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Waverhead Bombadere, the 2018 winner of the Edinburgh Prize for Driving, driven by Sarah Bartlett. They were competing as part of the Wolverley Driving group team in an interclub cones and obstacles challenge at Burwarton Show.



St Herbert's school, Keswick, had a "Do your own thing" day for the children to show off their talents and raise money for charity. Imogen Cockbain (10) talked to her class about showing a Fell pony, using grandmother Glenis's pony Townend Sugar (22).

Below - Teresa Whitehead with Brackenthwaite Duke working as an RDA driving pony



Barry Knight



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Dates for 2019

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| 6 April (Saturday) - FPS AGM, Orton,
Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3RL. | 1 October - FPS Magazine deadline,
Autumn 2019. |
| 11 May - Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain,
Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0HB. | 29 September tbc - Performance Trials,
Linnel Wood, Hexham, NE46 1UB. |
| 18 May - Sandringham MESH Fell, Dales,
Exmoor and Friends Show, Norfolk
PE35 6EN. | 26 October tbc - Annual Show and Sale -
NW Auctions J36, Crooklands, Kendal,
LA7 7FP |
| 9 June - South Cumbria Show, Crooklands,
Kendal LA7 7NH. | 9 November - Foal & Youngstock Show
(Saturday) Inglewood Equestrian
Centre, Penrith. |
| 23 June - Derbyshire Fell & Dales Show,
Derbyshire DE65 6HT. | 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. |
| 4 August - Breed Show, Dalemain, Penrith,
Cumbria CA11 0HB. | |
| 8 September tbc - Southern Show,
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Most of your editions of the Fell Pony Society Magazine extol the hardiness of the Fell Pony, which we all know is second to none. However in the autumn edition you publish a photo on the cover of a pony wearing a rug in September.

In doing so many may think that you have done the Fell Pony a disservice. No breed of Native Pony needs a rug, when in its natural coat. Thoroughbred horses can survive the hardest of weather if well fed with good hay and a little hard feed. Most of us will of seen horses and ponies covered with snow, showing that their coats are 100% heat proof. I am sure that Bert and Carole Morland will be horrified that it is thought that one of their Lunesdale ponies needs a rug on.

Roy Wallis

Hexham

The Editor replied to Mr Wallis to explain that the pony on the cover was not wearing a rug for warmth but a high visibility sheet for safety reasons, and that all the other riders had also been wearing Hi-Vis, as recommended by the BHS and Mountain Rescue teams. Mr Wallis still wished his letter to be printed, adding:

"Hi-Vis jackets are a wonderful safety improvement, especially on the roads. But the pony has no need for one, only the rider."

Ed.

Hi,

I am a final year degree student at Warwickshire College and as part of my qualification I need to undertake research within the equine sector. I have chosen to look at the factors which influence a commercial stud's choice of weaning method and was wondering, if it was possible, could you share my questionnaire? It would be hugely appreciated.

This is the link to the questionnaire: it should take about 5 minutes to complete.

<https://goo.gl/forms/D9q2WV3on9hYn8p23>

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Alice Evans

WANTED - a pair of panniers for an Icelandic pony of medium build & 13 hands - also contact with anyone experienced in long distance trekking in the Borders.

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Editorial

In January my bay mare Ruby decided to give me a fright by having a mild colic - reminding me how lucky I have been that in 45+ years of Fell pony handling I've never had a case of it before. Typically, she remained so stoic that even the vet wasn't sure it was colic, but when a Fell doesn't fancy coarse mix or mints, you know it's serious. Before he left, though, she was back to whuffling for both. That's our girl. Now I can concentrate on the Magazine!

Council have agreed that the Autumn Magazine will go out a month later from now on, so the copy deadline will move back, to 1st October.

That should enable me to include the Southern Show in the Autumn edition, along with the Performance Trials and HOYS - so, dear secretaries, please be prepared to send your results as soon as you have them. You won't have all winter to forget about them any more!

Remember I'd like your results set out with one placing per line, a nice simple format - no tables, tabbed layouts or multiple columns, thank you. If you need a how-to-do it set of instructions, email me and I will send it to you.

Sue Millard

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Outcome of Disciplinary & Complaints Committee hearing 13 November 2018

Following complaints received regarding the use of false tail/hair extensions on a Fell pony exhibited at HOYS on 3 October 2018, the FPS Disciplinary Committee discussed the complaint and agreed the following penalties to the owner as a FPS member, as per the Society's Complaints and Disciplinary procedure:

- f) to suspend from entering or exhibiting at FPS Shows and
- g) the pony is also banned from FPS shows whilst under the same ownership.

In addition the Committee will:

- i) recommend to Council demotion off the Judges' panel.

Council agreed on 8 January 2019 that the owner should be demoted off the FPS Judges' panel with immediate effect.

President's Report - Spring 2019

Looking back on my two years as President, I am delighted that the Society continues to flourish and looks towards the future of our breed. We have dedicated breeders and owners who only wish well for the Fell in the 21st century, and a recent generous bequest by a member has given the Society a firm financial base. It is heartening that we have excellent teams in our Council, Office and various Sub Committees and I have been fortunate to see how hard they all work behind the scenes.

Our judges are greatly respected in the native pony world and it is most encouraging that the younger generation are now coming up through our training scheme. Youth is the key to the continuing success of our breed as we septuagenarians (and older) gradually release the reins!

Many people have commented on how good it is to see Fells being shown in their natural state. Your Society has resisted changes that have been seen in some other breeds, where standards in height and presentation have been tinkered with, not always to the benefit of keeping the purity and individuality of the ponies. The Royal Veterinary College have assessed that 70% of Native Ponies are overweight, so we must keep an eye on our charges, although we all know the Fell can seem to put on pounds even in starvation paddocks.

Enjoy your ponies no matter how they are used – whether they are bred on fell or field, whether show stoppers or beloved companions.

Best wishes to your new President and all success to the Fell.

Jean Ward



Line drawing of Pat and Hilary Fell on their ponies, by the late Jennifer Buxton, sent in by her husband Victor who says that Jennifer made quite a few rides with Pat.

Vic had a Fell pony, Rosie, which Jennifer also painted many times. However over her last years, he says, "she had done little about horses, mainly drawing tigers!"

Chairman's Report - Spring 2019

2018 was another good year for the Fell Pony. In addition to the successes mentioned in the Autumn magazine a Fell Pony won the final of the inaugural 'Search For A Star' competition at the Your Horse Live event. Congratulations to Greenholme Falcon and his owner Victoria Oliver. Foal registrations increased in 2018 as did the number of stallion services so the future is looking bright.

The results of the FPS Breeders' Trophy, awarded on the positions awarded in the in hand classes at the Stallion and Breed Shows and the Southern Show are as follows:-

- 1st Wellbrow
- 2nd Lunesdale
- 3rd Greenholme
- 4th Townend
- 5th Bracklinn
- 6th Severnvale

47 Prefixes were eligible.

Council held a meeting in November with Mairi Lock, English Lake District, World Heritage Site Coordinator. Following on from this Mrs Millard has submitted an interesting article to the Blog on the WHS website as well as two of Emma Campbell's lovely photos of Townend ponies grazing on Caldbeck Common. (<http://lakesworldheritage.co.uk/blog/>). There is more to the Lake District than Herdwick sheep! The Society has also put the relevant Fell Pony owners in touch with Jenny Willis who is carrying out a study that the Commoners' Foundation is involved in on Bampton Common and Kinniside. Jenny has already been in contact with these owners and will be working with the Society to draw up a questionnaire to issue to the general public at events in Cumbria.

Sadly the Society has lost several loyal and valued supporters over the last few months: Carole Morland, a knowledgeable Panel Judge, who along with her husband, Bert, has bred countless Lunesdale ponies that have enjoyed worldwide recognition in a variety of disciplines; Graham Jackson, Lancashire, who bred over 20 ponies with the Graysons prefix between 1992 and 2008; Mr George Hutton, Threlkeld; Mrs Dorothy West, Lancashire; Mr Barry Pewter, Essex; and Mr John Lewis, Bentham.

Finally I would like to thank all officers of the Society but especially Katherine, Chris and Elizabeth for working tirelessly on behalf of the breed and the membership. Please remember they do not make the decisions. Council do.

Peter Boustead

Secretary & Treasurer's Report - Spring 2019

I am pleased to report that the number of foal registrations has increased from 2017 with a total of 336 registered to date (compared to last year's total of 289). Membership for 2018 totalled 1106 which is slightly less than the previous year. 41 stallion licenses were issued during 2018, compared to 33 in 2017.

The HBLB have yet to confirm the grant for 2019, but we believe it will be the same award as last year.

All members were issued with a revised membership form with their Autumn magazine. It included a declaration giving consent for the Society to hold your details on its records. If you haven't returned the form already please do so as soon possible. Thank you to all those members who have already returned the form and to all those who have renewed their membership for 2019. We look forward to receiving payments from those outstanding, in due course.

Minimum Operating Standards for PIOs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland were issued recently with effect from 1 October 2018 - see From the Office. It is understood that the Scottish Government will be following suit with similar legislation very soon.

As you will see from the accounts included in your magazine, the Society has made a profit in the last financial year. This was mainly due to the substantial bequest from the late Miss K A R Carslaw; included in this was a legacy for the upkeep of her 2 Fell ponies. The Society is also grateful to other donations received from members during the year as well as funds raised from generous sponsorship received for the shows in 2018, and continuing Royalties from the sale of the 'Carltonlima Emma Breyer model'.

I would like to thank Council for their support, and Chris and Elizabeth, my colleagues in the office, for all their hard work. I know there are lots of things planned for the coming year to promote the Fell pony - thank you to all involved.

Best wishes

Katherine Wilkinson

From the Office

Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website, they are only available by applying to the office. 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. Try to avoid sending the application close to the deadlines.

The new Equine Identification regulations require the applications for foal passports to arrive with the Society within 6 months of birth or 30 November whichever is the later. However in addition to the above, FPS regulations require applications to be received by no later than 31 December (irrespective of age) or the application will be treated as late and will require late registration fees and confirmation of the sire and dam by DNA.

