory & The FPS Sales List

Listing in the Member Directory on the web site is purely voluntary, and free. The Directory page is http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/member_dir.htm

If you wish your details to be added please complete the form online. Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate. Listings will be removed if current FPS membership lapses.

The Sales list of Fell Ponies for sale is

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

It is updated with fresh adverts as they are received. Each advert costs £10 per pony, for 3 months. Stud adverts cost £30 for 12 months. There is a printable form on the web site to guide you when writing your advert. Please send it with a cheque payable to "The Fell Pony Society" to:

FPS Sales List, Bank House, Boroughgate, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6XF.

To use either of these services you can also e-mail the FPS Office, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk. The Society's electronic banking details are on p 10 of this magazine.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Sub-Committees

Conservation Grazing Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Eileen A Walker. Telephone: 01388 763607.

E-mail: eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk

Mr I Brunskill, Mrs S Charlton, Miss R Dalton, Miss N Evans, Miss B Potter, Mrs CH Robinson, Mr A Thorpe, Mr E Winder.

Judges Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mr Michael Goddard, Oak Tree Barn, Hazelbury Bryan, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2DP. Telephone: 07964 209243.

E-mail: g.michaelrichard@yahoo.com

Secretary: Miss Jenny Charlton, c/o Linnel Wood, Hexham, NE46 1UB.

Telephone: 07557 30998. E-mail: fpsjudgessecretary@gmail.com

Mr P Metcalfe, Miss J Rawden, Mrs GM Callister.

Master judges and reserves are chosen at random from the FPS Panel at a Council meeting to serve on this Committee. Of these, two are selected to remain on for two years to maintain continuity.

Overseas Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Sue Millard, Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3TA.
Telephone: 01539 624636. E-mail: sue@dawbank.co.uk

Mrs GM Callister, Mr GHB Mallinson, Mr C Roberts and Mrs CH Robinson.

Promotions Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Susan Brunskill, Ling House, Southwaite, Carlisle CA4 0JH. Telephone: 016974 75975. E-mail: Hynholme@hotmail.com

Secretary: Mrs Alison Bell. Treasurer: Rachael Brunskill.

Mrs S Millard, Mrs K Ellis, Mrs CH Robinson and Miss N Evans.

Show Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs CH Robinson, The Shieling, Anthorn, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 5AH.

Telephone: 016973 51917. E-mail: christine@kerbeck-fell-ponies.co.uk

Secretary: Miss Lucie Charlton. Telephone 07980 277903.

E-mail: fpsshowsecretary@hotmail.com

Mr I Brunskill, Miss R Brunskill, Mr M Goddard, Mr B Mallinson, Miss H Mawrey and Mr D Wilkinson.

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

**To be held on Saturday 7 April 2018 at 1.00 pm
At Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 1 April 2017
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Council
- 7 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2017
- 8 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co as Accountants to the Society
- 9 Reports from Sub-Committees
- 10 Any Other Business
Members should notify the Secretary, in writing, of any matters relating to the Accounts, or any matter requiring a detailed answer that they wish to include in the Agenda under "Any Other Business". The Society's officers can then respond fully to any concerns. However such business, if not raised in this way, will not be discussed. Notifications must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday 16th March 2018.
- 11 Presentation of Awards

Notice of General Meeting - Memorandum and Articles of Association

5.2 The accidental omission to give notice to, or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Directions to Orton Market Hall CA10 3RJ

From Junction 38 of the M6, take the B6260, signed to Orton and Appleby. Follow the road for three miles to Orton - the Market Hall is in the centre of the village opposite Kennedys Chocolates.

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The company's principal activity during the year was acting as a breed society.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity. This review encompassed the nature of the Society's continued commitments and future growth.

The review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, a general reserve equivalent to approximately 75% or 9 months of fund expenditure should be maintained.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

333348

Registered Charity number

1104045

Registered office

Enterprise House
56-58 Main Street
High Bentham
Lancaster
Lancashire
LA2 7HY

**THE FELL POND SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2017**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	
Mrs E A Walker	Chairman
Mr A Thorpe	Vice Chairman
Mrs B A Bell	
Mrs A W Bell	
Mr P Boulton	
Mr K J Brinkell	
Mr J B Lusk	Not re-elected 01/04/2017
Mrs E R Cartton	
Mrs G M Cuddah	
Mrs CS D Ellis	Resigned 01/04/2017
Mr M R Goddard	
Mr G H B Malpas	
Mr P Metcalfe	
Mrs CS Millard	
Mr J Pook	
Mr W Potter	
Mrs J L Rawlin	Resigned 01/04/2017
Mr C C Roberts	
Mr C H Robinson	
Mrs C S Spurgeon	
Mrs D J Stark	Appointed 01/04/2017
Mr J Wilkinson	

Company Secretary

Mrs A Wilkinson

Independent accountants

Adrian Broun & Co

Broun & Co

Chartered Accountants

Enterprise House

39-48 Main Street

High Barnham

Leamster

North Yorkshire

LA2 7HL

COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Fell Pond Society is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It was incorporated on 2nd August 1996 and registered as a charity with effect from 09th November 2004.

The company is governed by the Board of Directors and Trustees in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 23/10/2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs E A Walker - Trustee

Mr A Thorpe - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE FELL PONY SOCIETY**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Fell Pony Society ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year
ended 31 October 2017

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law)
you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of
the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under
Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination,

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as started out under section 145 of
the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the
directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(3) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection
with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of
the 2006 Act, or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with these records, or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the
2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which
is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination, or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the
Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable
to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard
applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination
to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of
the accounts to be reached.


Adam Brennan FCA
Brennans
Chartered Accountants
Enterprise House
56-58 Main Street
High Bentham
Lancaster
North Yorkshire
LA2 7HJ

Date: 20 January 2018

THE FELL MOUNT SOCIETY
Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	31.10.17 Total Funds	31.10.16 Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations, legacies & subscriptions	2	81,347	—	81,347	37,181
Charitable activities	5	—	—	—	—
Fees		18,185	—	18,185	35,770
Grants		—	4,438	4,438	1,710
Sales		8,234	—	8,234	8,825
Shows & Other Events		8,889	—	8,889	23,539
Fund Sales Ltd		170	—	170	280
Other trading activities	3	2,882	—	2,882	1,726
Investment Income	6	54	—	54	29
Total		118,693	4,438	123,131	107,141
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	—	—	—	—
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects		23,116	4,307	27,423	28,721
NET INCOME		35,857	169	36,026	12,419
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		81,097	1,340	82,437	176,319
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		142,714	1,509	144,223	89,404
CONTINUING OPERATIONS -					
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities					

THE BELL POWR SOCIETY
Balance Sheet
AS AT OCTOBER 2017

	Notes	31 October 2017	31 October 2016
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed assets	12	11,757	11,245
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	13	4,996	5,281
Debtors	14	-	71
Prepayments and accrued income		2,603	2,231
Cash at bank		177,524	181,220
		<u>185,123</u>	<u>188,783</u>
		196,876	200,029
DEBTORS			
Amounts owed by other companies	15	(5,000)	(5,000)
		<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>180,876</u>	<u>183,029</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>191,876</u>	<u>195,029</u>
NET ASSET		<u>191,876</u>	<u>195,029</u>
FUNDS			
Reserves	16		
General fund		141,714	80,000
Restricted funds		5,162	5,549
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>146,876</u>	<u>85,549</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from capital gains tax under 277 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2017.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain or audit its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2017 in accordance with Section 470 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (a) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the end of each financial year and of its operations during the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 206 and 207, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company;

(These financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the general provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small or medium companies

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23/10/2018 and were signed on behalf of:

Ed Watts
Director

[Signature]
Director

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

X ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Equipment - 25% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
Donations	58,595	7,600
Subscriptions	26,653	28,908
Affiliation Fees	<u>699</u>	<u>685</u>
	85,947	37,193

3 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
Advertising/Sponsorship	2,040	1,723
200 Club	-	968
Raffle	595	614
Promise Auction	<u>25</u>	<u>2,433</u>
	<u>2,660</u>	<u>5,738</u>

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

4 INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>54</u>	<u>29</u>

5 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
Registration	4,715	4,395
Transfers	7,440	7,960
Duplicate Passports	455	495
Profile Applications	880	970
Stallion Licences	3,380	4,100
Passports	20	20
DNA	1,275	2,275
Horse Race Betting Levy Board	4,638	5,270
Stud Books and Gifts	6,634	6,885
Shows and Other Events	6,363	25,593
Pony Sales List	<u>170</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>35,970</u>	<u>58,193</u>

6 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs
	(See note 7)
	£
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	<u>68,143</u>

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

7

DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
Staff costs	21,373	21,261
Insurance	3,856	3,483
Telephone	844	839
Advertising	190	128
Show and Exhibition Expenses	6,537	25,744
Prizes - Premiums (H.B.L.B)	4,100	3,490
Affiliation Fees	122	324
Profile Registrations	405	490
Postage	6,634	6,652
Printing and Stationery	8,151	8,345
Computer Expenses	1,928	1,348
Travelling Expenses	166	307
Sundry Expenses	170	-
200 Club	70	1,102
DNA Expenses	2,624	3,985
Stud Books and Gifts	4,648	6,177
F&E Expenses	585	764
Honoraria	500	500
Room Hire	1290	1,255
Office Overheads	300	200
Accountancy charges	1263	1,292
Professional fees	2609	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	28	37
	<u>68,143</u>	<u>88,723</u>

8

NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting)

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>28</u>	<u>37</u>

THE HILL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements – continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

9 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2017 nor for the year ended 31 October 2016.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses 2016 for the year ended 31 October 2017 nor for the year ended 31 October 2016.

10 STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.10.17	31.10.16
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £10,000.

11 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Fund 2016 £	Restricted Fund 2016 £	Total Fund 2016 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	27,101	-	27,101
Charitable activities			
Fees	20,273	5,778	26,051
Grants			
Sales	6,865		6,865
Shows and Other Events	25,597		25,597
Pony Sales Ltd	250		250
Other trading activities	1,234		1,234
Residual Income	29		29
Total	<u>95,881</u>	<u>5,778</u>	<u>101,659</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	<u>85,815</u>	<u>1,908</u>	<u>87,723</u>
Total	<u>85,815</u>	<u>1,908</u>	<u>87,723</u>

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

NET INCOME:	10,066	2,362	12,428
-------------	--------	-------	--------

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward:	75,991	987	76,978
------------------------------	--------	-----	--------

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>86,057</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>89,406</u>
--------------------------------	---------------	--------------	---------------

12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Trophies £	Equipment £	Totals £
--	---------------	----------------	-------------

COST

At 1 November 2016 and 31 October 2017	<u>13,175</u>	<u>6,647</u>	<u>19,822</u>
-------------------------------------------	---------------	--------------	---------------

DEPRECIATION

At 1 November 2016		6,537	6,537
Charge for year		<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>

At 31 October 2017		6,565	6,565
--------------------	--	-------	-------

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 October 2017	<u>13,175</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>13,257</u>
--------------------	---------------	-----------	---------------

At 31 October 2016	<u>13,175</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>13,285</u>
--------------------	---------------	------------	---------------

Trophies have been brought into the accounts at their current market value. If depreciation had been provided as required by Financial Accounting Standard No 15 the additional depreciation charge would have been in the region of £3,284.

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

13	STOCKS			
			31.10.17	31.10.16
			£	£
	Stocks	4,998	<u>4,998</u>	<u>5,397</u>
14	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
			31.10.17	31.10.16
			£	£
	Debtors		25	25
15	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
			31.10.17	31.10.16
			£	£
	Trade creditors	6,008		3,936
	FIS posting account	61		-
	Social security and other taxes	358		185
	Accruals	1,375		1,747
		<u>8,802</u>		<u>5,868</u>
16	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		At 1.11.16	Net movement	At 31.10.17
		£	in funds	£
			£	
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	88,057	56,657	144,714
	Restricted funds			
	Horseshoe Betting Levy Board	3,345	-169	3,180
		<u>91,402</u>	<u>56,488</u>	<u>147,894</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>89,406</u>	<u>56,488</u>	<u>145,894</u>

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	119,893	(63,336)	56,557
Restricted funds			
Horse Race Betting Levy Board	4,838	(4,807)	-169
	<u>124,731</u>	<u>(68,143)</u>	<u>56,588</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

17 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2017.

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	58,595	7,600
Subscriptions	26,653	26,908
Affiliation Fees	690	685
	<u>85,947</u>	<u>37,193</u>
Other trading activities		
Advertising/Sponsorship	2,040	1,723
200 Club	-	966
Raffle	595	614
Promise Auction	25	2,433
	<u>2,660</u>	<u>5,736</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	54	29
Charitable activities		
Horse-race Betting Levy Board	4,638	5,270
Stud Books and Gifts	6,634	6,865
Shows and Other Events	8,363	25,593
Pony Sales List	170	250
Registration	4,715	4,395
Transfers	7,440	7,960
Duplicate Passports	455	485
Prefix Applications	880	970
Stallion Licences	3,380	4,100
Passports	20	20
DNA	1,275	1,275
	<u>35,970</u>	<u>68,103</u>
Total Incoming resources	124,631	101,151

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017**

	31.10.17	31.10.16
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	21,378	22,261
Insurance	3,856	3,483
Telephone	944	830
Advertising	190	128
Show and Exhibition Expenses	6,537	25,744
Prizes - Premiums (H.B.L.B)	4,100	3,490
Affiliation Fees	122	824
Prefix Registrations	405	450
Postage	6,634	6,652
Printing and Stationery	8,151	8,345
Computer Expenses	1,928	1,348
Travelling Expenses	166	307
Sundry Expenses	170	-
200 Club	-70	1,102
DNA Expenses	2,624	3,985
Stud Books and Gifts	4,648	6,177
FIS Expenses	585	764
Honoraria	500	500
Room Hire	1290	1,255
Office Overheads	100	100
Accountancy charges	1163	1,292
Professional fees	2699	-
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	<u>28</u>	<u>17</u>
Total resources expended	68,143	88,711
Net income	<u>56,488</u>	<u>12,428</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

Council Elections

The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr J Potter, Mr C Roberts and Mr D Wilkinson. They are all willing to stand again. Miss B Bell has decided to retire from Council and one new candidate has been proposed - Mrs R Eastwood; therefore there are four vacancies and four candidates, so there is no need for a vote.

Election addresses are printed below for members' information. Numbers in brackets () represent the number of regular meetings which have not been attended by those Council members serving over the last five years.

New candidate for Council



MRS RUTH EASTWOOD - prefix 'Gowbarrow'

Proposed by Mrs E A Walker, Seconded by Mr D Wilkinson

I bought my first registered Fell pony in 1987 but had had a Fell x Dales for 10 years previous to that. I don't class myself as a breeder but I do have the prefix Gowbarrow and have bred 4 foals, trying to breed a versatile Fell pony you could put to any job.

I attended as many shows and studs as I could. I lived in Lincolnshire at that time, learning about the grass roots of Fell pony breeding for type, why they need to be a hard pony to survive on a Fell, why the characteristic movement must not be lost. A pony with no lift or hock action could not survive on an open fell. To this end I think this is what we should still be trying to maintain in the breed getting as near to breed standard as can be. I became a Fell pony panel judge in 1993 and I think we need more young judges coming forward so will support them in any way I can. If I get onto Council I will be there to help in any way I can, supporting breeders, young interested people and the Fell pony breed in any way possible.

Council Members re-elected



MR JOHN POTTER - prefix 'Greenholme' (3; 2 years)

I would like to stand again for the Fell Pony Society Council in 2018.

Greenholme Fell Ponies have always been a part of my life. I have been even more passionate about the breed since my daughters RJ and BK Potter have started breeding Greenholme ponies alongside other family members. The ponies run as a semi feral herd on Birkbeck Common all year round, which in my opinion is essential to the Fell Pony as a breed. If I am fortunate enough to be re-elected to the Council I would support the hill breeders as much as I can. It is vital that future generations of breeders are encouraged, where possible, to keep Fell ponies on the hill, where they belong.



MR COLIN ROBERTS - prefix "BYBECK" (10; 5 years)

Based in Tebay, Cumbria the heart of Fell pony country, we have a well established semi-feral herd that roam the Howgills. The Bybeck ponies are a traditional and true hardy type and are one of the last few remaining herds that graze the open fell, which is sadly in decline from the region and the breed.

If fortunate enough to be re-elected to the council I will try to do my best for the breed, and hopefully continue to keep the traditional types going into the next generation with the help of my sons.



MR DAVID WILKINSON - prefix 'BRACKENBANK' (13; 5 years)

I have owned, bred and shown Fell Ponies for over 30 years . Together with my wife, Katherine and daughter Megan we breed and show the Brackenbank Ponies. I am a FPS Panel Judge and have served on Council since 1999.

I believe that all Fell Pony owners are equally important and all relevant to the success of the Fell pony and in turn the Society, whether a one pony owner or a breeder with several ponies.

I am particularly supportive of the younger Society members, as they hold the key to the future of the breed. I am an active member of both the Show Committee and the North West Support Group, particularly involved in the setting up and taking down of the show field for the Stallion and Breed Shows.

I will do my best to attend as many Council meetings as I am able.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Extensively Grazing Fell Ponies: Survival or Extinction

Tuesday 14 November 2017 at Orton Market Hall

Present, FPS Council:

Mrs E A Walker (Chairman), Mrs A Bell, Miss B Bell, Mr P Boustead, Miss R Brunskill, Mrs S Charlton, Mrs G Cockbain, Mr M Goddard, Mr B Mallinson, Mr P Metcalfe, Mrs C S Millard, Mr J Potter, Mr W S Potter, Mrs J Rawden, Mr C Roberts, Miss C Simpson, Mrs D Slack, Mr A Thorpe (Vice Chairman), Mr D Wilkinson.

Mrs K Wilkinson (FPS Secretary)

Apologies:

Mrs C Robinson, Mrs J Ward (President)

Guests:

Mr D Murray FRGS FMA EIF, Ms S Goodyear

Ms R Dalton (Rare Breeds Survival Trust)

Mr T Lloyd and Mr W Lloyd (Fell Pony Breeders Association)

Mr S Lund and Ms J Johnson (Natural England)

Mr J Relph, Mr J Campbell, Ms V Lewis and Ms J Aglionby (Federation of Cumbria Commoners)

Ms B Davey (Lake District National Park)

Ms H Fawcett (Yorkshire Dales National Park)

Apologies:

Mr P May (Paragon Veterinary Group)

Mrs S Mansell (Exmoor Pony Society Treasurer & Projects Officer)

Mrs Walker welcomed everyone and outlined the purpose and format of the meeting, the purpose being to assess and retain Fell pony grazing on the Northern Hills.

David Murray

David discussed the 10 point Equine Wildness Scale designed / created in 2013 based upon a 20 question questionnaire. This 10 point scale allows a Wildness comparison of all herds world-wide.

The Wildness scale was used to assess the degree of wildness of Extensively Grazing Fell Pony herds in April 2014 and April 2017.

It was observed that the herd average wildness score for reported herds in 2014 was 5 (marginally domesticated) and the average score in 2017 was 4 (fairly domesticated).

David put forward 18 proposals to be considered for the survival of extensively grazing Fell Ponies. All the proposals will be included in the full minutes.

Rare Breeds Survival Trust

Ruth Dalton gave an overview of what the RBST do. They monitor the number of mares and the filly foal registrations, promote breeding and the registration of rare and native breeds and the use of these breeds. They also work with the National Livestock Gene Bank, storing semen to preserve the breed should there be a time of crisis eg disease outbreak. The cost of semen collection is £5000 per stallion. There are currently 5 Fell Pony stallions with semen in storage.

The breeders and breed societies do the bulk of the work, Ruth reported that the FPS do a fantastic job in promoting the breed. She said that Golden Rules to consider when breeding are temperament and conformation. There needs to be a market to survive. Use as many mares as possible and don't keep too many male offspring from one male. Minimise in-breeding and consider mean kinship (rank them according to their relationship with other bloodlines).

Fell Pony Breeders Association

Walter Lloyd reported that it is the hardiness of the pony that will survive extinction, such as in the winter of 1947/48. Heltondale Roamer was in the enclosure at Berrier at that time and the ponies that survived were found in only one valley. He also reported that as we don't know what form future climate change will be in we need to plan for extremes. Feral ponies are needed to test the hardiness, survivors have proved this. Encouragement needs to be given to young people. Rough land and commons owned by big landowners need to be identified. Walter suggested that fell grazing for ponies in Cumbria should be identified.

He quoted Samuel Beckett: "But at this place, at this moment of time, all mankind is us, whether we like it or not. Let us make the most of it, before it is too late."

Natural England

Jean Johnson said that the aims of NE are to promote nature conservation and protect biodiversity, and to conserve and enhance the landscape as per the NERC (Natural Environment and Rural Communities) Act 2006. With particular attention to protected sites, SSSI, including rivers and fell land. NE work with landowners / occupiers to protect, setting up agri agreements and countryside stewardship schemes.

High levels of grazing up to 1990's meant that there needed to be a re-balance of grazing on the fells.

NE also have a role in protecting cultural heritage. A variety of animals have a role in maximising culture.

Jean agreed that sheep have been recognised as part of the culture/heritage of Cumbria and ponies should have been but haven't. There is a role for ponies as conservation grazers as they graze differently and do things differently to sheep.

Steven Lund said that there are a number of sites that could be grazed by Fell Ponies.

It was agreed that the balance of species needs to be looked at and that the FP needs to be considered. He said that NE are aware of the pressures of sheep, the solution being to bring back a diversity of habitats, following changes made by human impact. To look at the options and balances of diversity, there are no hard and fast rules but there are limits with funding.

FPS and NE need to work with big land owners to fit into systems and make them aware of the Fell Pony.

Need to look at grazing systems, diversity, specify the use of native breeds and adapt current systems. With regard to the Commons there are constraints on ponies / sheep being kept on the fell all year round, off wintering in place according to schemes. In some cases there is no 'right' to fodder. There needs to be some flexibility in the schemes.

Steve said that the landowner as well as the commoner should comply with the prescription, all should comply, if not then all in breach of prescription.

Federation of Cumbria Commoners

Joe Relph reported that the commoners are in support of traditions, important part of our heritage as long as they are done within the rights of the Commons, they are not a free for all. Ponies are hefted to a particular Common and would be expected to be on the same traditions as for sheep farming. He said that all in favour of tradition but it needs to be done properly within the Commons Act.

Viv Lewis said that there is a rift between the sheep farmer and the Fell Pony which is unfortunate, as should be working together. The way they are promoted is important.

Joe welcomed a representative of the Fell Pony Society to come onto the committee.

Julia Aglionby welcomed the FPS to be involved.

Eileen Walker thanked everyone for attending and making valuable contributions to this debate and although it was apparent that everyone needed to work together, further discussions were necessary to progress these ideas and formulate a workable plan.

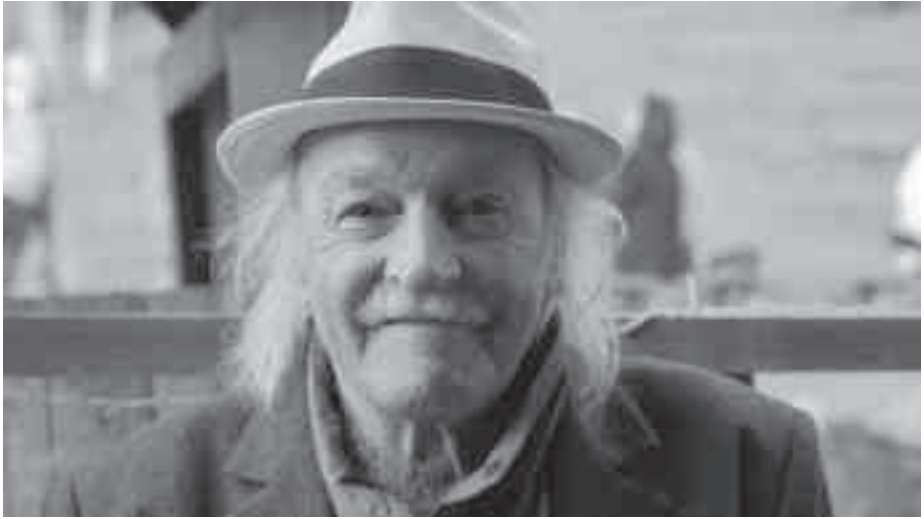
There would be feedback to the members at the FPS AGM.

A copy of the full minutes from the meeting is available to members on request to the FPS office, and a SAE would be much appreciated.

Obituary - Walter Lloyd

The funeral of my Dad, Walter Lloyd, took place on 24th January 2018. About 250 people came to pay their respects, and his funeral wagon was pulled by two Fell ponies from his chalet at Millerbeck to St Mary's Church, Staveley-in-Cartmel.

He was born and raised in West Cornwall, in the farming village of Zennor. He spent most of his childhood, including time when he should have been at school, helping on the farms, and from the age of 9 he spent a lot of time wandering over the moors with his donkey. After the War he started livestock farming on a small family farm 1000 feet up in the Pennines in Rossendale, East Lancashire, but concentrated after a short time on hardy breeds that lived on grass, and did not need a lot of looking after. He started breeding Fell ponies in 1957 at Hades Hill (Hades rhymes with shades), a part of the unenclosed Shawforth Common. There is an old photograph taken around 1890 of a local farmer riding a grey pony across the moor - so there were certainly fell ponies there long before our herd and before the Fell Pony Society was established, and it would have been a "fell pony" rather than a "Fell Pony". (*continues*)



A salary from an office job was welcome, but Walter realised that he was not really fitted to office life - he much preferred the hands-on, freewheeling life among the festivals, musicians, alternative technologists, and his many Gypsy friends, and when the chance came he took early retirement and a good pension, and began to branch out. Ponies and cattle, tree planting, opening up old bridleways, registration of common land, building bow-top wagons, running alternative technology weekends, organising environmental action and frequent wild and wonderful all-night parties; teaching about low-impact technology, portable shelters such as yurts, horse drawn transport, packsaddles, hand tools, rope making, weaving and felt making, woodland management, charcoal, coppicing, mass feeding, nomadism, surviving on your wits, and other aspects of alternative living. And Walter practised what he preached - he will be remembered as the only man in Rossendale who tried ploughing with his cows and milking his horses - and he really did - I know because I helped him.

He was already 63 when he arrived in Cumbria. He had been shown how to build a bow-top wagon by Old Joe Cannon, and in 1977 he travelled from Rossendale to Appleby Fair with horses for the first time in a wagon that he built himself. In 1987 he yoked up 5 Fell ponies to his bow-top, left the farm in Rossendale where he had been for almost 40 years, and drove up to the Lake District. He built at least 5 living wagons, and for 30 years, up until the age of 90, he slept every night of the year in his own bow-top. In 1967, when the Local Authority wanted to close Appleby Fair, he was asked to join the Fair Hill Committee, a position he held for 35 years. He was made President of the Fell Pony Breeders Association.

Walter used to tell me that the best way to die was to die young, but to leave it as late as possible. I would say that he just about managed that, at the age of 93.

Bill Lloyd

From Bill Lloyd's eulogy for Walter Lloyd (<https://www.billlloyd.co.uk/walter-lloyd-1924-2018/>) and Tom Lloyd's Hades Hill web site (<http://fellpony.co.uk/about-the-herd>) which also quotes from an FPSNA article by Mary-Jean Gould-Earley.

FPS Stallion Grading Scheme 2018

This grading scheme is FREE and VOLUNTARY and will not affect the current FPS stallion licensing rules.

Grading, during 2018, will take place at Newton Rigg, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0AH on Sunday 15th April 3pm - 4pm and at the FPS Southern Show held at Berkshire College of Agriculture, Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead SL6 6QR on Sunday 9th September. Other dates and venues will be arranged during June & July if you inform us that you wish your pony to be graded. We need to know by 15th May if we are to book a venue and arrange assessors for a date(s) in June or July.

All colts / stallions born in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016 are eligible to be graded during 2018. Pony details must be sent to the FPS Office, on a stallion grading entry form, at least 21 days before the chosen grading session. Every pony will be allocated a 20 minute slot in which to be graded and owners will be notified of these times approximately 7 days before the grading session.

Ponies must be shown unplaited and untrimmed, including head, mane, feather and tail, which should not have been previously plaited as the hair should be straight and silky.

Stallions and colts must be under the control of a handler aged 14 years or over. The exhibits forward for grading will be expected to be well behaved. Ill mannered ponies will not be tolerated.

All ponies must be presented in a 'fit condition' with feet in good condition. All ponies must be familiar with a 'hands on' assessment from the assessor i.e. pick feet up, feel feather & bone and check teeth.