Updating Passports

In particular, owners must ensure that the following details in the passport are at all times up-to-date and correct:

- a) Food chain status, within 14 days from the date in Section II part ii or Section IX part ii.
- b) Microchip number
- c) Ownership, within 30 days of the transfer (a legal requirement in England with penalties for non-compliance). This also applied to dealers, who only possess the horse for a short period of time.
- d) Notification of death, within 30 days.

The new regulations which came into force on 1 October 2018 include a requirement that all horses are to be microchipped. If a horse does not have a microchip, there is a period of grace until 1 October 2020.

When your vet implants a chip for the first time, the barcode label should be placed in the passport with the stamp and signature of the vet beside. The owner should either send the passport or a scanned copy of the passport to the Society as soon as possible so that the records can be updated.

The new regulations also include civil sanctions for offences such as:

- * Failing to produce a passport when instructed by a vet or inspector
- * Possessing a horse when the passport is not in your name without an agreement between owner and keeper.
- * Selling a horse and not handing over the passport.
- * Transporting a horse without a passport.

Passports issued prior to 10 June 2004 that have not been updated with a 'section IX' page (usually the back page) are no longer valid. In these cases owners need to apply for a new passport which must be treated as a duplicate passport application; this includes the completion of a new passport application form with a vet signing to confirm the microchip number. Council have agreed that a voluntary contribution of £5 per passport be requested to cover cost incurred by the Society including return postage. If a passport arrives in the office without a section IX, it cannot be returned. A new passport must be applied for and the original will be destroyed, transferring any vaccination records over as applicable.

DNA & FIS Testing

All samples for the purpose of DNA typing and FIS testing must be taken by a vet, in the UK by a vet who is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). The vet must check the identity of the pony against its passport by scanning the microchip number. The samples should be sent to the lab by the vet and not left with the owner for dispatch. The results (certificates) of any samples not taken by a vet will not be accepted.

Change of Address and/or Name

Don't forget to let the Society know of any change in your address or name. There is no need to send passports in for updating if this is the only change. Simply record the new details on the next unused line on the 'Transfer' page in the passport and write beside "Change of Address and/or name" beside the date.

Katherine



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Fees & Charges with effect from 1 January 2019

<i>All fees in £ sterling (GBP)</i>	UK		Overseas	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
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	£45	£55	£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

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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.



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Membership Fees with effect from 1 January 2019

Type of Membership	UK	Overseas
Full	£25	£35
Associate	£15	£25
Junior	£15	£25
Family	£50	£65

Council have agreed that due to increases in postage, in particular outside of the UK, membership rates will increase as above for 2019 memberships et seq.

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, 6 April 2019).

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.



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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. If a laboratory other than the Animal Health Trust is used, a letter will also be required from the vet who took the sample, confirming that the identity of the pony was also checked.

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.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE TO MEMBERS. Each advertisement is shown for 3 months. The fee for non members is £10.

The list is updated with fresh adverts as they are received. There is a printable form on the web site to guide you when writing your advert. Please send it 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 page 12 of this magazine.



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Company No 3233346

Registered Charity No 1104945

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Fell Pony Society will be held at Orton Market Hall, Orton, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3RJ, on Saturday 6 April 2019 at 1.00pm for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions which will be proposed as Special Resolutions.

ALTERATION TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE FELL PONY

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

COLOUR AND MARKINGS

From: *Black, brown, bay and grey.*

Chestnuts, piebalds and skewbalds are debarred.

A star and/or a little white marking on or below the hind fetlock is acceptable.

An excess of white markings is discouraged, but such ponies are eligible for registration.

To: *Black, brown, bay and grey.*

Chestnuts, piebalds and skewbalds will be registered in section X

A star or white above lower eye level and white below nostrils and any white on the hind leg/h hoof is acceptable.

An excess of white markings is discouraged, ie a blaze or stripe, or white below lower eye level and above nostrils and / or any amount of white on a front hoof or leg, but such ponies are eligible for registration in section X.

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.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ on Saturday 6 April following the EGM scheduled for 1pm, see page 16

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 7 April 2018
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Council
- 7 Election of President
- 8 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2018
- 9 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co Accountants as Accountants to the Society
- 10 Reports from Sub-Committees
- 11 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 15th March 2019.

- 12 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.

The Fell Pony Society

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 October 2018

Company registration number: 03233346

Charity registration number: 1104945



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The following does not form part of the statutory financial statements:

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The Fell Pony Society

Reference and Administrative Details

Secretary

K Wilkinson

Accountant

Dodd & Co Limited
FIFTEEN Rosehill
Montgomery Way
Rosehill Estate
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CA1 2RW

The Fell Pony Society
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	The Fell Pony Society
Charity registration number	1104945
Company registration number	03233346
Principal office	Bank House Boroughgate APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND CA16 6XF
Registered office	FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW
Trustees	P Boustead, Chairman P Metcalfe, Vice Chariman A W Bell B A Bell (Resigned 7 April 2018) R J Brunskill S A Charlton G M Cockbain R M Eastwood (Appointed 7 April 2018) M R Goddard G H B Mallinson C S Millard J Potter W S Potter J L Rawden C C Roberts C H Robinson C E Simpson D J Slack A Thorpe E A Walker D Wilkinson

The Fell Pony Society
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

TRUSTEES REPORT

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks.

Trustees recruitment & training

Trustees are appointed as per the Society's Memorandum & Articles, 8.1 - 8.6.6, as follows -

Council consists of twenty members of the Society. Four members of the Council retire each year but are eligible for immediate re-election at the Annual General Meeting without further nomination. Members shall not be eligible for election to the Council unless they have been Voting Members of the Society for a period of at least five consecutive years.

Nominations for the Council shall be delivered to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms will be supplied by the Secretary on request. Nomination forms must be signed by two members qualified to vote at the meeting (the proposer and seconder respectively) and the person proposed must sign the nomination form to signify his or her willingness to be appointed.

The person proposed shall include in the nomination form a statement not exceeding 250 words in support of his or her election. No written canvassing other than the statement in the nomination form shall be permitted.

Election to the Council shall be by way of secret postal vote as follows:

The proposer shall have responsibility for ensuring that the nomination is given to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting.

Ballot papers listing all validly nominated candidates shall be posted to all paid up members entitled to vote at their addresses set out in the register of members not less than twenty one clear days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting.

Completed ballot papers shall be returned to the scrutineer appointed by the Council in a sealed envelope marked "Fell Pony Society Election of Council" to reach the scrutineer not less than ten days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting and it is the responsibility of members to ensure delivery. Non UK residents may return their ballot paper by facsimile or e-mail to the scrutineer.

Only correctly completed ballot papers shall be valid and no other form of vote will be accepted.

The validity of any ballot paper shall be determined by the scrutineer.

The result of the ballot shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Newly elected trustees are issued with a Declaration of eligibility and a Confidentiality Statement to read and sign. A pack is also issued with guidance of good practice and roles and responsibilities as a trustee.

New information sent to the Society by the Charity Commission is forwarded to all trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The Fell Pony Society's aim is to foster and keep pure the old breed of pony which has roamed the northern fells for years and to circulate knowledge and general information about the pony breed.

The Fell Pony Society
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

The Society's principal activity during the year was acting as a Breed Society and Passport Issuing Office (approved by DEFRA), dealing with registration of ponies/issuing and updating of passports, applications for memberships, publishing a Stud Book and producing two magazines. The Society held many events throughout the year including the Stallion & Colt Show in May, the Breed Show in August and Southern Show in September as well as Performance Trials in September and an Annual Show and Sale held in October. Many other events were held for Fell Ponies and organised by the support groups who cover all areas of the UK.

In determining these objectives and activities the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Membership remains consistent with many new members joining in 2018 which is very encouraging for the Society. The Fell Pony was promoted at many events other than shows. The FPS Display Team attended several events with the FPS stand and display team and this was enjoyed by the general public with much positive feedback and invitations to return next year. The highlight of the year for the team was when they spent the week at HOYS representing the Society in October with a publicity stand and pony. Registrations of foals increased on last year and the number of transfer of ownerships (sales of ponies) recorded through the Society increased.

Continuing support of the Society by way of Donations and Sponsorship of events remains encouraging.

Financial Review

See analysis following Report & Statements.

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

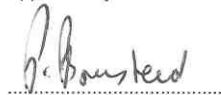
The review concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, a general reserve equivalent to approximately 75% or 9 months of fund expenditure should be maintained.

The Trustees will decide on the best use of the donations and legacies received over the previous 2 years. The total unrestricted reserves held by the charity at 31 October 2018 were £247,718 with free reserves of £234,482, which exceeds the current reserves policy

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 8 January 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



P Boustead
Trustee



P Metcalfe
Trustee

The Fell Pony Society
Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees (who are also directors of The Fell Pony Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Fell Pony Society**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2018, which are set out on pages 7 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Faye Armstrong FCA
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants
8 January 2019

FIFTEEN Rosehill
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The Fell Pony Society

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
Note	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	105,319	55,500	160,819	63,233
Other trading activities	3	2,146	-	2,146	2,660
Investment income	4	73	-	73	54
Income from charitable activities	5	62,061	-	62,061	60,924
Total income and endowments		<u>169,599</u>	<u>55,500</u>	<u>225,099</u>	<u>126,871</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		<u>64,595</u>	<u>13,442</u>	<u>78,037</u>	<u>70,383</u>
Total expenditure		<u>64,595</u>	<u>13,442</u>	<u>78,037</u>	<u>70,383</u>
Net movements in funds		105,004	42,058	147,062	56,488
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>142,714</u>	<u>3,180</u>	<u>145,894</u>	<u>89,406</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>247,718</u>	<u>45,238</u>	<u>292,956</u>	<u>145,894</u>

All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above periods.