All ponies will be expected to walk and trot in a controlled manner.

Grading will be undertaken by a panel of three assessors and marks will be independently awarded as per the Fell Pony Breed Standard (Breed Type / General Characteristics & Scale of Points). The marks awarded by each assessor will be totalled and an average mark will be calculated.

There will be three grades:

Gold: will be awarded to ponies who achieve 80% or above. These will be of the highest quality and the ones which breeders should be encouraged to use.

Silver: will be awarded to ponies who achieve 65% - 79%. These will be of slightly less quality but still have an important role to play.

Bronze: will be awarded to ponies who achieve 50% - 64%.

All ponies will receive a FPS certificate stating the grade and this information will be recorded by the FPS and will be published in the FPS Magazine. A premium will be paid to pony owners: Gold £50; Silver £25.

Colts / stallions who are graded Silver or Bronze in 2018 can be re-presented no sooner than two years from the first grading (2020).

Andrew Thorpe (Stallion Grading Chairman)

FPS Southern Show

10 September 2017



David Foy with HM The Queen's two-year-old Townend Chaffinch, who stood Youngstock and In-Hand champion and finally Supreme Champion at the Southern Show.

The twenty eighth annual Southern Show returned to Berkshire College of Agriculture for the second year. This venue has excellent motorway connections and we were pleased to see a number of new competitors making the trip for the first time. Entries were slightly down on last year but we had more ponies at the show on the day, and some well-filled classes in both the in-hand and ridden sections for our judges Peter Boustead, Colin Turner and Jenny Charlton.

In ring 1, judged by Peter Boustead, Deb Vychinski's homebred stallion Boutime Wooster won the in-hand stallions. First time attendee Kate Scorey's Llanai Guardsman, shown by breeder Philip Ward-Burton, won the large yearling class and HM The Queen's Townend Chaffinch, shown by David Foy, took the two-years old. Three year old winner was John Cockbain's Carrock Elsa, all the way from Cumbria. She went on to stand reserve to Townend Chaffinch in the youngstock championship.

Colin Turner judged the mares in ring 2. Philip Ward-Burton's Greenholme Queen Bea, dam of the yearling winner, won the 4- 8 year old class. Pam Marsh's Richmond Affra headed the 9 & over class. Another first time attendee Mark Cornthwaite won the broodmares with Conway Clara Brown. Richmond Affra stood mare champion and Conway Clara Brown was reserve.

Gelding entries were low again this year. In ring 3 Jenny Charlton chose Richmond Ezekiel, handled by Holly Mayling for breeder Sue Petritz, in the 4-8 year old class and Jane Glass and Jane Rawden's Murthwaite Looks Promising in the 9 & over class.

Murthwaite Looks Promising took the gelding championship and Richmond Ezekiel was reserve. The in-hand veteran was won by Wendi Davies' Ffrethi Commodore.

Townend Chaffinch took the In-hand Championship and Carrock Elsa stood reserve. This was followed by the Inter Area Championship for the Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy. This championship was set up in 2010 by Mary Longsdon to encourage area group members to get involved in showing. Each area is eligible to select two representatives and this year we had seven entries from five areas. Carrock Elsa, representing the North West, was champion with Midland West's Boutime Wooster reserve. This is the second time the North West Support Group have won the trophy.

The threat of rain hung over the afternoon classes, but it stayed mostly dry until it was time to take the tents down. The Olympia Semi-Final Q was won by Holly Mayling with her mother Nicola's new pony Murthwaite Ted's Lass, with Heidi Saxon-Bland and her own Hillhead Horace in the second qualifying slot. Boutime Wooster won both the Ridden Stallions and the Traditional Ridden Geldings and Stallions, in his first full season under saddle. This stallion has such a good temperament that he is used for covering without taking a break from competing. Richmond Affra continued to be on best behaviour to win the Open Mares, delighting Pam Marsh. Holly Mayling had successful afternoon winning the Open Geldings with Greenholme Yabadabadoo and Novice Ridden Mares and Traditional Ridden Mares with Murthwaite Ted's Lass. New this year was a Novice Traditional Ridden Class, open to both mares and geldings, and Sam Graham won this with her lovely four year old mare Townend Honesty. Veteran winner was Katie Howarth's Lunesdale Cragman.

The judges chose Greenholme Yabadabadoo as Ridden Champion and Richmond Affra as reserve. The supreme went to the in-hand champion, HM The Queen's Townend Chaffinch, with Carrock Elsa in reserve.

A lot of activity goes on at the show in between and around the main showing classes. We were delighted to have two driving entries, judged by George Guy. Helen and Tony Parker's Banksgate Shannon won the class for the second year running while first time entrant Andy Brown won the Barncross Rue Memorial trophy for best novice with Diane Bruce's Princess Elma.

Jenny Charlton also judged our children's classes. Winner of the lead rein class was Aurora Smith on Norma Paterson's Meres Just-a-Mo. The versatile partnership of Holly Mayling and Greenholme Yabadabadoo won the Child 13 - 16 years class, and went on to take the Child Championship, with Aurora and Meres Just-a-Mo as Reserve Champion. We also have young handler and fancy dress classes, and would love to see more young competitors next year.

Pam Cox judged our popular working hunter pony classes. Special mention must go to the nearly all female team of competitors and spectators who helped set the course up. Gabby Ivey won the large Novice WHP class on her mother's Graceland Ellie. Holly Mayling and Greenholme Yabadadoo won the Intermediate while another young rider, Bethany Griffiths, took the Open on her mother's Wellbrow Duke. Greenholme Yabadabadoo was WHP Champion, with Graceland Ellie Reserve.

Our dressage classes are always popular, and British Dressage List 3 judge Jo Black was delighted to see 'so many super ponies.' Sophie Nichol won the Walk/trot class with Julie Reed's Haweswater Imogen Rose. Bethany Griffiths and Wellbrow Duke won Prelim 18. They are another versatile partnership who also compete for Wishfell Thinking, a Sussex based Fell Pony Team Quest dressage team. Gabby Ivey and Carltonima Jerry won Novice 30.



Andrew Dalkin

Above, an informal moment between Glenis Cockbain (reserve Champion Carrock Elsa) and David Foy (Supreme Champion Townend Chaffinch).

Below, the in-hand class in progress for geldings 9 years and over.



Andrew Dalkin



Above, Miss K Scorey's yearling winner, Llanai Guardsman; below, Guardsman's dam Greenholme Queen Bea, winner of the mares 4-8 years old. Both ponies shown by Philip Ward-Burton.



Unique to the Southern Show is the Groovy Hooves Championship, which is awarded to the pony winning the most points in dressage, working hunter pony and handy pony. Strong performance in dressage and WHP and a fourth in the ridden handy pony meant Bethany Griffiths and Wellbrow Duke took the championship ahead of Meres Just-a-Mo, with Sarah Barlett's Waverhead Bombadere in third.

As usual huge thanks to all the helpers at the show. This year we were really grateful to Heidi Bland and husband Rob and Adrian Charman for assistance in setting up the tents and showground in between rainstorms! Thank you also to all our sponsors, in particular Seatallan Ltd. We are proud to be able to hold a friendly show in the south which showcases all that Fell ponies can do, and hope that by doing so we are continuing to fulfil the vision of Mary Longsdon, who was one of the founders of the Southern Show. Next year's show will be held in memory of Mary and we are hoping for lots of entries. The schedule is available from www.fellsouthernshow.com.

FPS Southern Show 10 September 2017 Berkshire College of Agriculture Results

JUDGES: Mr P Boustead (Summerhouse)
(classes 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 19, 21 & 37)
Mr C Turner (classes 2, 3, 4, 13, 17, 20 & 37)
Miss JB Charlton (Linnel) (classes 6, 7, 11, 12,
14, 16, 18, 22, 23, 23 & 25)
Mrs P Cox (Cheritonridge) (classes 26, 27, 28 &
33)
Mr G Guy (Severnvale) (class 29)

IN-HAND

1. Stallions

1st Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski
2nd Bracklinn Crosbie - Mr M Cornthwaite
3rd Murthwaite Misty's Boy - Mrs J James
4th Greenbeck Bamboozle - Mrs LR Judd

2. Mares 4 - 8 years

1st Greenholme Queen Bea - Mr & Mrs Ward-
Burton
2nd Nicholwalls Firefly - Mrs P Marsh
3rd Severnvalle June - Mr G Guy
4th Wellbrow Glimmer - Mrs C Pewter
5th Hardendale Blossom - Mrs L Bennett
6th Murthwaite Ted's Lass - Ms N Mayling

3. Mares 9 years and over

1st Richmond Affra - Mrs P Marsh
2nd Inlegarth Preview - Miss K Hodge
3rd Murthwaite Sarah - Miss L Briant
4th Townend Libby - Mrs C Knight
5th Haweswater Imogen Rose - Mrs J Reed
6th Hazelgrove Cherry - Miss S Cartwright

4. Broodmares

1st Conway Clara Brown - Mr M Cornthwaite
5. *Foals - No entries forward*

6. Geldings 4 - 8 years

1st Richmond Ezekiel - Mrs S Petritz

7. Geldings 9 years & over

1st Murthwaite Looks Promising - Mrs J Rawden
& Miss J Glass
2nd Ffrethi Commodore - Miss W Davies
3rd Hillhead Horace - Mrs H Saxon-Bland

8. Yearling

1st Llanai Guardsman - Miss K Scorey
2nd Carrock Lilly - Mr J Cockbain
3rd Kalmara Felicity - Mrs K Hodge
4th Severnvalle Queen of the Vale - Mr G Guy
5th Bluecaps Gilbert - Mrs C O'Donnell
6th Richmond Grace - Mrs S Petritz

9. Two year old

1st Townend Chaffinch - HM The Queen
2nd Richmond Francesca - Mrs S Petritz
3rd Greenrivers Ruth Lea - Ms E Drewett
4th Murthwaite Red Squirrel - Mrs C Pewter
5th Wellbrow Isadora - Mrs C Pewter

10. Three year old

1st Carrock Elsa - Mr J Cockbain
11. **Veteran, 15 years and over**
1st Ffrethi Commodore - Miss W Davies
2nd Severnvalle Sadie - Mr G Guy
3rd Lunesdale Cragman - Ms K Howarth
4th - Hazelgrove Cherry - Miss S Cartwright

12. Pair class

1st Bluecaps Gilbert (Mrs C O'Donnell) &
Highbrook the Dutchess (Mr & Mrs G Miller)

RIDDEN

13. Stallions

1st Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski

14. Mares

1st Richmond Affra - Mrs P Marsh
2nd Murthwaite Sarah - Miss L Briant
3rd Graceland Ellie - Mrs CJ Ivey

15. Geldings

- 1st Greenholme Yabadaboo - Ms N Mayling
- 2nd Murthwaite Looks Promising - Mrs J Rawden & Miss J Glass
- 3rd Hillhead Horace - Mrs H Saxon-Bland
- 4th Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths

16. Novice traditional ridden mares & geldings

- 1st Townend Honesty - Mrs S Graham
- 2nd Ingelgarth Preview - Miss K Hodge
- 3rd Richmond Ezekiel - Mrs S Petritz
- 4th Bluecaps Adorable Alexis - Ms RB Nichols
- 5th Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock
- 6th Waverhead Bombadere - Mrs S Bartlett

17. Novice mares

- 1st Murthwaite Ted's Lass - Ms N Mayling
- 2nd Princess Elma - Dr D Bruce, exb. Mr A Brown
- 3rd Townend Honesty - Mrs S Graham
- 4th Wellbrow Glimmer - Mrs C Pewter

18. Novice geldings - no entries forward

19. Traditional Ridden Mares

- 1st Murthwaite Ted's Lass - Ms NE Mayling
- 2nd Murthwaite Sarah - Miss L Briant
- 3rd Richmond Affra - Mrs P Marsh
- 4th Graceland Ellie - Mrs CJ Ivey
- 5th Banksgate Shannon - Mrs & Mrs AG Parker
- 6th Princess Elma - Dr D Bruce, exb Mr A Brown

20. Traditional Ridden Geldings & Stallions

- 1st Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski
- 2nd Murthwaite Looks Promising - Mrs J Rawden & Miss J Glass

- 3rd Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths
- 4th Hillhead Horace - Mrs H Saxon-Bland
- 5th Lunesdale Cragman - Ms K Howarth

21. Ridden veterans

- 1st Lunesdale Cragman - Ms K Howarth
- 2nd Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson

22. Ridden pairs

- 1st Townend Lib III (Mrs A Adcock) & Stennerskeugh Garth (Mrs JA Broadhurst)
- 2nd Townend Cragman (Ms K Haworth) & Waverhead Bombadere (Mrs S Bartlett)

23. Children - 10 yrs & under lead rein

- 1st Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson
- 24. Children - 6 - 12 years - No entries

25. Children 13 - 16 years

- 1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling
- 2nd Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths
- 3rd Haweswater Imogen Rose - Mrs J Reed

26. Novice Working Hunter Pony

- 1st Graceland Ellie - Mrs CJ Ivey
- 2nd Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock
- 3rd Townend Libby - Mrs C Knight
- 4th Brackenbank Oscar - Mrs C Pewter
- 5th Waverhead Bombadere - Mrs S Bartlett
- 6th Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson

27. Intermediate Working Hunter Pony

- 1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling
- 2nd Brackenbank Oscar - Mrs C Pewter
- 3rd Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths
- 4th Townend Libby - Mrs C Knight
- 5th Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson
- 6th Waverhead Bombadere - Mrs S Bartlett

28. Working Hunter Pony

- 1st Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths

29. Driving

- 1st Banksgate Shannon - Mr & Mrs AG Pewter
- 2nd Princess Elma - Dr D Bruce, exb Mr A Brown

30a. Handy Pony - ridden

- 1st Lunesdale Cragman - Ms K Haworth
- 2nd Waverhead Bombadere - Mrs S Bartlett
- 3rd Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock
- 4th Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths
- 5th Stennerskeugh Garth - Mrs JA Broadhurst

30b. Handy Pony - in-hand

- 1st Stennerskeugh Garth - Mrs JA Broadhurst
- 2nd Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson
- 3rd Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock

31. Fancy Dress - no entries

32. Young Handler

- 1st Marshhouse Lily - Ms H Johnson
- 2nd Severnvale Sadie - Mr G Guy

33. Two Generations

- 1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling
- 2nd Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock
- 3rd Stennerskeugh Garth - Mrs JA Broadhurst

34. Dressage - Walk/trot

- 1st Haweswater Imogen Rose - Mrs J Reed
- 2nd Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths
- 3rd Banksgate Shannon - Mrs & Mrs AG Parker
- 4th Princess Elma - Dr D Bruce, exb Mr A Brown
- 5th Waverhead Bombadere - Mrs S Bartlett
- 6th Stennerskeugh Garth - Mrs JA Broadhurst

35. Dressage - Preliminary 18

- 1st Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths
- 2nd Carltonlma Jerry - Mrs CJ Ivey
- 3rd Waverhead Bombadere - Mrs S Bartlett
- 4th Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson
- 5th Townend Honesty - Mrs S Graham

36. Dressage - Novice 30

- 1st Carltonlma Jerry - Mrs CJ Ivey
- 2nd Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson

37. BSPS Olympia Qualifier

- 1st Murthwaite Ted's Lass - Ms N Mayling
- 2nd Hillhead Horace - Mrs H Saxon-Bland
- 3rd Murthwaite Looks Promising - Mrs J Rawden & Miss J Glass
- 4th Greenbeck Bamboozle - Mrs LR Judd

Championships

IN-HAND

Gelding championship

Ch. Murthwaite Looks Promising - Mrs J Rawden & Miss J Glass

Res. Richmond Ezekiel - Mrs S Petritz

Mare championship

Ch. Richmond Affra - Mrs P Marsh

Res. Conway Clara Brown - Mr M Cornthwaite

Youngstock championship

Ch. Townend Chaffinch - HM The Queen

Res. Carrock Elsa - Mr J Cockbain

In-hand Championship

Ch. Townend Chaffinch - HM The Queen

Res. Carrock Elsa - Mr J Cockbain

Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy (Inter-Area In-hand Championship)

Ch. Carrock Elsa - Mr J Cockbain (NWSG)

Res. Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski (MWSG)

Children's Best Turned Out Championship

Ch. Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths, rider Miss B Griffiths

Working Hunter Pony Championship

Ch. Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling, rider Miss H Mayling

Res. Graceland Ellie - Mrs CJ Ivey, rider Miss G Ivey

Ridden Championship

Ch. Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling

Res. Richmond Affra - Mrs P Marsh

Groovy Hooves Championships (for ponies doing dressage, WHP and handy pony)

1st Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths

2nd Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson

3rd Waverhead Bombadere - Mrs S Bartlett

4th Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock

5th Stennerskeugh Garth - Mrs JA Broadhurst

RIDDEN

Children's Championship

Ch. Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling, rider Miss H Mayling

Res. Meres Just-a-Mo - Mrs NE Paterson, rider

Miss Aurora Smith

Supreme Championship

Ch. Townend Chaffinch - HM The Queen

Res. Carrock Elsa - Mr J Cockbain

Endurance Awards - Results 2017

Highest Distance, Competitive

- 1 Sarah Norris, Tynebank Harry, 501km
- 2 Angela Long, Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu, 180km (first year in competition)

Highest Distance, Pleasure rides

- 1 Fiona Carradus, Lownthwaite Cameo, 122km (first year)
- 2 Angela Long, Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu, 112km
- 3 Tania Weeks, Ambrook Bryher, 84km, (first year)
- 4 Margaret Plank, Townend Dillon, 61km
- 5 Sarah Norris, Tynebank Harry, 18km

Accumulative Distances

- Tynebank Harry, 695km
Townend Dillon, 397km
Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu, 347km

Ambrook Bryer is 24 years old;
Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu is 20 years old.
Very well done to both of you!

If you'd like to count points for the Endurance awards, the form is on the FPS web site under "Awards".

Fiona Carradus

Points Awards 2017 (presented in 2018)

Foal (6 entries)

1st Brackenbank Emma FP6446. Owner/Exhib. Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. 430 points
2nd Rackwood Xena FP6347. Owner/Exhib. Mrs E A Walker. 265 points
3rd Rackwood Yogi FP72742C. Owner/Exhib. Mrs E A Walker. 165 points
4th Rackwood Merlin FP72739C. Owner/Exhib. Mrs E A Walker. 140 points
5th Dalewin Uthopia FP72805C. Owner/Exhib. Zoe Marsden. 50 points
6th Wellbrow Kasper FP72796C. Owner/Exhib. Zoe Marsden. 30 points

Yearling (5 entries)

1st Wellbrow Jagger FP72657C. Owner/Exhib. Zoe Marsden. 710 points
2nd Kalmara Felicity FP 6295. Owner/Exhib. K Hodge. 560 points
3rd Summerhouse Gatsby FP72649C. Owner/Exhib. Miss S J York. 535 points
4th Carrock Lilly FP6278. Owner/Exhib. Mr J W Cockbain. 490 points
5th Birkettbank Priya FP6441. Owner/Exhib. Mr R Relph-Briggs. 390 points.

Two Year Old (3 entries)

1st Kalmara Fantasia FP6208. Owner/Exhib. K Hodge. 1240 points
2nd Midtown Joker FP72500C. Owner/Exhib. Zoe Marsden. 805 points
3rd Rackwood Rambling Rose FP6101. Owner/Exhib. Mrs E A Walker. 300 points

Three Year Old (3 entries)

1st Bracklinn Glayva FP72412C*. Owner/Exhib. Jane Rawden. 1200 points
2nd Carrock Elsa FP6003. Owner/Exhib. Mr J W Cockbain. 1050 points
3rd Bracklinn Ella FP6027. Owner/Exhib. Mr R Relph-Briggs. 510 points

Four Year Old & over In-Hand (11 entries)

1st Ruby III FP5032*. Owner/Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson 720 points
2nd Dalefoot Rolo FP71934G. Owner Barbara Potter. Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson. 635 points
=3rd Wellbrow Edwin FP71962C*. Owner/Exhib. Zoe Marsden. 610 points
=3rd Bracklinn Maggie FP3184. Owner/Exhib. Sharron Camp. 610 points
5th Carrock Princess FP4003. Owner/Exhib. Mr R Relph-Briggs. 290 points

6th Wellbrow Diplomat FP71674C*. Owner/Exhib. Zoe Marsden. 210 points

Four Year Old & over Performance (10 entries)

1st Wellbrow Duke FP70780G*. Owner Mrs L Griffiths. Exhib Bethany Griffiths. 2720 points
2nd Lunesdale War Dance. FP71133G. Owner Mrs E Jones. Exhib. Sophie Jones. 2320 points
3rd Dalefoot Rio. FP71873G. Owner Mrs E Jones. Exhib. Lucy Jones. 2060 points
4th Waverhead Bracken II FP71134G*. Owner/Exhib. Holly Baker. 1935 points
5th Lydvale Jet. FP71270G. Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail. 1560 points
6th Thornbeck Andrew FP71609G. Owner/Exhib. Miss V Parker. 1000 points

Junior Rider (3 entries)

1st Wellbrow Duke & Bethany Griffiths. 2720 points
2nd Lunesdale War Dance & Sophie Jones. 2320 points
3rd Dalefoot Rio & Lucy Jones. 2060 points

Dressage (6 entries)

1st Wellbrow Duke & Bethany Griffiths. 1250 points
2nd Waverhead Bracken II & Holly Baker. 850 points
3rd Thornbeck Andrew & Miss V Parker. 650 points
=4th Rackwood Hugo & Mrs E A Walker. 610 points
=4th Dalefoot Rolo & Carrie-Ann Richardson. 610 points
6th Lydvale Jet & Diana McGrail 360 points

Driving (4 entries)

1st Stennerskeugh Smoke FP70601G*. Owner/Exhib. Gilly Chippendale. 1570 points
2nd Raisbeck Cappuccino FP70945G. Owner/Exhib. Linda Wiggin. 920 points
3rd Brackenthwaite Duke FP71222G*. Owner/Exhib. Teresa Whitehead. 390 points
4th Huntsmans Dillon FP71416G. Owner/Exhib. Teresa Whitehead. 120 points

Champion Stallion

Heltondale Mountain Mist II

Champion Mare

Greenholme Fancy II

2017 FPS Native Pony Performance Trials

The 2017 FPS Native Pony Performance Trials was held in the picturesque setting of Linnel Wood Fell Pony Stud, Hexham on September 17th by kind permission of The Charlton Family. The event, which has been running for over twenty years, provides the opportunity to demonstrate the versatility of our Fell ponies and other native breeds in dressage, cross country and show jumping disciplines. The competition uses a positive scoring system and offers 3 height options throughout the cross country phase, making it a one-of-a-kind event. A fantastic time was had by adults and children alike, with the unpredictable British weather holding out for the vast majority of the day.

All native breeds were represented at this year's competition, including the crowd favourite, Elaine Tomlinson's Shetland pony Birchmoor Drover. Over 20 Fell Ponies competed and the section was won for the second year in a row by HOYS 2016 finalist Linnel Tiger Lilly ridden by Pamela Brown, who flew round the large cross country and show jumping sections and went clear in both. The experienced combination also secured the Cross Country and Best Mare Trophies. Second in this class was talented local junior rider Charlotte Wilson and Hades Hill Perry who were the winners of the Fell Junior Trophy. Newcomers to the event Holly Brown and Townend Stardust secured the Fell Newcomer trophy and were winners of the Fell Dressage Section after performing a fantastic test under pressure, despite a tyre blow out when travelling to the competition.

The Overall Small Breeds section was enjoyed especially by all our junior riders on their Dartmoor, Exmoor and Welsh ponies, many competing in their first one day event but all going home with a number of rosettes. After an extremely close competition the title went to Juliet Rodgers and Exmoor Pony Rosefinch, mother of 2017 M&M HOYS Working Hunter Pony Marigold. They beat the Shetland Pony Birchmoor Dover by just 3 marks. Winners of an extremely competitive Large Breeds Class were New Forest Hawkhill Don and owner Julia Kelly who performed a superb dressage test to take the Overall Large Breeds title, just 1.5 marks ahead of Gail Whetter and Trenewydd Danny Boy. Gail and Danny Boy were winners of the cross country phase and secured the Best Senior Trophy and the Dene Trophy for the fastest pony in the timed section of the course across all breeds.

A very special award named 'The Gatekeeper's Trophy' was given for the first time, in honour of our president Mary Longsdon who passed away earlier this year. Mary for many years could be found at the event, opening and closing the gate of the dressage arena, laughing and smiling with competitors and spectators. This year the trophy was awarded to Heather Mawrey and her mum's Fell pony Jonty II, who have competed at the event for many years, producing an excellent dressage test and entering the competition in the spirit it is intended.

A huge thank you must go to the large group of volunteers which make the event happen. From jump judges and stewards on the day to the team who prepare the course in the days and weeks before the competition, it couldn't run without them! All photo credits go to the fantastic Kevin Owens and team at Digital Works Ltd, who provided the section winners with a free photo as a memento of their day. Hat silks were also donated as prizes by local hat silk company Frostfinch.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to another fantastic day in 2018!

Vicky Parker



Kevin Owens / Digital Works

HOYS 2016 finalist Linnel Tiger Lilly, ridden by Pamela Brown, went clear round the large cross country and show jumping to win the Fell section of the Trials. They also secured the Cross Country and Best Mare Trophies.

Below, Heather Mawrey and Jonty II who were awarded the Gatekeeper's Trophy.



Kevin Owens / Digital Works

The Fell Pony Society Foal & Youngstock Show 2017

The Fell Pony Society North West Area Support Group (NWASG) held its annual Foal & Youngstock Show at Newton Rigg College, Penrith on Sunday 11th November. Show organisers were delighted to see almost 60 ponies entered in the show this year; and everyone enjoyed a lovely sunny, if chilly, Autumn day. Tracey Mallinson judged the classes and was very pleased with the quality of the ponies forward. She said that the class winners were good examples of the breed, with great presence that had caught her eye as they entered the ring, and impressed with their athletic movement.

It was an excellent day for Bert and Carole Morland who took the supreme and youngstock championships with their homebred yearling, Lunesdale Burnt Sugar, skilfully shown by Vicki Kenyon. This lovely filly by Lunesdale Union Jack was going one better than last year when she took the foal championship and the reserve supreme.

The reserve supreme went to Katie Raine with the champion foal, Dalewin Uptown Jen, a filly bred by Edwin Winder and sired by Katie's champion stallion Lunesdale Black Ice II. The reserve champion foal was another homebred Lunesdale pony by Union Jack, the aptly named Lunesdale Jackson, winner of the class for colt foals.

The reserve champion in the youngstock section was Drybarrows Authentic, a two year old filly bred by David Thompson and owned by Alistair Smith.

The NWASG is very grateful to all who helped make the show a success and to show sponsors, Christine Robinson of Kerbeck Fell Ponies; the Sinderson family; Mrs H Moss; Murthwaite Green Trekking Centre; C Hanson & Sons, and Brackenbank Fell Ponies.

Claire Simpson

FOAL & YOUNGSTOCK RESULTS - Sunday 12 November 2017

Class 1 Filly Foal

- 1 Dalewin Uptown Jen - Miss K Raine
- 2 Bracklinn Alice - Mr A Smith
- 3 Brackenbank Emma - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

Class 2 Colt Foal

- 1 Lunesdale Jackson - Mr & Mrs A W Morland
- 2 Bracklinn Fiery Jack - Mr A Smith
- 3 Bybeck Timothy - Mr C Roberts

Class 3 Yearling

- 1 Lunesdale Burnt Sugar - Mr & Mrs A W Morland
- 2 Wellbrow Jagger - Miss Z Marsden
- 3 Brackenbank Ruby - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

Class 4 Two Year Old

- 1 Drybarrows Authentic - Mr A Smith
- 2 Murthwaite TBC - Mrs S E James
- 3 Brackenbank Demelza - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

Class 5 Three Year Old

- 1 Murthwaite Donna Marie - Mrs E Lawson

Foal Champion - Dalewin Uptown Jen
Reserve Champion Foal - Lunesdale Jackson

Youngstock Champion - Lunesdale Burnt Sugar
Reserve Youngstock Champion - Drybarrows Authentic

Supreme Champion - Lunesdale Burnt Sugar
Reserve Supreme Champion - Dalewin Uptown Jen



Claire Simpson

Youngstock Show Supreme Champion Lunesdale Burnt Sugar, shown by Vicki Kenyon, went one better than last year by winning the Yearling class and following up with Youngstock and Supreme Championships.

Autumn Show and Sale - Judge, Mr Barry Mallinson, with his Show Champion, Greenholme Luigi (right), sold by RJ & BK Potter, and Reserve, Stennerskeugh Kestrel (left), vendor CA Morland.