The Fell Pony Society
Company registration number: 03233346
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2018

		2018		2017	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		13,236		13,257
Current assets					
Stocks and work in progress		4,931		4,998	
Debtors	12	2,417		2,602	
Cash at bank and in hand		278,291		130,705	
		<u>285,639</u>		<u>138,305</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(5,919)</u>		<u>(5,668)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>279,720</u>		<u>132,637</u>
Net assets			<u>292,956</u>		<u>145,894</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			45,238		3,765
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>247,718</u>		<u>142,129</u>
Total charity funds			<u>292,956</u>		<u>145,894</u>

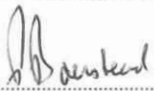
For the financial year ended 31 October 2018, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 8 January 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



P Boustead
Trustee



P Metcalfe
Trustee

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Restatement of comparatives

The 2017 comparative figures have been restated. A small number of the items of income have been shown against different headings in order to better reflect the nature of the items. There are no changes to the overall totals of the Statement of Financial Activities and no changes to any figures on the balance sheet.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 16.

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

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Income and endowments

Donations and grants are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the Charity

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Equipment	25% reducing balance basis
Trophies	Not depreciated

The trophies are included at market value and as the residual value is likely to be at least equal to their cost, no depreciation has been charged on these assets.

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

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Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

Trade Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Donations and legacies				
Legacies and bequests	100,000	50,000	150,000	-
Donations	5,319	-	5,319	58,595
	<u>105,319</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>155,319</u>	<u>58,595</u>
Grants				
Horse race betting levy board	-	5,500	5,500	4,638
	<u>105,319</u>	<u>55,500</u>	<u>160,819</u>	<u>63,233</u>

Of the donations and legacies income in 2017, £58,595 related to unrestricted funds and £4,638 related to restricted funds.

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Promise auction	-	-	-	25
Advertising and sponsorship	1,555	-	1,555	2,040
Raffle	591	-	591	595
	<u>2,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,146</u>	<u>2,660</u>

Of the other trading activities income in 2017, £2,660 related to unrestricted funds and £0 related to restricted funds.

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Deposit account interest	73	-	73	54

Of the investment income in 2017, £54 related to unrestricted funds and £0 related to restricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

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5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Subscriptions	26,250	-	26,250	26,653
Affiliation fees	677	-	677	699
AI permit	100	-	100	-
Miscellaneous	377	-	377	-
FIS income	2,420	-	2,420	2,240
Stud books and promotional merchandise	6,782	-	6,782	6,634
Shows and other events	5,875	-	5,875	6,363
Registration	5,290	-	5,290	4,715
Transfers	7,325	-	7,325	7,440
Stallion licences	3,745	-	3,745	3,380
DNA	1,920	-	1,920	1,275
Pony sales list	10	-	10	170
Passports	-	-	-	20
Duplicate passports	630	-	630	455
Prefix applications	660	-	660	880
	<u>62,061</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,061</u>	<u>60,924</u>

Of the income from charitable activities in 2017, £60,924 related to unrestricted funds and £0 related to restricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

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6 Expenditure

	Promoting and running the society	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Upkeep of fell ponies	6,400	6,400	-
Show and exhibition expenses	7,207	7,207	6,537
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,845	6,845	4,100
Stud books and promotional merchandise	4,531	4,531	4,648
Staff costs	23,755	23,755	21,373
Affiliation fees	197	197	122
Prefix registrations	445	445	405
FIS expenses	3,274	3,274	2,825
200 Club	-	-	(70)
DNA expenses	3,499	3,499	2,624
Honoraria	1,100	1,100	500
	<u>57,253</u>	<u>57,253</u>	<u>43,064</u>
Support costs			
Travelling	778	778	166
Insurance	3,911	3,911	3,856
Telephone	1,011	1,011	944
Office expenses	100	100	100
Computer expenses	1,343	1,343	1,928
Printing, stationery and equipment	5,500	5,500	8,151
Postage	5,006	5,006	6,634
Office rent	1,200	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire	139	139	90
Sundry expenses	-	-	170
Advertising	251	251	190
Accountancy fees	924	924	563
Independent examiner's fee	600	600	600
Legal and professional fees	-	-	2,699
Depreciation of equipment	21	21	28
	<u>20,784</u>	<u>20,784</u>	<u>27,319</u>
	<u>78,037</u>	<u>78,037</u>	<u>70,383</u>

Of the expenditure in 2017, £66,161 related to unrestricted funds and £4,222 related to restricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society

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7 Governance costs

	2018	2017
	£	£
Accountancy fees	924	563
Independent examiner's fee	600	600
Trustee meeeting venue hire	139	90
Legal and professional fees	-	2,699
	<u>1,663</u>	<u>3,952</u>

8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

9 Net income

Net income is stated after charging:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>

10 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>23,755</u>	<u>21,373</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2017 - No. 0).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £0 (2017 - £0).

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Trophies £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 November 2017 and 31 October 2018	<u>6,647</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>19,822</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 November 2017	6,565	-	6,565
Charge for the year	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21</u>
As at 31 October 2018	<u>6,586</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,586</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 October 2018	<u>61</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>13,236</u>
As at 31 October 2017	<u>82</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>13,257</u>

12 Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,417</u>	<u>2,602</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Trade creditors	3,810	4,127
Other creditors	184	166
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,925</u>	<u>1,375</u>
	<u>5,919</u>	<u>5,668</u>

14 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

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15 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

16 Analysis of funds

	At 1 November 2017	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2018
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
General fund	142,714	169,599	(64,595)	247,718
Restricted Funds				
Horseace Betting Levy Board	3,180	5,500	(7,042)	1,638
Fell Pony Upkeep	-	50,000	(6,400)	43,600
	<u>3,180</u>	<u>55,500</u>	<u>(13,442)</u>	<u>45,238</u>
	<u>145,894</u>	<u>225,099</u>	<u>(78,037)</u>	<u>292,956</u>

Horseace Betting Levy Board - grant received to cover prize expenditure and premiums payable.

Fell Pony Upkeep - legacy received for the upkeep of two fell ponies.

17 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,236	-	13,236	13,257
Current assets	240,401	45,238	285,639	138,305
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(5,919)	-	(5,919)	(5,668)
Net assets	<u>247,718</u>	<u>45,238</u>	<u>292,956</u>	<u>145,894</u>

The Fell Pony Society

Detailed Income and Expenditure Analysis for the Year Ended 31 October 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Income		
Legacies and bequests	150,000	-
Donations	5,319	58,595
Promise auction	-	25
Advertising and sponsorship	1,555	2,040
Raffle	591	595
Deposit account interest	73	54
Subscriptions	26,250	26,653
Affiliation fees	677	699
AI permit	100	-
Miscellaneous	377	-
FIS income	2,420	2,240
Stud books and promotional merchandise	6,782	6,634
Shows and other events	5,875	6,363
Registration	5,290	4,715
Transfers	7,325	7,440
Stallion licences	3,745	3,380
Horserace betting levy board	5,500	4,638
DNA	1,920	1,275
Pony sales list	10	170
Passports	-	20
Duplicate passports	630	455
Prefix applications	660	880
	225,099	126,871
Expenditure		
Upkeep of fell ponies	6,400	-
Show and exhibition expenses	7,207	6,537
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,845	4,100
Stud books and promotional merchandise	4,531	4,648
Staff costs	23,755	21,373
Affiliation fees	197	122
Prefix registrations	445	405
FIS expenses	3,274	2,825
200 Club	-	(70)
DNA expenses	3,499	2,624
Honoraria	1,100	500
Travelling	778	166
Insurance	3,911	3,856
Telephone, office and computer expenses	2,454	2,972
Printing, stationery and equipment	5,500	8,151
Postage	5,006	6,634
Office rent	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire	139	90
Sundry and advertising expenses	251	360
Accountancy and independent examiner's fee	1,524	1,163
Legal and professional fees	-	2,699
Depreciation of equipment	21	28
	78,037	70,383
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	147,062	56,488

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Elections for Council

The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr B Mallinson, Mr P Metcalfe, Mr W Potter and Miss C Simpson. They are all willing to stand again. One new candidate has been proposed - Mrs S Brunskill; therefore there are 5 candidates and 4 vacancies. 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 S BRUNSKILL - Prefix, Hynholme. proposed by Mr W S Potter and seconded by Mr A Thorpe

I have been a member of the Society for over twenty years, and along with my husband and daughter we have a small number of breeding mares and breed under the Hynholme prefix, where we breed true to type ponies in line with our breed standard.

During my time as a member I have been involved with the show committee, and have worked in the merchandise tent for a number of years. I have stewarded at both the Breed show and the Stallion show.

I have served previously on Council, and during that time I worked tirelessly to promote the Fell pony in various ways. In 2015 I set up the Display team, taking both ponies and the merchandise and information tent around the country to various events, helping to promote our wonderful ponies, encouraging our younger members to be involved. I will continue to be as active as I possibly can be, and I look forward to 2019 and the challenges that will come with it.



Council members standing for re-election

Numbers in brackets indicate the number of meetings absent over the last 5 years.

MR BARRY MALLINSON (10) - Prefix, Hardendale

In 1971, with the support of my grandparents, I bought my first Fell pony from the late Sarge Noble. The following year the first Hardendale Fell pony was registered and I have bred every year since. Over the years I have seen the fell pony change which I have tried very hard to keep to the breed standards. The last few years have made me very proud seeing some of my ponies doing well at top shows in the country.

At home my whole family are also devoted to

our Fell ponies, from breeding through to competing, and people who know me I hope would agree that my Fell ponies are not a hobby but a way of life.

I have been a member of the Fell Pony Society for 48 years and on Council for the last 17 years. I am on the overseas committee and the show committee which involves a lot of commitment and has been made easier now I have taken early retirement.

I would very much appreciate members' support for re-election.



MR PAUL METCALFE (2) Prefix, Ryehouse

I have been involved with Fell ponies for more than 45 years and have been on the FPS committee for over 15 of them.

I believe one of the most important roles of the society is to encourage young people to come through the ranks, not only in breeding and competition but also in judging.

I feel we should be promoting true-to-type Fell ponies, which can perform in both ridden and driven spheres, as this is where the market is. I am actively involved in championship and county level showing and think continuing to promote the breed through the show ring is one way we can expand the popularity and market for our breeders. I have also enjoyed being part of the restoration of the South Cumbria Fell Pony Show.

While admittedly I am not even a member of Facebook, I do believe using social media can further help communicate the positives and successes of the breed and create a network of passionate enthusiasts who are keen to support our ponies. I think it's positive that the society also moves with the times.



MR BILL POTTER (1) Prefix, Greenholme

I breed the Greenholme ponies on the fells near Shap in Cumbria.

I have served on the council now for 30 years and although I have seen a lot of changes, I will do my best to keep the bad ones to a minimum!

A good committee should use people with different talents but I feel strongly that the Breeders should be well represented on Council. My intention is to support and encourage Breeders, especially of the semi feral herds, which are of great importance to the future of the traditional pony. I strongly support the Education Scheme for young FPS members.

MISS CLAIRE SIMPSON (2) Prefix, Farleton



My past five years as a Council member have flown by and I would be very happy to continue to help the Society in whatever way I am able. I am employed as an IT Project Manager, but I'm also kept busy as the FPS Press Officer; which includes looking after the FPS Facebook page and writing reports for various magazines. I particularly like to promote the versatility of our wonderful ponies, so helping to safeguard the future of the ponies, and those who breed them it is also a personal challenge to try

to get more copy on Fell ponies in The Native Pony magazine than any other breed!

I managed the Facebook advertising and on-line bidding process for the very successful Auctions of Promises, enabling members to bid for the lots wherever they live. I recently created a risk assessment process for the Society in line with Charity Commission best practice; and identified the risks, and mitigations for the risks, that face the Society today.

I have 5 Fell ponies and have bred ponies under the Farleton prefix. I enjoy all Fell pony related activities, but particularly carriage driving when I have the time.

I'm always happy to discuss issues with members and take comments back to Council.



Murthwaite Sid having a "moment" with Jules Smith

Postal Voting for Council Members

Ballot papers will be sent out with the Spring Magazine to those eligible to vote. Completed ballot papers have to be returned to the Scrutineer appointed by the Council not less than 10 days before the date of the AGM. No member is entitled to vote in the election for Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid by 15th February 2019. You will find the details on Votes of Members under Section 7 of the Articles of Association. Election to the Council is Section 8.6.

**Please send your ballot paper to the Scrutineer before the deadline.
Do not waste your chance to vote in the running of your Society.**

Election for President

There are two nominations for the position of President so a ballot will be held at the Annual General Meeting.

The candidates are:

Mr Edwin Winder - prefix, Dalewin.

Miss Barbara Bell - prefix, Waverhead.

Colt & Stallion Grading Scheme

A colt and stallion grading scheme was introduced in the spring of 2016. During 2018 ponies were graded at the FPS Breed Show held at Dalemain and the FPS Southern Breed Show held at Berkshire Agricultural College.

A Gold Award and a £50 Premium was paid to:

Wellbrow Josh

FP72651C

Miss C Read

A Silver Award and a £25 Premium was paid to:

Bowins Rocket

FP72577C*

Mrs C Pewter

During 2019 the scheme is being offered to all colts/stallions born in and after 2012, once they have reached 2 years of age.

Full details and an application form can be found on the FPS Website under Stallion Listings, or obtained from the FPS Office.

Eileen A Walker

FPS Southern Show, 10 September 2018

The FPS Southern show is known for being a super-friendly, fun day out, with a large variety of classes to encourage owners and riders to 'have a go'. The event took place at the Berkshire College of Agriculture on a lovely sunny September day.

Ruth Eastwood made the long drive down from Stranraer to judge several classes, including the mares in hand and BSPS Olympia qualifier. Ruth had a very enjoyable day reporting that the in-hand sections were a joy to see, with lovely, typey ponies and well turned out handlers enjoying the large flat rings.

One little mare, Wellbrow Glimmer, really caught Ruth's eye with her great walk, showing plenty of lift and good reach. She had good conformation, and was sensible but with a bit of sparkle, and was the pony that Ruth would have really liked to take home. Glimmer went on to win the brood mare section and take the overall supreme championship.

Ruth is keen to stress that a Fell pony must have a good foot and clean limbs, and was pleased to see so many good feet well shod...she was also delighted that there were no lashings of oil or make up, which is particularly annoying for a judge handling ponies in the ring!



Bruce Webb

Supreme champion, Wellbrow Glimmer (*above*) is owned by Carolyn and Barry Pewter who have a large riding school with an RDA group in Essex and they have been buying lots of Fell ponies for the school. Ponies that they feel have show

potential are ridden by Carolyn and her daughter Charlotte, who won the open working hunter class with Brackenbank Oscar, and the ridden class for novice geldings with Holling Rum, a pony purchased through the FPS sale in 2014, that went on to take the reserve ridden championship.

Glimmer is in foal to the family's stallion class winner, Bowins Rocket, who completed the stallion grading at the show.

It was a very emotional day as the family very nearly didn't attend the show. Barry, who had been battling cancer since January 2016, became poorly and, after several trips to A & E, was admitted to hospital the previous Wednesday. Fortunately, Barry was able to leave hospital after treatment on the Friday, and although weak, he felt much better so, in what Carolyn describes as 'typical Barry fashion' he insisted that the family go to the show as originally planned. Together with friends Bruce and Penny Webb they set off early on Sunday morning and had the most wonderful day.

Carolyn added that they look forward to the show each year as it is always well run and has a great atmosphere, and that they are hoping to venture up north to the Breed show in 2019.



Bethany Griffiths and Wellbrow Duke

Another competitor who had a busy and successful day was fourteen-year-old Bethany Griffiths who said, 'I love the FPS Southern show because there is so much to do!' Bethany took part in 7 ridden classes with Wellbrow Duke (aka Hero, above). By the end of the day both Bethany and Hero were exhausted but had had great fun, and won lots of lovely rosettes and two trophies. Bethany was also thrilled to meet Andrew and Michelle Thorpe who bred Hero and had travelled down from Lancashire to compete in the Inter-Area In Hand Championship, which they won with Wellbrow Dancy.



Greenholme Yabadabadoo and Holly Mayling

Nicola and Holly Mayling had a super day with the much garlanded Murthwaite Ted's Lass and Greenholme Yabadabadoo.

Ted's Lass took the classes for Traditional ridden and open ridden mares en-route to the ridden championship and reserve supreme. Yabadabadoo won the BSPS Olympia qualifier and championships in the junior ridden and WHP sections. He also won the two generations class with mother and daughter.

Congratulations all and well done to everyone who makes the Southern show such a friendly and enjoyable day.

Claire Simpson

Judges

Mrs A Torode (Brocklebank) (classes 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 19, 21 & 37)

Mrs R Eastwood (Gowbarrow) (classes 2, 3, 4, 13, 17, 20 & 37)

Mr P Saunders (Peaseybeck) (classes 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 32)

Mrs C Knight (classes 26, 27, 28 & 33)

Ms C Wrigley (class 29)

Ms C Randall (classes 34, 35, 36)

Class 1. Stallions

- 1st Bowins Rocket, FP72577C*, f. 2015. S Wellbrow Leo, D Rundales Queen Elley. Breeder, Mr J Miller Jnr. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.
- 2nd Bracklinn Glayva, FP72412C*, f. 2014. S Carrock I'm Yer Man, D Southolme Beauty. Breeder, Mr I & Mrs M Smith. Owner, Mrs J Rawden.

Class 2. Mares 4 - 8 years

- 1st Nicholwalls Firefly, FP5958, f. 2013. S Greenholme Emblem, D Bracklinn Rosie. Breeder, Mrs G Rae. Owner, Mrs P Marsh.
- 2nd Richmond Deborah, FP5758, f. 2012. S Llancloudy Gabriel, D Llancloudy Rachael. Breeder and Owner, Mrs S Petritz.
- 3rd Wellbrow Dancy, FP5305, f. 2010. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Wellbrow Lady Luck. Breeder, Miss G Thorpe. Owner, Miss G Thorpe.
- 4th Greenholme Queen Bea, FP5338, f. 2010. S Greenholme Look at Me, D Greenholme Whisper. Breeder, Mr WS Potter. Owner, Mr & Mrs P Ward-Burton.
- 5th Bell, FP6071, f. 2014. S Wellbrow Rover, D Wellbrow Little Gem. Breeder, Mrs Y Holt. Owner, Mrs J Newman.
- 6th Hardendale Blossom, FP5723, f. 2012. S Brackenbank Flash Harry, D Lune Valley Petal. Breeder, Mr & Mrs GHB Mallinson. Owner, Mrs L Bennett.

Class 3. Mares 9 years and over

- 1st Murthwaite Ted's Lass, FP4997, f. 2009. S Heltondale Ted, D Murthwaite Maydew. Breeder, Mr T Capstick. Owner, Ms N Mayling.
- 2nd Brocklebank Laffite, FP5209, f. 2009. S Waverhead Copper, D Townend Finty. Breeder, Mrs H Wenden & Mrs A Torode. Owner, Mrs H Wenden.
- 3rd Empire Grace, FP4127, f. 2004. S Townend Caleb, D Dalehead Georgina. Breeder, Mrs H Plank. Owner, Mrs H Plank.
- 4th Marshhouse Lily, FP5067, f. 2009. S Ludworth Viking, D Carrock Poppy. Breeder, Mrs L Elders. Owner, Ms H Johnson (Registered Keeper).

Class 4. Broodmares

- 1st Wellbrow Glimmer, FP5898, f. 2013. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Wellbrow Cinders. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.

- 2nd Severnvale June, FP5110, f. 2009. S Severnvale Denzil, D Drybarrows Jenny Wren. Breeder, Mr G Guy. Owner, Mr G Guy.

Class 5. Foals

- 1st Severnvale Sweetpea, RAF, f. 2018. S Severnvale Ivor, D Severnvale June. Breeder, Mr G Guy & Mrs L Harman. Owner, Mr G Guy & Mrs L Harman.