Claire Simpson

The Fell Pony Society Annual Show & Sale 2017

The Fell Pony Society held its annual sale of registered Fell ponies at the North West Auctions J36 Rural Auction Centre, near Kendal, Cumbria, on Saturday 28 October. The sale was preceded by three in hand show classes: one for ponies four years and over; one for youngstock one to three years; and one class for foals. The classes were judged by Barry Mallinson, who thoroughly enjoyed the day and was pleased with the quality of the ponies forward.

The Potter family had a good day, having the highest priced colt and filly foals and taking the overall show championship with their black colt foal, Greenholme Luigi, sired by Lunesdale Union Jack. Luigi went on to sell for 650gns. Reserve championship went to Stennerskeugh Kestrel, a three year old grey licensed colt by Lunesdale Tarquin.

There was a total of 96 Fell ponies were entered in the sale with 92 forward on the day, an increase of 24 over last year; 77 ponies were sold through the ring. The lots forward included the usual good selection of quality ponies of all ages and attracted a large crowd of buyers from all over the UK.

The highest price of the day, 1600 gns, was achieved by another Greenholme bred pony, Greenholme Jemima, a two year old grey filly sired by Greenholme Look At Me and presented by Sue Mallinson. Overall the youngstock class averaged 545 gns.

The highest priced filly foal was Greenholme Let's See, by Greenholme Diego, at £820 with an average of 410 gns. The highest priced colt foal was the grey, Greenholme Lucas by Greenholme Ringo at 850 gns, with the average overall 249 gns.

In the older ponies highest priced at 1400 gns was Firtreeroyal Duchess, a seven year old ridden mare by Heltondale Star Boy III; overall the average in this class was 741 gns.

It was another successful sale for the vendors and some lovely ponies going to super new homes. We wish everyone well and look forward to seeing some of the ponies out in the show ring next season.

Claire Simpson

Show Results

Judge, Barry Mallinson

Class One - Fell Pony 4 Years Plus

1st Lot 1, High Magic, D Palmer

2nd Lot 11, Hades Hill Bella III, T Lloyd

Class Two - Fell Pony 1-3 Years

1st Lot 14, Stennerskeugh Kestrel, CA Morland

2nd Lot 16, Greenholme Smiling Rebecca, R Alderson

3rd Lot 20, Brackenbank Ross, Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

4th Lot 24, Greenholme Jenna, H Wilson

5th Lot 15, Wellbrow Hyacinth, R Longstaff

6th Lot 25, Wellbrow Hilda, G Richardson

Class Three - Colt or Filly Foal

1st Lot 56, Greenholme Luigi, RJ & BK Potter

2nd Lot 80, Hazelgill Hector, B Lawson

3rd Lot 55, Greenholme Luke, TM Potter

4th Lot 78, Nortontowers Ice Man, PH Hodgson

5th Lot 79, Nortontowers Iris, PH Hodgson

6th Lot 52, Greenholme Lucas, RJ & BK Potter

Champion - Greenholme Luigi, RJ & BK Potter

Reserve - Stennerskeugh Kestrel, CA Morland

Results of the 2019 Calendar Competition

What a great response from our members for the 2019 calendar. I received just under 100 photos. A big Thank you to all the members who sent photographs to me last year.

This year the competition was judged by two members of the South West Area Support Group, who will receive a calendar with our grateful thanks. The photographer of each selected photograph qualifies for a free calendar, and the overall winner of the calendar competition, John Cockbain, and the runner-up, Joanne Bennett, will also receive a £10 and £5 FPS Voucher, respectively.

Cover picture, Mr John Cockbain, Cumbria

January, Isa Burke, Germany

February, Joanne Bennett, Lancashire

March, Sarah Nicholson Caldecott

April, Emma Campbell, Cumbria

May, Fell Pony Society Archives

June, Alex Wrigley, Cumbria

July, Katherine Wilkinson, Cumbria

August, Liz Whitley, Cornwall

September, Alistair Snowden, Northumberland

October, Marlyn McInnes, Perthshire.

November, Penny Randell, Cumbria

December, Rob Briggs, Cumbria

Congratulations to everyone listed above. Calendars should be available at and following the Spring AGM. So now we look forward to entries for the 2020 calendar. Let's see if we can receive over 100 photos this year.

As before, landscape format images (i.e wider than high) are preferred to portrait format although we still accept good portrait images. Either digital or hard copy have to scale up to the calendar format at 11" X 7" and so have to be of high resolution (300dpi minimum). See FPS website for more information.

Michael Goddard.

g.michaelrichard@yahoo.com

Breeders Award 2017

Position	Prefix	Total Points
1st	Carrock	96
2nd	Murthwaite	90
=3rd	Greenholme	55
=3rd	Townend	55
5th	Richmond	36
6th	Brackenbank	34

57 breed prefixes took part.

Eileen A Walker



Lucy Donaldson and Linnel Pearl completing their dressage test at the Performance Trials (p46)

Edinburgh Prize for Driving - 2018

Presented by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh since 2014, there are 25 Edinburgh Prize awards.

They are to be awarded internationally to a single or multiple turnout of registered Fell ponies, for achievement in Driving. Applications need not necessarily be from show ponies but other driving experiences, and need not be from just the previous year.

Participating members must complete a form available to download from the FPS website, to include a narrative as to why they think they should receive the award and to include their achievements in driving.

All ponies must be registered Fell Ponies and the owner or the driver must be a member of The Fell Pony Society, of the Netherlands Fell Pony Society, or of an FPS-recognised Overseas Branch.



This year's winner is Nichole Jansen driving Littletree Limited Edition (above). Nichole is based in Seminole, Florida, USA.

Last year (2017) she and Limited Edition were placing and winning in Pleasure Driving, Turnout, Working and Reinsmanship classes at such events as Citrus Cup, Nashoba Carriage Classic, Devon Horse Show and the Carriage Association of America Carriage Festival. They have also won at Training Level in driven dressage at Canterbury Schooling Dressage Show.

Area Support Groups

Scotland



NORTH SCOTLAND area support group is planning events for 2018 for Fell Pony enthusiasts and friends.

Springtime Visit to Horseback UK at Aboyne to learn about the charity's valuable horse work with the wounded, injured and sick of the military community.

June Meet at the Royal Highland Show on 23/24 June for a cup of tea and chat.

14/15 July - Fell Pony SUMMER CELEBRATION in memory of Mary Longsdon MBE at Boyndlie Fell Ponies, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire. Join us for afternoon tea, guest speakers and pony chat. Camping available. Contact Jacqueline if you have any ideas for speakers/activities to turn this into a weekend to remember or if you are interested in coming.

Autumn - After the success of our Balmoral Highland pony day in 2017, we are planning a hands-on Working Pony Day.

Further information will be available once we get our dates and details confirmed, from Jacqueline Cheetham, Ceres House, Boyndlie, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire AB43 7DQ tel 01346 541250 email fellponies@btinternet.com or via Facebook, Fell Pony Society - Scottish Area Support Group.

Thanks for your support.

SOUTH SCOTLAND

Sunday 25th February 11.30-3.00, Galloway Arms Hotel, Crocketford, Dumfriesshire DG2 8RA. Situated on the A75 approx 9 miles from Dumfries.

Join us for lunch, followed by the opportunity to meet other Fell pony people and friends, hear about some of the activities they've taken part in, and plan events for the coming year. Short talks: Vyv Wood-Gee and her adventures, Bobby McCaw - Fell pony reminiscences, Elma Ball - Going Aside and Fell pony Trec.

Sideways - Ever wondered about riding sideways? Michelle Anderson, Andersons School of Riding, near New Cumnock, Ayrshire has offered to let us "have a go" using her schoolmaster horses. Michelle is a registered instructor with many years experience in side saddle riding. There is an indoor school if it is wet! She will demonstrate how to fit a side saddle and you will be able to have a go riding side saddle. The dates available are Sunday 18th June or Sunday 16th July. 1 - 3 pm. Cost is £25 per person. Please let Elma Ball know if you would like to take part and which date you would prefer. Places may be limited so book early! E-mail elmaball@btinternet.com

North West Area Support Group

With days starting to get longer we are well and truly on the count down to spring and I personally cannot wait! Yet again 2017 proved to be another successful year for the North West Group - thank you to everyone who supported us.

The Foal & Youngstock Show was very well attended by competitors and spectators. This now seems to be an annual date in everyone's diary and it's a great experience for our foals and Youngstock. A big thank you to Mrs T Mallinson for judging and very well done to all competitors. Claire Simpson has kindly written a show report which you will find in this magazine. Please put the date in your diary for this year's show, which will be held on Saturday 10th November 2018, again at Newton Rigg EC, Penrith.

As you read this, the North West Group will already be underway with their events for 2018, starting off with the Julie Robinson Training Clinic on Saturday 17th Feb which was held at Newton Rigg EC this year. This event always proves to be popular with places being booked up fast.

We have a good selection of events organised and advertised for this year which we hope you will all enjoy.

Saturday 3rd March - Emergency First Aid Training with Equestrian specific supplement, this will be delivered by Medi-k training and held at Crooklands Hotel, Nr Kendal.

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd July - Fell Pony Camp, held at Newton Rigg, Penrith. It's a fun packed weekend for all abilities, including flat & jumping lessons, Le Trec, fun competitions, a BBQ & lots more!

Saturday 21st July - 'Ponies, Prosecco & Pizza' at Newton Rigg, Penrith, in memory of Mary Longsdon. This will be an evening event, including a guest speaker, Alison O'Neill 'The Shepherdess'. More details & tickets will be available very soon.

Sunday 19th August - We will be holding a Pleasure ride, BBQ & Stud visit, kindly hosted by Brackenbank Fell Ponies, Murton, Nr Appleby. Further details available soon.

We would love to see you join us at one or more of the events! Please see the FPS website, our Facebook page, or email Amanda.bridges91@gmail.com for booking information and forms. Whether you are training towards this year's competitions or just enjoying your lovely Fell Ponies the North West Group would like to wish you luck for 2018!

Amanda Bridges

North East Area Support Group

The North East FPS Group have lots of events planned for 2018, making it a very busy year for all of the organisers but with the aim of having something for everyone. Our year, as usual, began with a Sunday Lunch Social on 4th February, when we told those present what is being planned for the year ahead and enlisted some of their help and above all, their interest to attend. We have an exciting new 'Awards Scheme' being introduced this year with the plan of making our Sunday Lunch Social into an annual Awards Presentation. If you missed the lunch then please contact Victoria Parker on 07729197817 or vix2000en@hotmail.com for more details.

On Sunday 11th March we are holding a Native Pony Dressage competition at East Durham College - Houghall Campus. All pure bred native ponies are invited to enter and there will be seven classes ranging from Entry Level to Novice. Fell pony Best of Breed rosettes are provided by the North East FPS Group. Schedules are available from the Fell Pony Dressage page on Facebook. Entries close on Monday 5th March so I hope to see many of you there.

Our annual Hairy Pony Camp is being held 4th - 6th May at Linnel Wood near Hexham. This is a fabulous venue which belongs to the Charlton family and home of the Linnel Fell Pony Stud. Most of the arrangements are made by Chris Grant of the Highland Pony Enthusiast Club and the aim is to have an equal number of Fell and Highland ponies. Further information and application forms are available from Chris on 07787124413 or cwgrant@outlook.com.

We are also involved in the running of the Native Pony Festival held at Crown Farm, Throckley on 20th May. There are in-hand, ridden and working hunter classes for all pure bred native ponies. This is a fabulous show with lots of rosettes and sashes to be won as well as many beautiful trophies. Put the date in your diary. Schedules are available at www.nativeponyfestival.co.uk or by emailing Eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk.



Elizabeth Wilkinson and Black Prince Bobby entertained the crowds at 'The Festival of the Horse' at Sledmere House by showing dressage movements in the arena.

If you don't want to show then please volunteer to help in some way as extra stewards and runners are always welcome.

July is going to be the Society's 'Mary's Fell Memories' month. Here in the North East we are planning a pleasure ride early in July, a day at York Races on Saturday 14th July and a BBQ at the end of July. Planning has just begun so full details will be available soon so please watch the FPS Website and the North East FPS Support Group page on Facebook. We felt it was important to have some events that you can attend without a pony so the chance to get dressed up, to chat and to socialise.

(continues on p56)



Torrential rain during Saturday evening and most of Sunday meant that our display at the Festival of the Horse had to be erected inside Eileen Walker's trailer to protect it from the elements.

Bobby for entertaining the crowds by being the 'pat the pony' throughout the day and showing some dressage movements during the arena demonstrations.

I am expecting the Fell Pony Society to be invited again in 2018 and would like some volunteers to help man the stand and take a pony for the display. The pony will need to be very laid back, friendly and tolerant. Please let me know if you are interested in supporting us and helping.

Our last event of the year will be the annual Performance Trials which will take place on 16th September at Linnel Wood. This event has been running at this venue for 25 years and continues to cause excitement for participants and spectators alike. It offers the opportunity to compete in dressage, cross country and show jumping all in one day. It is open to all pure bred native ponies but has a special class just for Fell ponies. Please come and support us either as a competitor or spectator. With a bit of luck, spectators in 2018 will become competitors or helpers in 2019.

Our year includes lots of fun, food and excitement so please come and join in.

Eileen A Walker

During August we are running a Cross Country Training Day at Linnel Wood. The plan is to offer 10 ponies the opportunity of a polework session and a cross country jumping session in two groups of 5 ponies. Each session will last about 90mins and a light lunch will be provided between the two sessions. The date will be weather dependent so will not be agreed until the crop has been taken off the fields - hopefully by mid July. Priority will be given to North East members but as this will take place on a weekday we may offer it to riders from other groups if spaces are available. Please let me know if you are interested and your availability during the month of August.