Class 6. Geldings 4 - 8 years

- 1st Holling Rum, FP72364G, f. 2014. S Stennerskeugh Smoke, D Holling Topaz. Breeder, Mr SD Sanderson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.

Class 7. Geldings 9 years & over

- 1st Hillhead Horace, FP70444G, f. 2004. S Greenholme Ringo, D Hillhead Trixie. Breeder, Mr L Stewart. Owner, Mrs H Saxon-Bland.
- 2nd Empire Norman, FP71287G, f. 2008. S Townend Caleb, D Pikestone Morning Glory. Breeder, Mrs H Plank. Owner, Mrs H Plank.

Class 8. Yearling

- 1st Boutime Esther, FP6374, f. 2007. S Boutime Wooster, D Sleddale Rosebud. Breeder, Mrs D Vychinski. Owner, Mrs D Vychinski.
- 2nd Severnvale Ruby Rose, FP6500*, f. 2017. S Severnvale Ivor, D Severnvale Gypsy Rose. Breeder, Mr G Guy. Owner, Mr G Guy.
- 3rd Wellbrow Kizzy, FP6414, f. 2017. S Wellbrow Rover, D Wellbrow Erin. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Miss L Spencer.

Class 9. Two year old

- 1st Kalmara Felicity, FP6295, f. 2016. S Townend Midnight, D Greenholme Fancy II. Breeder, Miss K Hodge. Owner, Miss K Hodge.
- 2nd Llanai Guardsman, FP72720C, f. 2016. S Townend Stevie, D Greenholme Queen Bea. Breeder, Mr & Mrs P Ward-Burton. Owner, Miss K Scorey.
- 3rd Severnvale Queen of the Vale, FP6270, f. 2016. S Severnvale Ivor, D Severnvale Gypsy Rose. Breeder and Owner, Mr G Guy.

Class 10. Three year old

- 1st Richmond Francesca, FP6099, f. 2015. S Severnvale Ivor, D Richmond Cara. Breeder and Owner, Mrs S Petritz.
- 2nd Kalmara Fantasia, FP6208, f. 2015. S Townend Midnight, D Greenholme Fancy II. Breeder, Miss K Hodge. Owner, Miss K Hodge.

3rd Greenrivers Ruth Lea, FP6205, f. 2015. S Bolanken Basil, D Dalehead Hannah. Breeder, Mr K Turner. Owner, Ms E Drewett.

Class 11. Veteran, 15 years and over

1st Underwoods Kingfisher, FP51120G, f. 2000. S Underwoods Drummer, D Cherryhall Heather. Breeder, Mrs C Ross-Thompson. Owner, Mr R Muttitt.

Class 12. Pair class

1st Kalmara Fantasia, FP6208, f. 2015. S Townend Midnight, D Greenholme Fancy II. Breeder, Miss K Hodge. Owner, Miss K Hodge, and Kalmara Felicity, FP6295, f. 2016. S Townend Midnight, D Greenholme Fancy II. Breeder, Miss K Hodge. Owner, Miss K Hodge.

2nd Empire Grace, FP4127, f. 2004. S Townend Caleb, D Dalehead Georgina. Breeder, Mrs H Plank. Owner, Mrs H Plank, and Empire Norman, FP71287G, f. 2008. S. Townend Caleb, D Pikestone Morning Glory. Breeder, Mrs H Plank. Owner, Mrs H Plank.

3rd Richmond Francesca, FP6099, f. 2015. S Severnvale Ivor, D Richmond Cara. Breeder and Owner, Mrs S Petritz, and Severnvale Queen of the Vale, FP6270, f. 2016. S Severnvale Ivor, D Severnvale Gypsy Rose. Breeder and Owner, Mr G Guy.

Class 13. Ridden Stallions

1st Clifford Blue Chip, FP72050C*, f. 2012. S Stennerskeugh Smoke, D Clifford Poker Princess. Breeder, Mr CH Sanderson. Owner, Ms G Ivey.

Class 14. Ridden Mares

1st Murthwaite Ted's Lass, FP4997, f. 2009. S Heltondale Ted, D Murthwaite Maydew. Breeder, Mr T Capstick. Owner, Ms N Mayling.

2nd Townend Honesty, FP5876, f. 2013. S Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D Townend Hope. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Mrs S Graham.

3rd Marshhouse Lily, FP5067, f. 2009. S Ludworth Viking, D Carrock Poppy. Breeder, Mrs L Elders. Owner, Ms H Johnson (Registered Keeper).

Class 15. Ridden Geldings

1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo, FP70685G, f. 2005. S Murthwaite Windrush, D Heltondale Poppy. Breeder, Mr WS Potter. Owner, Ms N Mayling.

2nd Wellbrow Duke, FP70780G, f. 2006. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Heltondale Duchess. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs L Griffiths.

3rd Murthwaite Looks Promising, FP71080G, f. 2007. S Murthwaite Look at Me, D Heltondale Dainty VI. Breeder, Mr T Capstick. Owner, Mrs J Rawden & Miss J Glass.

4th Hillhead Horace, FP70444G, f. 2004. S. Greenholme Ringo, D Hillhead Trixie. Breeder, Mr L Stewart. Owner, Mrs H Saxon-Bland.

5th Holling Rum, FP72364G, f. 2014. S Stennerskeugh Smoke, D Holling Topaz. Breeder, Mr SD Sanderson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.

Class 16. Novice Traditional Ridden Mares & Geldings

1st Townend Bellboy II, FP71486G, f. 2009. S Castle Hill Bellman, D Townend Blossom. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Miss R Day.

2nd Nicholwalls Firefly, FP5958, f. 2013. S Greenholme Emblem, D Bracklinn Rosie. Breeder, Mrs G Rae. Owner, Mrs P Marsh.

Class 17. Novice Ridden Mares

1st Princess Elma, FP5634, f. 2009. S Stennerskeugh Dandy, D Dalehead Stephanie. Breeder, Miss MA Bridge. Owner, Dr D Bruce. Exhibitor, Mr A Brown.

2nd Brocklebank Courvoisier, FP6007, f. 2014. S Severnvale Ivor, D Wellbrow Buttons. Breeder, Mrs H Wenden & Mrs A Torode. Owner, Mrs H Wenden.

Class 18. Novice Ridden Geldings

1st Holling Rum, FP72364G, f. 2014. S Stennerskeugh Smoke, D Holling Topaz. Breeder, Mr SD Sanderson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.

2nd Townend Bellboy II, FP71486G, f. 2009. S Castle Hill Bellman, D Townend Blossom. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Miss R Day.

Class 19. Traditional Ridden Mares

1st Murthwaite Ted's Lass, FP4997, f. 2009. S Heltondale Ted, D Murthwaite Maydew. Breeder, Mr T Capstick. Owner, Ms N Mayling.

2nd Townend Honesty, FP5876, f. 2013. S Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D Townend Hope. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Mrs S Graham.

3rd Hardendale Blossom, FP5723, f. 2012. S Brackenbank Flash Harry, D Lune Valley Petal. Breeder, Mr & Mrs GHB Mallinson. Owner, Mrs L Bennett.

4th Banksgate Songbird, FP5173, f. 2009. S Banksgate Jackdaw, D Carrock Penny. Breeder, Miss H Ashcroft. Owner, Mrs H Parker.

Class 20. Traditional Ridden Geldings & Stallions

1st Hillhead Horace, FP70444G, f. 2004. S. Greenholme Ringo, D Hillhead Trixie. Breeder, Mr L Stewart. Owner, Mrs H Saxon-Bland.

2nd Murthwaite Looks Promising, FP71080G, f. 2007. S Murthwaite Look at Me, D Heltondale Dainty VI. Breeder, Mr T Capstick. Owner, Mrs J Rawden & Miss J Glass.

3rd Greenholme Yabadabadoo, FP70685G, f. 2005. S Murthwaite Windrush, D Heltondale Poppy. Breeder, Mr WS Potter. Owner, Ms N Mayling.

4th Wellbrow Duke, FP70780G, f. 2006. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Heltondale Duchess. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs L Griffiths.

Class 21. Ridden Veterans

1st Carltonima Jerry, FP70169G, f. 2003. S Heltondale Roamer II, D Adamthwaite Bell Heather. Breeder, Mr R Sandham. Owner, Mrs CJ Ivey.

2nd Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.

Class 22. Ridden Pairs

1st Townend Lib III, FP4426, f. 2006. S Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D Sleddale Lib IV. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Mrs A Adcock, & Lydvale Jet, FP712706, f. 2008. S Waverhead Hero II, D Waverhead Jewel III. Breeder, Mr R & Mrs S McNamara. Owner, Ms D McGrail.

Class 23. Child Lead Rein, 10 yrs & under

1st Brocklebank Laffite, FP5209, f. 2009. S Waverhead Copper, D Townend Finty. Breeder, Mrs H Wenden & Mrs A Torode. Owner, Mrs H Wenden.

2nd Empire Grace, FP4127, f. 2004. S Townend Caleb, D Dalehead Georgina. Breeder, Mrs H Plank. Owner, Mrs H Plank.

3rd Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.

Class 24. Child Ridden, 6-12 years - No entries

Class 25. Child Ridden, 13-16 years

1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo, FP70685G, f. 2005. S Murthwaite Windrush, D Heltondale Poppy. Breeder, Mr WS Potter. Owner, Ms N Mayling.

2nd Wellbrow Duke, FP70780G, f. 2006. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Heltondale Duchess. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs L Griffiths.

Class 26. Novice Working Hunter Pony

1st Clifford Blue Chip, FP72050C*, f. 2012. S Stenerskeugh Smoke, D Clifford Poker Princess. Breeder, Mr CH Sanderson. Owner, Ms G Ivey.

2nd Lydvale Jet, FP712706, f. 2008. S Waverhead Hero II, D Waverhead Jewel III. Breeder, Mr R & Mrs S McNamara. Owner, Ms D McGrail.

3rd Townend Lib III, FP4426, f. 2006. S Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D Sleddale Lib IV. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Mrs A Adcock.

4th Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.

5th Holling Rum, FP72364G, f. 2014. S Stenerskeugh Smoke, D Holling Topaz. Breeder, Mr SD Sanderson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.

Class 27. Intermediate Working Hunter

1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo, FP70685G, f. 2005. S Murthwaite Windrush, D Heltondale Poppy. Breeder, Mr WS Potter. Owner, Ms N Mayling.

2nd Wellbrow Duke, FP70780G, f. 2006. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Heltondale Duchess. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs L Griffiths.

3rd Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.

4th Lydvale Jet, FP712706, f. 2008. S Waverhead Hero II, D Waverhead Jewel III. Breeder, Mr R & Mrs S McNamara. Owner, Ms D McGrail.

- 5th Holling Rum, FP72364G, f. 2014. S Stenerskeugh Smoke, D Holling Topaz. Breeder, Mr SD Sanderson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.
- 6th Brackenbank Oscar, FP72037G*, f. 2012. S Lownthwaite Gary, D Brackenbank Sorrel. Breeder, Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.

Class 28. Working Hunter

- 1st Brackenbank Oscar, FP72037G*, f. 2012. S Lownthwaite Gary, D Brackenbank Sorrel. Breeder, Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.
- 2nd Wellbrow Duke, FP70780G, f. 2006. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Heltondale Duchess. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs L Griffiths.

Class 29. Driving

- 1st Princess Elma, FP5634, f. 2009. S Stenerskeugh Dandy, D Dalehead Stephanie. Breeder, Miss MA Bridge. Owner, Dr D Bruce. Exhibitor, Mr A Brown.

Class 30a. Handy Pony - ridden

- 1st Lydvale Jet, FP712706, f. 2008. S Waverhead Hero II, D Waverhead Jewel III. Breeder, Mr R & Mrs S McNamara. Owner, Ms D McGrail.
- 2nd = Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.
- 2nd = Townend Lib III, FP4426, f. 2006. S Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D Sleddale Lib IV. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Mrs A Adcock.

Class 30b. Handy Pony - in-hand

- 1st Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.
- 2nd Lydvale Jet, FP712706, f. 2008. S Waverhead Hero II, D Waverhead Jewel III. Breeder, Mr R & Mrs S McNamara. Owner, Ms D McGrail.
- 3rd = Brocklebank Laffite, FP5209, f. 2009. S Waverhead Copper, D Townend Finty. Breeder, Mrs H Wenden & Mrs A Torode. Owner, Mrs H Wenden.
- 3rd = Hardendale Blossom, FP5723, f. 2012. S Brackenbank Flash Harry, D Lune Valley Petal. Breeder, Mr & Mrs GHB Mallinson. Owner, Mrs L Bennett.

Class 31. Fancy Dress

- 1st Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.

Class 32. Young Handler

- 1st Marshhouse Lily, FP5067, f. 2009. S Ludworth Viking, D Carrock Poppy. Breeder, Mrs L Elders. Owner, Ms H Johnson (Registered Keeper).
- 2nd Empire Norman, FP71287G, f. 2008. S Townend Caleb, D Pikestone Morning Glory. Breeder, Mrs H Plank. Owner, Mrs H Plank.
- 3rd Brocklebank Laffite, FP5209, f. 2009. S Waverhead Copper, D Townend Finty. Breeder, Mrs H Wenden & Mrs A Torode. Owner, Mrs H Wenden.

Class 33. Two Generations

- 1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo, FP70685G, f. 2005. S Murthwaite Windrush, D Heltondale Poppy. Breeder, Mr WS Potter. Owner, Ms N Mayling.
- 2nd Marshhouse Lily, FP5067, f. 2009. S Ludworth Viking, D Carrock Poppy. Breeder, Mrs L Elders. Owner, Ms H Johnson (Registered Keeper).

Class 34. Dressage - Walk/trot

- 1st Underwoods Kingfisher, FP51120G, f. 2000. S Underwoods Drummer, D Cherryhall Heather. Breeder, Mrs C Ross-Thompson. Owner, Mr R Muttitt.
- 2nd Lydvale Jet, FP712706, f. 2008. S Waverhead Hero II, D Waverhead Jewel III. Breeder, Mr R & Mrs S McNamara. Owner, Ms D McGrail.
- 3rd Townend Lib III, FP4426, f. 2006. S Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D Sleddale Lib IV. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Mrs A Adcock.
- 4th Princess Elma, FP5634, f. 2009. S Stenerskeugh Dandy, D Dalehead Stephanie. Breeder, Miss MA Bridge. Owner, Dr D Bruce. Exhibitor, Mr A Brown.
- 5th Marshhouse Lily, FP5067, f. 2009. S Ludworth Viking, D Carrock Poppy. Breeder, Mrs L Elders. Owner, Ms H Johnson (Registered Keeper).

Class 35. Dressage - Preliminary 18

- 1st Townend Honesty, FP5876, f. 2013. S Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D Townend Hope. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Mrs S Graham.



Pippa Watts

Fancy Dress winner: Meres Just-a-Mo. Aurora Smith is the rider, led by mum Eleanor Smith.

- 2nd Wellbrow Duke, FP70780G, f. 2006. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Heltondale Duchess. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs L Griffiths.
- 3rd Lydvale Jet, FP712706, f. 2008. S Waverhead Hero II, D Waverhead Jewel III. Breeder, Mr R & Mrs S McNamara. Owner, Ms D McGrail.
- 4th Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.
- 5th Townend Bellboy II, FP71486G, f. 2009. S Castle Hill Bellman, D Townend Blossom. Breeder, Mrs M Wilson. Owner, Miss R Day.
- 6th Banksgate Songbird, FP5173, f. 2009. S Banksgate Jackdaw, D Carrock Penny. Breeder, Miss H Ashcroft. Owner, Mrs H Parker.

Class 36. Dressage - Novice 30

- 1st Wellbrow Duke, FP70780G, f. 2006. S Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D Heltondale Duchess. Breeder, Mr A Thorpe. Owner, Mrs L Griffiths.
- 2nd Meres Just-a-Mo, FP3504, f. 2000. S Greenholme Paul, D Meres Judy Gill. Breeder, Mrs S Rees. Owner, Mrs NE Paterson.

Class 37. BSPS Olympia Qualifier

- 1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo, FP70685G, f. 2005. S Murthwaite Windrush, D Heltondale Poppy. Breeder, Mr WS Potter. Owner, Ms N Mayling.
- 2nd Clifford Blue Chip, FP72050C*, f. 2012. S Stennerskeugh Smoke, D Clifford Poker Princess. Breeder, Mr CH Sanderson. Owner, Ms G Ivey.
- 3rd Murthwaite Ted's Lass, FP4997, f. 2009. S Heltondale Ted, D Murthwaite Maydew. Breeder, Mr T Capstick. Owner, Ms N Mayling.
- 4th Brackenbank Oscar, FP72037G*, f. 2012. S Lownthwaite Gary, D Brackenbank Sorrel. Breeder, Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. Owner, Mrs C Pewter.
- 5th Murthwaite Looks Promising, FP71080G, f. 2007. S Murthwaite Look at Me, D Heltondale Dainty VI. Breeder, Mr T Capstick. Owner, Mrs J Rawden & Miss J Glass.
- 6th Hillhead Horace, FP70444G, f. 2004. S Greenholme Ringo, D Hillhead Trixie. Breeder, Mr L Stewart. Owner, Mrs H Saxon-Bland.

Gelding championship

Champion Hillhead Horace

Reserve Holling Rum

Mare championship

Champion Wellbrow Glimmer

Reserve Nicholwalls Firefly

Youngstock championship

Champion Severnvale Sweetpea

Reserve Boutime Esther

In-hand Championship

Champion Wellbrow Glimmer

Reserve Nicholwalls Firefly

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

Champion Wellbrow Dancy (NWSG)

Reserve Severnvale June (SWSG)

Children's Championship (Ridden)

Champion Greenholme Yabadabadoo, rider Miss H Mayling

Reserve Brocklebank Laffite

Children's Best Turned Out Championship

Champion Wellbrow Duke, rider Miss B Griffiths

Working Hunter Pony Championship

Champion Greenholme Yabadabadoo

Reserve Clifford Blue Chip

Ridden Championship

Champion Murthwaite Ted's Lass

Reserve Holling Rum

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

1st Lydvale Jet

2nd Meres Just-a-Mo

3rd Townend Lib III

Supreme Championship

Champion

Wellbrow Glimmer

Reserve

Murthwaite Ted's Lass

Show & Sale winners



The Sale Show Champion was Bybeck Vincent, a bay colt foal by Wellbrow Lancashire Lad



The Reserve Champion was another bay foal, Bowins Nancy, by Brocklebank Absinthe

Claire Simpson

The Fell Pony Society Annual Show & Sale 2018



Claire Simpson

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 27 October. There were 101 Fell ponies entered in the sale with 82 forward and 67 sold through the ring on the day. 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 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 Judy Fairburn who reported that she was pleased to see that the standard and turnout of the ponies in the showing classes continues to improve. The champion Bybeck Vincent, a bay colt foal by Wellbrow Lancashire Lad, shown by Oliver Roberts, caught Judy's eye from the start. Although quite small, being younger than some of the foals forward, he moved freely and correctly, had good conformation and was well presented and handled throughout. Vincent went on to sell for 700gns.

The reserve champion was another bay foal, Bowins Nancy, sired by Brocklebank Absinthe, from J Miller, described by Judy as a very good 'typey' pony, that moved nicely with good balance throughout and is representative of the more traditional type of Fell pony.

The highest price of the day, 1400 gns, was achieved by Bert and Carole Morland with Lunesdale Celine, a black filly foal sired by Lunesdale Union Jack. Dalewin Vesper, a grey colt sired by Lunesdale Black Ice II also broke the 1000gns barrier, selling at 1200gns for Edwin Winder. Achieving 1000gns was Greenholme May Blossom, by Greenholme Warrior, for RJ & BK Potter.

In the section for ponies four years old or above, the highest price was 1200gns for Restar Lucky Mike, a black Gelding from Mrs D Bradley, with Restar Lucky Jerry from the same home bringing 1050gns. The two ponies, both sired by Lunesdale Dylan, will be staying together and are following in their sire's footsteps (or should that be hoofprints?) as they are going into training as a future driving pair.