In September 2017 the North East Group attended 'The Festival of the Horse' at Sledmere House near Driffield. This event is in its infancy and has the potential to be a fabulous event, but was marred by torrential rain during the Saturday evening and most of Sunday. Our display had to be erected inside my trailer to protect it from the elements. Most of the horseboxes were towed onto the field. However, wall to wall mud did not prevent the ridden displays, and we are extremely grateful to Elizabeth Wilkinson and her pony Black Prince

Midlands West Area Support Group

2018 has arrived and despite the loss of our former Group leader Mary Longson MBE last year, spirits within the Group remain high, as Mary would want, with an exciting season of events already taking shape. Some of our committee met at Seighford, Stafford on Sunday the 21st January, despite travelling through the awful weather conditions tackled a packed agenda with great enthusiasm and ideas for the Group going forward which included:

Committee and Area Representatives

There have been a few changes to the Group Committee and Area Reps namely Debbie Roberts Jones who will now be a committee member and Jayne Walster who will be acting as our Group Junior Members contact. We are welcoming Heidi Saxon Bland who will become the Shropshire Area Rep; Janet Blair who will be acting for Derbyshire: Janey Ashton for Wales and Karen Bennett who will be remaining as Cheshire Rep but also covering the Manchester area. Alyson Hurcomb and Diane Key will be covering Staffordshire jointly. A full list of our committee and area reps contact details is available from our Group website, www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk

Group Membership

Membership of the Group will remain at £5.00 and Group Treasurer Barry Stamp is making enquiries as to setting up an online payment system for subscriptions. This follows several enquiries we have received from members about paying subscriptions on line. Details for joining the Group and membership forms are available from our Group website.

The Midlands West Group will also be giving honorary membership to individuals who have given the Midlands West Group longstanding service and support. Our first recipient will be Mrs Elizabeth Marshall, who was on the original committee alongside her late husband Mr Hugh Marshall.

Accounts

Account for 2017 have now been prepared and were examined at the Committee meeting. These have now been sent to the Fell Pony Society for their records. Funds are fairly healthy and Group sponsorships have been agreed for the two Group Shows, the FPS Breed Show and the Southern Breed Show.

Promotions & Publicity

In an ever continuing bid to increase Group membership, a fact sheet about the Midlands West Group is to be produced which can then be supplied to anyone in the Midlands West Area wanting to know more about the Group, what we do and how to join. We hope to include brief contact details and information about the FPS. This fact sheet will also be made available on our Group web site and made available for our Area Reps to give out. The Midlands West are also to purchase some pull up publicity banners to use at various events.

Newsletter

After some discussion it has been agreed that the Newsletter in its traditional form will be shelved due to high printing and postage costs. It was also felt that one issue a year was not effective in publicising events and keeping members up to date. Instead a regular news sheet will be produced which can be sent to members who require paper communication and also forwarded to our on line members. The news sheets will be also available on our Group website and archived there following their expiry.

Group Awards

Following another bumper entries for the 2017 Group Awards arrangements are in place for our second stand alone awards luncheon. Traditionally Group Awards were given out at our annual luncheon in the autumn but following our inaugural presentation of awards last year, we are hoping to grow this event and add even more classes for members to enter. New for 2017 were a competition driving class and TREC class. 2018 will see the addition of veteran, dressage and junior members' classes. Please note that we are currently overhauling all of the entry forms which will be available from the Group website but if you are out and about doing things with your ponies, please jot down the details and once you have obtained your forms these activities can be backdated. A list of entry rules are also available on the website.

FPS Celebrations for the late Mary Longsdon MBE July 2018

As part of the planned July celebrations to remember and celebrate the life of Mary, the Midlands West Group will be holding a fun dog show and garden party/fete. Dogs were very important to Mary and she was never without one and as often is the case in most Fell Pony homes, so what better to have them join us in all of the fun! We are also aware that not all of our members own Fell Ponies but quite a lot of them have do have dogs so our celebration will try to be all inclusive and in accordance with Mary's wishes for the Area Groups to be "Flexi, Friendly and Fun". We feel this event will incorporate all of this and we do hope you will not only support this event, and indeed other Areas Group's events, but will also remember the remarkable and inspirational Mary.

Events 2018

Saturday 3rd March - 12.30pm Group Performance Awards Presentation Lunch at The Hollybush Inn, Seighford, Stafford. Contact and booking form Diane Key 01785 282922

Sunday 15th April - Spring Festival of Fells Show at Radfords EC, Llanyrnnech, Oswestry, SY22 6LG Fell Pony Judge Mr P Metcalfe. Contact Debbie Roberts Jones 01691 652843.

May (Date and time TBA) Emergency Response First Aid Course. The venue for this event is to be confirmed. We are hoping to hold this event in conjunction with the Midlands East FPSS Group, however if there is more demand than places allow, two courses may be ran in central locations for each of the Groups. MW Group contact Diane Key 01785 282922/ ME Group Contact Kate Merry 01788 823215.

Sunday 24th June - Derbyshire Fell and Dales Show at Barleyfields EC, Etwall, Derbyshire, DE65 6HT Fell Pony Judge Mr M Goddard. Contact Diane Key 01785 282922.

Sunday 22nd July - "Paws For Mary" Fun Dog Show and garden party/fete, to be held at Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ. This event will form part of the planned FPS July celebrations to remember the late Mary Longsdon MBE. Contact Diane Key 01785 282922.

Sunday 26th August - 1.00 - 4pm Stud Visit by kind invitation of Mr K Turner to visit the Greenrivers Fell Pony herd based at Cannock, Staffs. Free event for paid up MW members. To book a place or find out more contact Heidi Saxon Bland 01952 670854

Late Sept/Oct Group Pleasure Ride - date and venue tbc.

Full details, schedules and entry forms can be found on our Group website or telephone the event contact as above, or find us on Facebook, Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group.

Group Leader Diane Key 01785 282922/ diane@fellpony.me.uk

Midlands East Area Support Group

Our year finished with FPS Southern Breed Show and then our Christmas Show run by our Fell and Friends Show Committee. There were some great Fancy dress costumes and the show was enjoyed by all.

The weather has not been good for getting out and about but we are looking forward to 2018 activities.

First we have our Awards Evening Celebrations at Lutterworth Town Hall on Friday 23 March, 7 till midnight. The children now have two trophies: one is the Sleddale Ruth III award for a Fell Pony owner and the other for a Fell Friend child and their pony. We will be very pleased to welcome our FPS President, Jean Ward, who will present our awards and join in the fun. Contact Isabel Meadows. 07415 381899

In the pipeline is the Mary Longsdon ride in late July or August, and the 1st Aid course for Riders. For 2019 we are hoping for a stud visit at the other end of our area in Norfolk. We are in discussion with Midlands West about joint activities.

May 5 Sandringham Fell Dales and Exmoor and Friends Show, Sandringham Royal Estate, PE31 6AZ

Our Gotham shows, run by the Fell and Fell Friends Show Committee, will be on:

Sunday 27 May, Sunday 8 July, Sunday 5 August

Address - Gotham Show Field, Gotham, Nottingham, NG11 OLE. See FPS Midlands East Support Group Facebook site and our website FPS-MESG for further details of all activities.

Kate Merry - Area Co-ordinator
01788 823215

Nic Brierley - Accounts, e-mail
nicshortland@yahoo.com

Janet Copeland - Membership Secretary,
07973 620191

Katherine Lockett - Newsletter

Isabel Meadows - Performance Awards
07758 001011

Area Representatives

Buckinghamshire - Vacant
Norfolk

Lisa Dunger - Tel: 01485 541097

Jean Bateson - Tel: 07969084120

Essex, Cambridge & Suffolk

Jo Whitelaw - Tel: 01473 832734

Julia Baldwin - Tel: 07766 395779

Northamptonshire; Hertfordshire

& Bedfordshire, Kate Merry - Tel: 01788 823215

Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire

& Rutland, Janet Copeland 07973 620191

Lincolnshire, Nicki Ash - Tel: 07771 590938

Oxfordshire, Lorna Brooks - Tel: 07710 282382

South East Area Support Group

To commemorate Mary Longsdon MBE we have decided to run a fun day in July at East Bysse Cross Country Course, Godstone, Surrey. No jumping is required if you don't wish to, you can just ride around the grounds, bring a picnic and all meet up. Date to be confirmed.

Saturday 10th March - Dressage Competition at the South of England Showground including NPS Qualifiers.

Sunday 6th May - M & M Show including dressage with NPS Qualifiers at Felbridge Showground. Oct/November - M & M WHP Show at Felbridge Showground, BSPS Qualifiers including Training Stakes, date to be confirmed.

Clinics are run monthly at various SE venues including flat/pole/SJ and XC

For further details on any of the above please email Susie.newton@btinternet.com or call 07989982886.

South West Area Support Group

The 2018 Dorset Fell and Dales show will be held on Sunday 6 May 2018 at Hurn Bridge Equestrian Centre, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 6AD. The classes start at 10am with a good selection of different classes. If anyone would like to come along and help on the day please contact Sharron Camp, sharron.camp@montybear.co.uk. www.dorsetfellshow.co.uk

Dorset Pleasure Ride, Badbury Rings nr. Blandford Forum, Dorset, Sunday 22 June starting at 10.30. For more information please contact Michael Goddard.

More events are being organised for this year so keep a look out on the South West Website or contact Leanne. If any one would like to run an event or help out please contact your area representative.

Michael Goddard

Area Co-ordinator, Leanne Russell, Tel 079077 26428 Leanne.russell@hotmail.co.uk.

Treasurer, Diana McGrail, email Diana.mcgrail@yahoo.co.uk

Dorset Fell Show, Sharron Camp, email Sharron.camp@montybear.co.uk

Area Representatives - Dorset and Somerset, Tel 07964 209243, email g.michaelrichard@yahoo.com

Devon, Bob & Sue McNamara Tel 01566 783471

Cornwall, Keren Master Tel 07852 245992

Wiltshire, Helen Oram Tel 01803 812015

Gloucestershire, George Guy & Leanne Russell, Tel 07907726428



Deborah Vychinski's Boutime Wooster at the Southern Show (p38)

FPS Young Person's Group

2017 was another successful year with a fun ride held at Somerford Park early in the year with new faces in attendance. Our last event was at Newton Rigg in September, being a Fell Pony Educational Day for those new to the breed or wanting to refresh. It was lovely to meet newcomers at these events and meet other Fell enthusiasts, and we are very thankful for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Fell breed.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED: The Young Person's Group committee is looking for a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer for this year, and looking to recruit new committee members. If you know anyone who is under 35, lives anywhere in the country, and is a member of the FPS and has a passion for sharing their enthusiasm for Fell Ponies, then please get in contact.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone all the best for a great year with your ponies.

Contact:

Facebook: The Fell Pony Society Young Persons Group

Allie Slack (Chairperson): allieslack@gmail.com
Tel: 07942800203

Isabel Slack (Secretary): isabelslack10@gmail.com



Fells Do Dressage (opposite page) - Southern British Dressage Quest Team, Wishfell Thinking

Fells Do Dressage

2017 saw the number of Fell Ponies taking part in Affiliated Dressage soar! Fells up and down the country have been competing in British Dressage Quest, BD Native Pony Championships, BD PetPlan Festivals and BD Regional Qualifiers and Finals, with some fantastic successes demonstrating the versatility of the breed.

For the more established BD Dressage combinations 2017 was a busy year.

Holly Brown and Townend Stardust had another successful year, starting well at the Winter Regionals in February. Winter Championships at Hartpury soon followed in the PetPlan Novice Bronze Finals, the pair coming a hugely respectable 22nd in the whole country. They also attended the second year of BD's Native Pony Championships and were 5th in the Novice and 8th in the Elementary. They finished their BD calendar year placing 5th at BD PetPlan Area Festivals to qualify for the new Semi Final format of the competition at Manor Grange Stud.

Elizabeth Wilkinson and Black Prince Bobby started in February, qualifying for and attending BD Winter Music Regionals at Bishop Burton in the Novice Silver Section. They also competed at the BD PetPlan Area Festival at Northallerton in the Novice Silver Section. This experienced combination have been out flying the Fell Dressage flag for a number of years now, and Bobby is currently in a loan home, teaching another rider all he has learnt with Elizabeth.

Cathryn Cathcart's Haweswater Ignatius has had a busy and highly successful year with a 3rd place at the BD Native Dressage Championships in the Prelim Section. Iggy also placed top 3 at BD PetPlan Semi Final, meaning he has qualified for Winter Championships at Hartpury in 2018. A fantastic achievement. Finally, Iggy took part in BD Team Quest Competition as part of Team Vesto, competing at Novice level at National Finals.

The introduction of the BD Quest Competition has made Dressage accessible to all with both new and established combinations taking part as an individual and/or in teams. 6 Registered Fell Pony teams entered the 2017 Competition, and over 30 Fell ponies took part in Quest from all parts of the UK ranging from Scotland to Cornwall.

Fell 'o' Holics, Bat out of Fell and Fell About Laughing teams, competing in the Northern and North West Regions, had a great first season of competition, ponies and riders being put into teams as strangers and going on to have fun with new friendships firmly established. Fell 'o' Holics and Fell About Laughing will be continuing for the 2018 Quest Season.

3 Fell teams qualified for Regional Finals, many beating in excess of 40 teams to gain a top 15 placing.

Our most southern team, Wishfell Thinking (see opposite page), had a fantastic first season together. Captained by Susie Newton, the team qualified for Team Quest Southern Regionals and narrowly missed out on a place at Nationals, coming 4th in the Southern Finals. The team remarkably had two young under-18 riders taking part in the open section, and more than held their own against the adults. The team was made up of Susie and Amy Newton on Underwoods Tom-Tom, Miale Blair on Tredellans Poppy, Bethany Griffiths on Wellbrow Duke and Rowena Day on Townend Bellboy II.

The Red Hot Fell'ies took part in the Eastern Region. The team consisted of Jane Rawden on Murthwaite Looks Promising, Holly Baker on Waverhead Bracken II, Katy Downing on Waverhead Ted, and Samantha Audley (*photo on back cover*). With such an

experienced team of riders and ponies this team always had great potential to be highly competitive and they didn't disappoint. Despite not having Holly and Bracken the team held their own and received numerous positive comments from both judges and spectators at the Eastern Regional Finals placing 8th.

The final team participating in the competition was the northern team Fell Factor. The team consisted of Victoria Parker on Thornbeck Andrew, Lesley Wake Hardy on Thornbeck Christine, Nicola Chippendale on Rackwood Duke and Francesca Walmsley on Dalefoot Amber II. The team completed their qualifiers early in the 2017 season and had a long wait to the Northern regionals in September. Despite a number of challenges and setbacks the team performed superbly at Epworth Regional Finals to gain a place at National Finals held at Bury Farm. The Championships in October provided a fantastic platform to showcase the breed and the ponies attracted a lot of positive attention even starring in Rundalls Round Up on Horse and Country TV. The Fells performed to their best and were in the top ten placings after the first day of competition, a huge achievement, and an enjoyable experience was had by all.