There were some lovely ponies forward that went to super new homes, and we look forward to seeing the ponies out in the future with their new owners.

The Society is extremely grateful to all the hardworking volunteers who give their time to provide essential help at the sale; performing a variety of roles from microchip reading to helping on the merchandise stand; which had a bumper day with shoppers buying their Christmas cards, calendars and other goodies.

Claire Simpson



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Foal & Youngstock Show L to R: John Cockbain & Champion Carrock Lilly, Judge Christine Robinson, Vicki Kenyon & Reserve Champion Lunesdale Jackson, John Potter & Foal Champion Greenholme May Dew, Robert Relph-Briggs & Reserve Foal Champion Brackenbank Red Ace.



Champion Foal Greenholme May Dew, by Greenholme Diego.



Reserve Champion Foal Brackenbank Red Ace, by Wellbrow Lancashire Lad.

Claire Simpson

Foal & Youngstock Show Results - 10 November 2018

The Fell Pony Society North West Area Support Group (NWSAG) held its annual Foal & Youngstock Show at Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria on Saturday 10th November. The show offers a wonderful opportunity to get young ponies out of their normal surroundings and further their education; many of the foals had had their first handling only days before but coped very well with the unfamiliar environment of the indoor school. It was also interesting to see the foals and yearlings shown in previous years coming back this year as strapping three year olds.

The forecast rain largely held off and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with like-minded friends on a sunny Autumn day. Christine Robinson judged the classes and was very pleased with the ponies forward. She commented that the quality of the ponies was such that it was the way that they showed themselves on the day that decided the placings, and on another day positions could very well be reversed; she added that that she would have been delighted to have taken any of the prize-winners home.



Claire Simpson

After some deliberation it was the Cockbain family who took the supreme and youngstock championships with their consistent homebred two-year-old filly, Carrock Lilly, by Boutime Wooster, shown by John Cockbain (*above*).

The reserve supreme went to Misses R.J. & B.K. Potter with the filly foal, Greenholme May Dew, by Greenholme Diego, shown by John Potter, and described by the judge as 'one to watch for the future'. The Wilkinson family from Murton took the reserve championship in the foal section with their super bay colt Brackenbank Red Ace, by Wellbrow Lancashire Lad, shown by Rob Briggs.

The reserve championship in the youngstock section went to Bert & Carole Morland and their yearling colt by Lunesdale Union Jack, aptly named Lunesdale Jackson, a pony with lovely action, shown again this year by Vicki Kenyon. Vicki also took the reserve championship in the foal section with the pony last year. (*photo on next page*)



Foal Show Youngstock Reserve Champion, Mr & Mrs Morland's yearling Lunesdale Jackson

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The NWAG is very grateful to all who helped make the show a success and to show sponsors: Alex Wrigley Photography, Brackenbank Fell Ponies, Mrs. H. Moss, Mrs. Di Slack and Prestige Horse Transport North-West.

Class 1. Filly Foal

- 1st Greenholme May Dew, FP6570, Owner R J & B K Potter, Breeder Miss R J Potter
- 2nd Lunesdale Forget-Me-Not, FP6559, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs A W Morland
- 3rd Greenholme Magic, FP6569, Owner & Breeder R J & B K Potter

Class 2. Colt Foal

- 1st Brackenbank Red Ace, FP72980C, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
- 2nd Dalewin Victor, FP72927C, Owner Miss K Raine, Breeder Mr E Winder

Class 3. Yearling

- 1st Lunesdale Jackson, FP72779C, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs A W Morland
- 2nd Firbank Rockstar, FP6433*, Owner & Breeder Mrs S E James
- 3rd Midtown Will I Am, FP72789C, Owner R J & B K Potter, Breeder Mr C A Mallinson

Class 4. Two Year Old

- 1st Carrock Lilly, FP6278, Owner & Breeder, Mr J W Cockbain
- 2nd Lunesdale Burnt Sugar, FP6235, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs A W Morland
- 3rd Greenholme Kipper, FP6238, Owner B & A Metcalfe, Breeder Mr W S Potter

Class 5. Three Year Old

- 1st Rundales Volley, FP6112, Owner, Miss R Woodruff, Breeder Mr R D Howe
- 2nd Murthwaite TBC, FP72474G, Owner Mrs S E James, Breeder, The late Mr T B Capstick
- 3rd Llanerchbrook Nutmeg FP6129, Owner Miss H Stewart, Breeder Mrs H R Wenden

Foal Champion	Greenholme May Dew
Reserve	Brackenbank Red Ace
Youngstock Champion	Carrock Lilly
Reserve	Lunesdale Jackson

Supreme Champion	Carrock Lilly
Reserve	Greenholme May Dew

Fell Pony Society Youngstock & Performance Points 2018

Foal (2 entries)

- 1st Rackwood Lucky Lady. FP6606. Owner/Exhib. Eileen Walker. 380 points
- 2nd Rackwood Black Prince. FP72893C. Owner/Exhib. Eileen Walker. 80 points

Yearling (0 Entries)

Two Year Old (1 entry)

- 1st Lownthwaite Britannia. FP6226. Owner/Exhib. Alison Bell. 650 points

Three Year Old. (4 entries)

- 1st Kalmara Fantasia. FP6208. Owner/Exhib. Karen Hodge. 1695 points
- 2nd Rackwood Sophie. FP6093. Owner/Exhib. Eileen Walker. 425 points
- 3rd Rundales Volley. FP6112. Owner/Exhib. Rachel Woodruff. 220 points.
- 4th Fitzview Henrietta. FP6160. Owner/Exhib. Christine Robinson. 120 points.

Four Year old and over - In Hand. (6 entries)

- 1st Murthwaite Sid. FP72253G*. Owner/Exhib. Julie Smith. 1230 points
- 2nd Ruby III. FP5032*. Owner/Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson. 950 points
- 3rd Dalefoot Rolo. FP71934G. Owner. Barbara Potter. Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson. 750 points
- 4th Rackwood Maggie May. FP5345. Owner/Exhib. Eileen Walker. 655 points
- 5th Bracklinn Maggie. FP3184. Owner/Exhib. Sharron Camp. 550 points.
- 6th Annabelle. FP4485. Owner/Exhib. Emma Woodruff. 360 points

Four Year Old and over - Performance. (7 entries)

- 1st Wellbrow Duke. FP70780G*. Owner. Mrs L Griffiths. Exhib. Miss B Griffiths. 2710 points
- 2nd Lydvale Jet. FP71270G. Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail. 1880 points
- 3rd Lunesdale War Dance. FP71133G. Owner. Ellen Jones. Exhib. Sophie Jones. 1615 points
- 4th Murthwaite Sid. FP72253G*. Owner/Exhib. Julie Smith. 1275 points
- 5th Ruby III. FP5032*. Owner/Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson. 950 points
- 6th Waverhead Bombadere. FP 70480G. Owner/Exhib. Sarah Bartlett. 580 points

Junior (5 entries)

- 1st Wellbrow Duke. FP70780G*. Owner. Mrs L Griffiths. Exhib. Miss Bethany Griffiths. 2710 points
- 2nd Lunesdale War Dance. FP71133G. Owner. Ellen Jones. Exhib. Sophie Jones. 1615 points
- 3rd Lownthwaite Muzzy. FP70796G. Owner. Melissa Candy. Exhib. Annabel Candy. 390 points
- 4th Hardendale Rowan. FP2918. Owner. Mrs J Cheetham. Exhib. Emily Cheetham. 380 points
- 5th Lownthwaite Muzzy. FP70796G. Owner. Melissa Candy. Exhib. Natasha Candy. 350 points

Dressage, (6 entries)

- 1st Wellbrow Duke & Bethany Griffiths. 1480 points
- 2nd Dalefoot Rolo & Carrie-Ann Richardson. 780 points



Two of the Points & Performance Award winners: Driving - Mrs Gilly Chippendale's Stennerskeugh Smoke, by Lunesdale Tarquin out of Stennerskeugh Bethany

2-year-old - Mrs Alison Bell's Lownthwaite Britannia, by Townend Pirate out of Lownthwaite P&O



Dressage (continued)

- 3rd Lydvale Jet & Diana McGrail. 710 points
4th Rackwood Maggie May & Eileen Walker. 450 points
5th Ruby III & Carrie-Ann Richardson. 380 points
6th Waverhead Bombadere & Sarah Bartlett. 240 points

Driving (4 entries)

- 1st Stennerskeugh Smoke. FP70691G*. Owner/Exhib. Gilly Chippendale. 1300 points
2nd Raisbeck Cappuccino. FP70945G. Owner. Fiona Bubb. Exhib. Mrs Linda Wiggin. 1180 points
3rd Brackenthwaite Duke. FP71222G*. Owner/Exhib. Teresa Whitehead. 140 points
4th Huntsman Dillon. FP71416G. Owner/Exhib. Teresa Whitehead. 60 points.

Champion Stallion - Linnel Riddler

Champion Mare - Rackwood Maydew

Learning With Fells 2019

The Society will consider applications from adult as well as junior members. Priority will be given to those aged 10 - 18 years of age.

It is hoped that sufficient numbers will come forward for visits to 2 or 3 studs involved this year.

If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office by 30 April 2019. 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.

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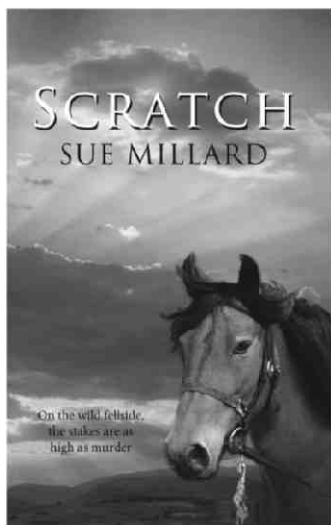
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Lownthwaite Rob trophy - Kerbeck Night Whisper

Although Whisper has already been nominated because of the amazing job she did at the Horse of the Year “Meet the Breeds” exhibition, I would just like to add a few more of her achievements to the list.