The MyQuest competition again saw a number of notable Fell Pony successes including a number of regional qualifiers:

Preliminary

Victoria Parker and Thornbeck Andrew
Katy Downing and Waverhead Ted
Bethany Griffiths and Wellbrow Duke
Alison Steele and Greenbeck Back in Black

Novice

Katy Downing and Waverhead Ted

Intro

Fiona Dillon and Carsington Nethermost
Pike II
Jo Hillman and Ashness Black Rupert
Eileen Walker and Rackwood Hugo
Marilyn Walker and Townend Revel
Lesley Wake Hardy and Thornbeck
Christine
Amy Newton and Underwoods Tom-Tom



*Left, Jo Hillman
and Ashness
Black Rupert.*



*Right, Fiona
Dillon and
Carsington
Nethermost Pike
II.*



Paul Dobson - Photographer

Above, Alison Steele and Greenbeck Back in Black. Right, Eileen Walker and Rackwood Hugo.

*Below, Bethany Griffiths and Wellbrow Duke.
Below right, Cathryn Cathcart and Haweswater Ignatius.*

Photos by Vicky Parker / Paul Dobson Photography



Two combinations qualified and attended Bury Farm for the National MyQuest Finals. In the U18 Section Bethany Griffiths and the fantastic Wellbrow Duke did a lovely test and should be immensely proud of their achievements in affiliated dressage this year.

Our second qualified pair was Alison Steele and Greenbeck Back in Black. This talented combination had already achieved a 6th place at the Southern Combined Training Finals and again didn't disappoint in the Open Prelim Section.

A huge well done to all who got involved in Dressage this year! It is great to see so many Fell ponies out representing the breed and demonstrating their talent and versatility.

Vicky Parker

The Pony I Have Always Wanted

Eastcote Jenny Wren first came into my life in January 2000, purchased primarily as a second pony for my two nieces. A typical looking Fell Pony, a 13.3 hand stocky black pony with sturdy legs and lots of feather.

I immediately realised what a gentle creature she was, and was told that she had not a bad bone in her body. The person selling her was a lady who had had an unfortunate accident on Christmas day when she slipped on the ice and broke her leg. This meant that she was unable to do anything with her pony and was not able to even get to the stables. I did not realise at the time that her bad luck was to turn out to be my good fortune.

Jenny Wren appeared to be an ideal second pony - she had done nearly everything; dressage, jumping and was completely traffic proof when hacking out. Information about her early years was somewhat patchy, some of which I have gathered since. It is believed that she ran out on the Fells and had given birth to at least one foal. At the age of eight she was auctioned at Beeston Castle with a foal at foot. She was purchased by a lady local to the sale, who started to ride her. It was later thought that she had never actually been broken in, but she gave no indication of this, as she accepted the rider just like an experienced pony.

Once we got her home she settled in very well, and the girls couldn't wait to start riding her. She has proved to be everything I had hoped for and even more. She always tries her best to please us all and is so good "to do".

My nieces have learned a lot from this fabulous pony and love her to bits. My passion is for carriage driving so it wasn't long before I broke her to harness and she took to it just like a duck to water. We have driven many a mile since with this willing and keen pony.

Jenny Wren is exactly the pony I longed for in my youth, and am very pleased that she has arrived in my life now, even if it is 40 years later. If anyone has information about Jenny Wren's early years I would like to fill in some of the gaps.

Lynn Marshall

Fell Ponies in the Media

Living Magazine, summer 2017 issue, mentioned the FPS Display team performing at Lowther Show.

Our Secretary Katherine Wilkinson talked about Fell ponies on That's Cumbria TV on 31 January 2018.

Countryfile Magazine, January 2018 and now online, featured "Wild Horses - life with a hardy herd on the Cumbrian Fells" about the Hades Hill, Lunesdale and Helmside Fell ponies. Although some of the information was, unfortunately, incorrect and several of the photographs didn't flatter the ponies, it was a lengthy article placing the ponies firmly in the landscape, and will have given the breed wide coverage nationally.

C-Beebies: Down on the Farm filmed Wellbrow ponies "in the wild" in the January snow, to be broadcast March 2018.

Friends of the Lake District 'Meet the Fell ponies' event

The Friends of the Lake District was founded in 1934 and later led the successful campaign to create the Lake District National Park. The charity carries out a wide variety of activities and owns a number of pieces of land, including a 67 acre site on the east side of the Helm, near Kendal. Two thirds of this is managed by conservation grazing using Fell ponies and hardy cattle, as part of a Higher Level Stewardship agreement with Natural England.

Seven Fell ponies owned by Nicola Evans are happily performing this work - removing scrub and rank grass growth, helping keep an open sward for wild flowers to flourish and breaking up the ground with their hooves, enabling seeds to germinate and helping increase plant diversity. Along with 7 native bred cattle they live out on the Helm all year round with no requirement for supplementary feeding. Once old enough these young ponies are brought on quietly as riding ponies before finding permanent active homes across the country.

The grassland structure is really starting to change now, having been previously heavily sheep grazed for many years. A mosaic of tall and short herbage is present, allowing species to flower and set seed, and meadow anthills have appeared, closely followed by green woodpeckers which feed on them.



A 'Meet the Fell ponies' event was held on the Helm on a Sunday morning in September to enable visitors to learn more about the charity, the ponies and the work that they are doing. Local people and visitors from further afield were introduced to the ponies and studied the display boards, photographs and magazines while enjoying tea and cakes in the gazebo.

The ponies were also keen to indulge and took a great interest in the new structure and delights that had appeared on 'their hillside'!

Nicola was pleased to meet the breeder of one of her ponies, Ickenthaite Ascot, who arrived with her wider family who were visiting from South Africa. The other ponies meeting the visitors were Bybeck Lenny, Midtown Gypsy, Linnel Rowan Berry, Townend Shannon, Mangerton Reiver and Lunesdale Brittania.

Nicola would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the Friends of the Lake District and to everyone who helped on the day and to those who do so tirelessly throughout the year.

Claire Simpson

Foxy and Juno's Big Adventure - Riding The Pennine Bridleway

Last July (2017) I travelled with my two ponies, Juno and Foxy, up the Pennine Bridleway, from Hartington near Matlock in Derbyshire, to Ravenstonedale in Westmorland. We also took in the very gruelling 47-mile Mary Townley Loop (Lancashire) on the way. I'm not sure of the total mileage, but allowing for some diversions, and occasionally getting lost, we must have travelled almost 300 miles.



Leaving Garsdale

Before I write more of our journey, I'd like to tell you a little about the ponies.

I travelled from our home in N. Ireland, in the Spring of 2006, to Stoney Gill, to buy them from Bill and Isabel Potter. At the time, Juno (Greenholme Virginia) was rising 3 years, and Foxy (Greenholme Where U At) was a year younger. Foxy had been handled a little, but Juno was straight off the fell. They travelled back to N. Ireland, including crossing the Irish Sea, as if they'd been doing it all their lives. Following Bill's advice, I waited until they were 5 years old before I backed them.

Juno can do anything I ask, but generally with an 'if I really have to' attitude. She is as hardy as they come, a very, very good doer, and just like Foxy she lives out all year around (although I do have to keep them in a large yard during the winter months, to protect our very wet ground).

Foxy is unfortunately not quite so tough. He suffers from sweet itch and has arthritis in his near hind hock. He is the most willing, cooperative pony I have ever known, but can't bear to be ridden. Due to his kind attitude to all other things I ask of him, I can

only conclude that there must be something that troubles him greatly when it comes to carrying a rider, so I don't ask him to! Fortunately, he has no problem carrying a big pack, so Pack Pony is his role.

Due to family and life commitments since I've owned the ponies, and also the lack of bridleways in N. Ireland, we haven't done anything very stunning over the last 10 years. They've just been big pets. However, I've long dreamed of going on a journey with them, and finally, last summer, my dream came true.

The Pennine Bridleway seemed a good trail for our inaugural journey. It's designed with horses in mind, generally well sign posted, and travels through some of our most wonderful landscapes. There is an excellent website, www.nationaltrail.co.uk/pennine-bridleway, that's packed with information, and this along with Ordnance Survey, formed the backbone of my planning.

As I needed somewhere suitable for all three of us to rest each night, I did book our accommodation before leaving home. This was both comforting and challenging. On one hand, I always knew there was a bed / camping pitch and grazing waiting, but on the other it meant that we had to keep going, no matter how tired we were, or how late it was.

The ponies' grazing varied from fields at farms and riding establishments, such as Peersclough Packhorses on the Mary Townley Loop, to pub beer gardens at The Moorcock in Littleborough, and Station Inn at Ribbleshead, to the back garden of Scar Close B and B in Feizor, and a bit of rough ground that I could see from my yurt at Parson Lee near Trawden. I had a portable electric fence, which we needed sometimes.



Everything we required was carried by Foxy, which included camping gear, all of his lotions and potions and sweet itch rug, and first aid for all three of us. The pack saddle itself was an improvised rig made of a treeless saddle with salvaged trawler fishing net tied to it.

I attached a diving kit bag and a cycle pannier to each side using karabiners, and another kit bag on the top, along with the electric-fence posts and Foxy's midge rug. Fixed to the back were the feed bowls with a message written on the base, asking cyclists to let us know they were approaching.

Balancing the pack was very challenging, especially in the early days when I seemed to be continually readjusting it. I learnt a very important lesson on day 4, as we climbed out of Padfield (near Glossop) surrounded by Sunday morning walkers: if the pack looks wonky, sort it! Foxy ended up with the whole thing hanging under his belly. He was so good. He just stood there looking bewildered.

We set off on our trip on 29th June, having taken two days to travel down from N.Ireland. The starting point for horses, at Hartington, is a great facility, with a trough, shelter and a safe, enclosed area for unloading etc The first day largely follows a disused railway line.



Foxy looking back down into Chee Glen

Foxy was initially a little unsure about bikes approaching from behind, but over the days to come, both ponies became very blasé about all moving objects, no matter how big, small, noisy or quiet, or, in the case of two feral emus in Lancashire, aggressive!

My daughter, Petra, rode Juno on the first day, and I led Foxy from the ground. Petra left me to it on the second day, which was my birthday. It included a very steep and slippery descent into Chee Glen, our first river crossing, and ended at Rushop Hall in the Peak District, where we had a wonderful birthday feast, joined by my brother and his family, who live in nearby Sheffield.

The next day saw us clambering up many steep, rocky tracks, and more than one person asked me, 'How did you get up here?' I explained the virtues of a Fell Pony!

We were heading for Hayfield. From here to beyond Glossop, there wasn't really a safe route for horses, so my husband, Norman, and Petra, met us in Hayfield, and trailed us to Torside Reservoir, where we said our goodbyes. They headed home, and we headed off on our adventure proper.

There was one recurring problem on our trip. Every day took so much longer than I had anticipated. There were many reasons for this. Primarily, it just takes a long time for one person to get two ponies ready, and balance a pack, each morning. Especially me, it would seem. Despite getting up at 6 each day, I never made it onto the road before 10! I don't know why.

We mainly walked. Foxy is sound at a walk, but limps a bit when trotting, though he pulls like a train and shows no sign of discomfort. Before we left, I talked to my vet, and we decided that in the interest of his long term wellbeing, we would limit the trotting.

Another huge problem was the gates. There were lots of fancy horse gates with long handles, that spring closed behind you. Great if you have one horse, not so good when you're towing another. In the early days I had to dismount continually and try to get them both through, while one was pulling one way for grass, and the other was grabbing it in the opposite direction; but by the end of our journey, we could tackle most gates mounted.

Foxy hates flies, of which there were plenty, including horseflies. He was stamping and rubbing and generally being quite difficult. My arms were covered in bruises and the air was blue. To be honest, during the early days of our trek, I couldn't wait for the end. But by the last week, my bruises were fading, Foxy had lost the swearly prefix in front of his name, and I really didn't want the end to come.

It took us three weeks to complete our journey, including five much needed rest days. The weather was great, with only one really rainy day and a couple of scorchers! Our last few days were my favourite, through the Dales, and our final day to Ravenstonedale. The scenery was stunning, the underfoot conditions easier, and the weather perfect, sunny and breezy.

I was a little disappointed when I got to the apparent end at The Fat Lamb pub. In contrast to the facility at the southern end of the Pennine Way, there isn't so much as a sign to acknowledge the end/start in the North. In fact, no one seemed to know where it really ended, and someone even suggested the station at Kirkby Stephen. As I had a few spare days I spent one of them riding to the station, but there was nothing but a timetable. It was a lovely ride though, and on the return leg, I diverted to the Nateby Inn.

When I had been planning my ride, I had visions of enjoying the odd pub lunch. This had never happened - but now finally I had the chance. I tied Foxy and Juno to a stone bench on the green, and entered the Inn, planning on a modest coffee and scone... I came out with a pint of local India Pale Ale and a gorgeous pork pie. Having finished, I mounted and set off a brief distance through the village, intending to rejoin my bridleway. I was glad the bit on the road was short because gates, lead ropes and reins had suddenly become a coordination challenge and it was apparent even to me that I was quite drunk! In the end, I had to tie the ponies to a gate post and make myself a coffee. Even then, I dropped my flask in a cow pat!

I don't have the space for much more detail, but I can't close without mentioning the kindness and friendliness of everyone I met. All of my overnight hosts were so nice, and I had loads of great chats with people along the way. Considering I was travelling without human companions, I had an incredibly sociable holiday.

Maybe it was something to do with my two hairy friends. Foxy and Juno got admiring comments everywhere we went, and well they might, for they're a pair of super stars (well, most of the time!)

Celia Holmes-Surplus



Judging in progress at North West Auctions - the Foal class at the FPS Show & Sale in October 2017

Fabulous Fell Pony Study Day

Calling all judges, probationary judges and anyone wanting to learn more about our breed!

The Fell Pony Society and The Northern Dartmoor Group have joined together to organise a Judges' refresher day on breed type, characteristics and conformation. We have an informative and interactive day planned on 15th April, 10.30am to 3pm, at Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria. CA11 0AH.

Anyone who has an interest in our breed, whether showing inhand/ridden or breeding, is warmly invited.

Open to all NPS Mountain & Moorland, BSPS Heritage and Breed Panel Judges, probationary and potential Judges. There will be no charge for current Panel or Probationer Judges. Other interested parties are most welcome and a donation of £5, to cover some of the cost, would be most appreciated.

Below is a summary of our Judges for the day.

The Fell Pony

Alistair Smith and his family have been breeding Fell Ponies for over thirty years (Bracklinn Stud), he has an extensive knowledge of the breed, winning at the FPS stallion show four times, and last year he qualified his homebred stallion for the prestigious Cuddy In-Hand Championship at the 2017 Horse of the Year Show. Alistair is on the Fell and Dales pony Judges' panels. On the back of his 2017 Cuddy attendance, who better to share his knowledge with us by giving a breed talk on type and conformation.

The Dartmoor Pony

Madge Taylor is a renowned breeder of Dartmoor Ponies (Langfield Stud), and is an NPS Judge as well as being an A panel breed Judge. In 2017 Madge judged the M&M WHP at the Horse of the Year Show and has had great success in the past including winning the overall M&M title at Olympia with Langfield Canth. She has an extensive knowledge of the breed and shows in-hand and ridden to the highest standard. We are very lucky to have Mrs Taylor to come and present to us.

Judging a M&M Working Hunter Pony

Russell Sutcliffe and Peter Boustead have both been renowned Judges of M&M NPS Worker Hunter Pony classes and championships for many years. Who better to give us a talk and answer questions on this topic? We look forward to gaining more knowledge about Fell and Dartmoor ponies from Russell and Peter, whilst learning about the key elements to remember when competing in a WHP class.

Fell Pony People Do Socials

In true Fell Pony style we are arranging a get together the night before if anyone would like to join us for a meal. Some people are already booked into the Premier Inn at Penrith, and we have a growing list of people joining us for dinner the night before. We will find a local and reasonably priced pub, with good traditional Lake District food.

Please do contact me about the Study Day:

Facebook: Jane Rawden, Email: Janerawden@inspiration-teal.com

Mobile: 07970297642

We would really appreciate you contacting me by Saturday 7th April 2018 to ensure we cater for the numbers. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

National Trust 'Fix the Fells' Project - Pony Power Needed!

The National Trust are hoping that members would be willing to help them carry 'heli bags' onto the fell. The bags are then filled with rock from screes to be used on projects throughout the year, creating sustainable pitched paths that prevent soil erosion caused by heavy footfall. The site they will be working on this year is called Greenup Edge, a section of a bridleway that runs from Borrowdale to Grasmere and is part of the popular Coast to Coast route.

They are also planning to extend an existing "floating" path on Martcrag Moor, a path that branches off from the Stake Pass bridleway towards the Langdale Pikes. The path is constructed by digging a tray through the wet peat that is then filled with rolled up sheep fleeces. Gravel is put down on top of this and the path "floats" on top of the peat without sinking. They will be looking to source the sheep fleece locally either from a farm in Greater Langdale or from Borrowdale and they propose using Fell ponies to transport it to site.

A helicopter has been booked in for the week beginning the 16th of April so the Trust would ideally like to get bags carried up onto Greenup by the start of April so they have time to fill them. It is likely to be a small number between 20 and 30 heli bags, which are basically 1-ton bags, to give you an idea of size.

There is also a huge quantity of sheep fleece to move onto Martcrag Moor, somewhere in the region of 1500 fleeces so it's likely the bulk will be moved by helicopter, but NT would also like the ponies to be involved if possible. A provisional date has been set for Saturday 24th of March, and sometime in May for the sheep fleece.

If you are interested in getting involved then please contact the FPS office, by email in the first instance, who will pass on your information to the National Trust Ranger.

Learning With Fells 2018

Council have again agreed that applications will be taken from adult as well as junior members. Priority will be given to those aged 10 - 18 years of age.

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

If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office by 30 April 2018. 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.

FPS Promotions Team

New Musical Ride Display

The team are attending four events this year, Countryfest (2-3 June), Coniston Country Fair (22 July), Lowther Show (11-12 August) and Black Combe Country Fair (27 August).

The riders have been working hard over the winter months rehearsing a Musical Ride which will alternate with 'Introducing the Fell Pony'. A special thanks to Sheila Harris from the Cumberland Foxhounds Pony Club for her valuable input on the choreography.

Pleasure Ride

On Sunday 22nd April the promotions team will be running a pleasure ride at Millstones, Bootle, LA19 5TJ. The ride is to help raise funds for the Promotions Team.

There will be two routes to cater for lead rein/novice riders and more experienced riders, roughly 5km and 8/10km respectively, to be followed by tea/coffee and home baking. The fee will be £15 per pony or £12 for lead rein

ponies. For further information please visit either the FPS website or the 'Fell Pony Society Promotions Team' Facebook page.

The Fell Pony Museum at Dalemain

The Great Barn, in the courtyard at Dalemain, was built in the 1500s and is one of the most impressive loft barns in the north of England. Since 1982 it has been home to the agricultural and Fell pony museums on the upper floor.

Sylvia McCosh, mother of current owner Robert Hasell-McCosh, bred Fell Ponies including many prize winners, and exported stallions to both Canada and Pakistan. The Fell Pony museum collection includes prizes, harnesses, tack, a blacksmith's workshop, beautiful handpainted murals of the ponies and show cases full of artefacts. The museum is free to enter for visitors to Dalemain (Saturday to Thursday, Easter to October). It is a fascinating place for young and old alike.

Would any members be interested in helping to clean and maintain the Fell Pony area before the House opens for Easter, eg, polishing the glass fronts of cabinets, conditioning harness, refreshing displays? This is a great opportunity to get up close to some genuine Fell Pony History.

The house opens on 17th March 2018 so cleaning needs to be done before that date. If you could spare a morning or an afternoon please get in touch with Jean Ward - email jeaneward@btinternet.com

<https://www.dalemain.com/house-and-garden/the-great-barn/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/fellponymuseum/>

<http://www.fellponymuseum.org.uk>

For the month of July – Mary Longsdon’s Fell Pony Memories

Think forward to a warm sunny July in 2018...what can you do to celebrate Fell Ponies and the super cool friends we make along the way? Let’s make July a month of celebration, a month filled with fun Fell Pony events. Here’s a sample of what has already been organised:

6th July - Gin and F’onic at The Rawdens (Lincs)

14th July - Fell Pony and Friends: Day at the races (York)

14/15 July - Afternoon tea with guest speaker (North of Scotland)

21st July - Ponies, Prosecco and Pizza evening with Key Speaker (Newton Rigg, Cumbria)

22nd July - West Mids ‘Paws for Mary’ Dog show and Garden Party

Date tbc - Summer Celebration at Boyndlie Fell Ponies (North of Scotland)

Pleasure Rides being planned (Sussex, North East, Midlands East)

If you can offer your support either in participating or creating an event for July please get in contact with your area support groups or the Facebook page “Mary Longsdon’s Fell Memories”. #marysfells

Let’s make July a special month for Mary and our fabulous Fells!

Jane Rawden

'Heritage of the Fells' exhibition:

Ponies past, present and for the future

This exhibition will take place at The Old Courthouse, Shap, Cumbria from 1st - 14th August. It will feature artwork, photography, displays, creative workshops and talks aimed at raising awareness of this special breed of pony.

The Old Courthouse is a community owned building manned entirely by volunteers and run by Shap Community CIO, a registered charity. The building is home to the local Library Link and the Playgroup and provides a drop-in and various social activities to help combat rural isolation. Last year, with the help of grant funding, we had building work undertaken to create a visitor reception and gallery.

One of our aims is to promote tourism, local heritage, arts and crafts. The ‘Heritage of the Fells’ event will do this by giving local artists the opportunity to exhibit work, and highlighting the history of Fell Ponies, their connection to the local landscape, their contribution towards conservation and their survival as a rare breed. We will be advertising the FPS Breed Show and the FPS Display Team’s performances at Lowther Show.

If you are visiting the area for the FPS Breed Show or Lowther we hope you will find time to call in at the exhibition and maybe attend some of the special events we have planned. Admission to the exhibition will be free, and fees for workshops and talks will be advised on the web site, where further details and opening times will be available in due course - visit www.theoldcourthouse.org

Janet Wood, Trustee, Shap Community CIO

Fell Pony Society Merchandise - Price List 2018

CLOTHING	Price	P & P	Total	BOOKS/CD/DVD	Price	P&P	Total
BASEBALL CAPS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	A5 BINDERS	£7.00	£3.00	£10.00
CHILDS T SHIRTS	£10.00	£1.50	£13.00	BRITISH HORSE&PONY BREEDS	£19.00	£3.00	£22.00
CREW NECK S/SHIRTS (ADULT)	£17.50	£3.00	£20.50	DVD - The Fell Pony	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
FLEECE JACKETS	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	DVD - Windsor	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
FLEECE S/SHIRT+COLLAR	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	DVD - FP Events 1995-1997	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
FLEECE WAISTCOATS (ADULT)	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	FELL DIAMONDS	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
FULL ZIP HOODY	£24.00	£3.00	£27.00	FELL FACTS	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
HATS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	FELL FUN	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
HI-VIS WAISTCOATS	£10.00	£1.50	£11.50	HISTORY CD	£13.00	£1.50	£14.50
HOODY overhead	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	HOOFPRINTS IN EDEN	£17.00	£3.00	£20.00
JACKETS - Reversible	£26.00	£3.00	£29.00	HUMBLING EXPERIENCE	£19.00	£2.00	£21.00
POLO SHIRTS	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	JUBILEE BOOK	£5.00	£1.50	£7.00
RUGBYSHIRTS	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	LETTERS HOME	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00
TIES	£12.00	£1.50	£13.50	LIFETIME WITH PONIES	£20.00	£3.00	£23.00
T SHIRTS (ADULT)	£12.00	£1.50	£15.00	ONE FELL SWOOP	£5.00	£2.00	£7.00
WATERPROOF WAISTCOAT	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	SPIRIT OF THE FELL PONY	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
MISCELLANEOUS				THE FELL PONY (C RICHARDSON)	£7.50	£1.50	£8.50
BACK PACK	£12.00	£3.00	£15.00	TRAVELS WITH A PONY	£10.00	£1.50	£11.50
BADGES	£3.00	£1.00	£4.00	WALK ON THE WILD SIDE	£12.50	£2.00	£14.50
BALL POINT PEN	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00	STUDBOOKS / NEWSLETTERS			
BALL POINT PEN (Basic)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	BLACK STUD BOOK 1898-1980	£5.00	£3.00	£8.00
CAR STICKERS	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	STUD BOOKS TO 1999 (EACH)	£1.00	£1.50	£2.50
CAR STICKERS (1 Fell For A Fell)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	2000 TO 2006 (EACH)	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
CHINA MUG	£5.00	£3.50	£8.50	2007 - 2017 (EACH)	£6.00	£1.50	£7.50
CRAYONS pack 6	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50	NEWSLETTER BACK COPIES	£1.00	£1.50	£2.50
EARTHENWARE MUG	£4.50	£3.50	£8.00	PLASTICS			
FACECLOTHS	£4.00	£1.50	£5.50	BOWLS	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
FRIDGE MAGNETS	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00	CLEAR TUMBLERS	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
GLASS TUMBLER	£10.00	£3.50	£13.50	CUTLERY SETS (WITH LOGO)	£3.00	£3.00	£5.50
KEY FOBBS	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	CUTLERY SETS (NO LOGO)	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
LARGE LORRY STICKERS 8"	£8.00	£1.00	£9.00	MUGS	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
LARGE TRAILER STICKERS 22"	£12.00	tbc		PLATES	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
MOUSE MATS	£3.00	£1.50	£4.50	TRAYS	£5.00	£2.00	£6.50
PENCILS	£0.50	£1.00	£1.50				
PERMIT HOLDERS	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00				
PHONE PURSE	£7.00	£2.00	£9.00				
SHOPPING BAGS - coloured	£6.00	£1.00	£7.00				
SHOULDER BAG	£8.00	£3.00	£11.00				
TABLE MATS	£7.50	£2.00	£9.50				
TEA TOWELS	£3.00	£1.50	£4.50				
TEDDIES	£4.50	£3.00	£7.50				
TOTE BAGS (LARGE)	£7.00	£2.00	£9.00				
TOWELS	£6.00	£3.00	£9.00				
UMBRELLA	£15.00	tbc					
WALLETS	£6.00	£1.50	£8.00				
WRISTBANDS	£1.50	£1.00	£2.50				
CARDS							
CALENDARS	£5.50	£1.50	£7.00				
CHRISTMAS CARDS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50				
NOTELETS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50				
POST CARDS PACK 10	£1.50	£1.00	£2.50				
POST CARDS PACK 12	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00				

Please contact the office for details of available colours/sizes for clothing and picnicware. Some items are not held in stock. Please give the office at least two weeks to fulfill an order, especially near Christmas.

Send order and cheques payable to The Fell Pony Society to:
The Fell Pony Society, Bank House, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6XF.
Tel/Fax 01768353100. Payment is accepted by online banking; send the office an email with your order, and pay by BACS. All prices quoted for P&P (post and packing) are for shipment within the UK. Different prices apply for shipments outside of the United Kingdom.

MARY LONGSDON'S FELL PONY MEMORIES



ABOUT *Mary*

Mary Longsdon MBE was an integral part of the Fell Pony Society. Many members, along with Council and personal friends are keen to create a legacy to celebrate Mary's life.

HELP US *Celebrate*

Many of you were part of the Queen's 90th Guard of Honour Celebration, where Fell pony people came together to have fun. The magic of this event wasn't only meeting HM The Queen and being in the grounds of Windsor Castle, it was because Fell friendships were being made, creating a wonderful atmosphere of warmth and enjoyment.

To celebrate Mary's life with Fell ponies, throughout the UK during the month of July, we want to create happy memories by Fell ponies, Fell people and friends just doing 'stuff'.

WHAT'S *Planned*

During July 2018 each Regional Fell Pony Support Group will be organising events throughout the UK, for example:

- Coffee mornings.
- Gin and Fonic tasting.
- Picnicking with Fells.
- Day at the races.
- Afternoon tea with homemade cakes.
- Pleasure rides.

FOR *Updated* INFO

We will keep you posted on the FPS Website, and via a dedicated Facebook & Twitter page with the events that are running.

PLEASE FOLLOW US



@marysfellponymemories
www.fellponysociety.org

use the hashtag
#MARYSFELLS





Vicky Parker

Fells Do Dressage (p61) The Eastern Region British Dressage Quest team 'Red Hot Fell'ies' included Jane Rawden on Murthwaite Looks Promising, Holly Baker on Waverhead Bracken II, Katy Downing on Waverhead Ted, and Samantha Audley.

If undelivered, please return to:
Fell Pony Society
Bank House, Boroughgate, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6XF

© The Fell Pony Society ©
Registered Charity, Number 1104945

Printed by H&H Reed's Limited, Southend Road, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8JH