She has been a successful Pony Club Pony, both in Devon, where she also went out hunting regularly, and, since her return, with the Cumberland Foxhounds Branch of the Pony Club. She was a Lead-rein pony for a very novice 5 year old girl at rallies, as well as competing in Show Jumping, WHP and Equitation with a 14 year old novice boy.

I have competed successfully with her at a variety of Riding Club events, Dressage and on Pleasure Rides.

She has also been used at Charity events, giving rides to help raise money, and for the last couple of years she has been part of the Fell Pony Display Team, taking part in the Historical Display in a variety of guises, plus as one of the lead ponies in the musical ride.

I have included some photos taken at some of the events she has attended.

I hope she will be considered deserving of the Lownthwaite Rob trophy.

Christine Robinson



The Edinburgh Prize for Driving

We received four entries for the Edinburgh Prize for 2018 and were impressed by the quality of all of them. Our winner was Sarah Bartlett with Waverhead Bombadere. We encourage the other drivers to apply again in 2019 - and of course, keep driving your Fell ponies!

The Prize is awarded internationally to a single or multiple turnout of registered Fell ponies, for achievement in Driving. Applicants should apply to the FPS Office in writing to include a paragraph stating why they think they should win the prize, and to include a photo. (The points award form should not be used to apply.) Applications need not necessarily involve showing but can be other driving experiences, and the 'achievement' need not necessarily be in the current year. 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.

Nominations for this award can also be made by third parties. If you think the achievements of a driver and pony or ponies should be recognised please send your nomination as above to the FPS Secretary before 31st December.

2018 Winners - Sarah Bartlett and Waverhead Bombadere



Billy, Waverhead Bombadere, arrived as a ridden pony just before Christmas 2014. He was my first pony (I was 27 and he was 10) and within six months I had the idea to train him to drive. I had no experience of this at all, and neither did Billy! I booked a day's driving taster day, which I loved.

After a call for advice on a local horse group on Facebook I was kindly welcomed into the Wolverley and District Driving Club. Two of their members kindly came out and showed me how to fit the harness correctly and also how to long rein him correctly. I found this very encouraging; it set us on the right path. I attended their introduction to driving day and in time had the help of Sabrina Willis. In between training Billy I spent time grooming for the Club Chairwoman and her pair, a great learning experience.

It was 18 months of stop-start work with Billy because my own work kept getting in the way. January 31st 2017 was the first time I drove my boy. We went out for an hour on roads and across countryside and he didn't put a hoof wrong. With every drive we ventured further and he took to it like a duck to water!

March saw our first carriage outing to a club event, for training around other turnouts. He was doing great and we were keeping a distance from the carriages but unfortunately one competitor came close at speed - Billy was not happy with this, but he didn't do anything stupid. We stayed around to desensitise him other carriages but I knew that it would take more time and patience. My aim was to get him settled enough

around other carriages that he would cope with the small area with other carriages at Moreton Morrell indoor league over the winter. The Club Driving Camp in May gave us tools on how to react when Billy put on his 'Friesian like stance'.

The 2017 season saw us taking part in numerous organised drives, a fun trial, Traditional driving day, and a One Day Event. With each event Billy became more settled. We competed in November at Moreton Morrell, then in December, and to prove what a star he is, in January he got the highest dressage score.



At the Wolverley AGM 2017 I was delighted to be presented the 'most improved new driving member' award!

In 2017 we did 82.5 hours of pleasure driving between Club outings. In 2018, we did 95 hours of pleasure driving. This year we have concentrated on lessons and organised drives and we are now giving the indoor driving league our best shot in the hope we make it to the finals in April 2019.

Memorable driving experiences this year

In July my groom and I were invited to attend the carriage driving awards in Devizes, a black tie event in which Billy was shortlisted to the final three for the rare breed category. It was a shock to receive such an award and I was in awe of the collective knowledge and experience of driving in the room.

At the end of July we spent 5 days camping at 'Shropshire driving days' organised by Shropshire BDS. These entail five days of driving a different 20 mile route each day, 100 miles in just five days up and down the Shropshire hills and mixed terrain. Billy had three of my dogs on board plus another dog for two of the days, not to mention my trusty groom of course. Billy seemed to really enjoy these drives and impressed me with his determination on some challenging inclines despite having a distinct lack of hills at home for us to practice with!

We completed Shropshire driving days on Wednesday 1st August and went straight from there to camp at Burwarton showground ready for the agricultural show the following day. We had been asked to be reserves for the Wolverley Driving group team who were having an interclub cones/obstacles challenge in the main arena. The Wales team were one turnout down so we joined their team for the day and Billy did us proud coping with the crowds, loudspeakers and flags. He flew around the obstacles and cones, which helped Wales get their 2nd place. We competed twice in the main arena that day and despite his great efforts in the previous days he still had energy and enthusiasm to spare.

Billy and I have done many things together: Western riding, side saddle, XC, agility, Show Jumping, handy pony, fun rides, showing, dressage, working hunter, FPS Performance trials this year, long hacks out exploring alone, and of course carriage driving. He has kept me safe despite us both being novices at driving. We achieved much more than I could have imagined and we both look forward to what the future holds. He really is one in a million, and I thank my lucky stars for him every day.

Results of the 2019 Calendar Competition

What a great response from our members for the 2020 calendar. It's been a record breaking year again with 109 photos sent to be entered in the competition.

This years the competition was judged by two members of the South East 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, Marlyn McInnes, and the runner-up, Debra Graham, will also receive a £10 and £5 FPS Voucher, respectively.

Cover picture, Gilly Chippendale, Cumbria
January, Debra Graham, Lancashire
February, Nicola Evans, Cumbria
March, Katherine Wilkinson, Cumbria
April, Kath Ellis, Cumbria
May, Gwen Rae, Stirling
June, Mike Cook, North Yorkshire
July, Paul Lawton, Cheshire
August, Nicola Evans, Cumbria
September, Marlyn McInnes, Perthshire
October, Matthew Fearon, Cumbria
November, Kath Ellis, Cumbria
December, Tracey Ann Barton, Northern Canada

Congratulations to everyone listed above. Calendars should be available at and following the Spring AGM.

Now we look forward to entries for the 2021 calendar.

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).

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Fell Ponies to start school

The FPS has contacted Cumbrian schools to offer them the opportunity for pupils to meet their local native Fell ponies in 2019. This follows on from some specific instances where ponies have visited children at local schools over the years.

Recently, for Children In Need, St Herbert's school, Keswick, had a 'Do your own thing day' to give the children a chance to show off their talents and raise money for charity.

Imogen Cockbain (10) decided to dress in her showing gear and asked if she could talk about showing a Fell pony. The idea then progressed, and, after discussion with Imogen's teacher, grandmother Glenis took Townend Sugar (22) along for her first ever school visit to help Imogen with her presentation.

Imogen led Sugar in front of her waiting class and talked about the Fell pony, showing, and about Sugar and her offspring. The class listened carefully and were given the opportunity to ask questions. Afterwards they took turns to meet Sugar and give her a stroke. Imogen and her younger brother Connor (8) both made a presentation to Connor's class and answered well the questions that were raised.

It was a very special day for both the pupils and the teachers, most of whom came out to listen and to meet this amazing pony, who, as a very successful show and brood mare, took it all in her stride.



Miss Mann (Class teacher) said, "It was fantastic to have Imogen bring a Fell pony onto our school grounds and provide the 'wow factor' of the day."

Anthony (Year 6) said, "I found it fascinating because you don't often get up close to a Fell pony and touch it without a wall being in the way."

Ruby (Year 6) said, "It was really good because it's not every day you get to touch a Fell pony and it was good that it visited our school."

Well done Imogen, Connor, Sugar and all the family.

Claire Simpson

Getting the World's Attention

Lakes World Heritage Site recognises the Fell Pony

Last year the Lakes World Heritage Site confirmed that it recognised the Fell pony as a heritage breed for the area and encouraged us to use the World Heritage Site logo on publicity relating to Fell Pony events and activities inside the LDNP. Their web site will carry links to the FPS web site, dates of Shows and FPS Display Team performances etc., and further collaborations are in progress.

The WHS Marketing Toolkit contains guidelines and a selection of assets and logos so businesses and organisations can join in the unique World Heritage story. These can be found at <http://lakesworldheritage.co.uk/toolkit/> - please use them if you can!



Lake District Facebook Page

We have sent Fell pony photographs to be used on the Lake District Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/golakes/> Thanks to Emma Campbell for donating some of her professional work (see next page). If you have good images do send them in - we have to compete with those Herdwicks!

Social media

If you're posting on social media to advertise Fell pony activities, and if those activities are inside the original Lake District National Park boundary, do try to include the hashtags *#lakesworldheritage* and *#fellpony* in your post. The tags will get picked up by search software and may gain us extra visibility, eg, on the Lakes World Heritage web site and on their social media presence.

School visits

Building on the success of individual "meet a pony" visits (see previous article and the Autumn 2018 issue of the Magazine, p73), FPS have contacted some Cumbrian schools to widen awareness of the breed, and the response has already been very positive. We will arrange these educational visits with ponies as the year goes on and if they turn out well - both for children and ponies - we hope to extend the scheme in future.

Blog posts

The Lakes World Heritage web site invited us to provide a blog post of 350 words, and photos about Fell ponies. Their site is going to be revamped in the near future, so I wasn't quite sure how to pitch the tone of the post as I wasn't sure which section it would end up in; however, I decided that as a start, it was simplest to describe how I became a Fell pony "nut", and to close with links to the FPS web site and the Fell Pony Museum at Dalemain. The piece (*overleaf*) appeared on 25 January 2019, on:

<http://lakesworldheritage.co.uk/blog/2019/january/25/i-fell-for-the-fells/>.



I fell for the Fells

When I first holidayed in the Lake District, in 1968, I was determined not to like my mother's choice of venue, until she promised that if I accompanied her planned "little toddles" up the fells, she would come pony trekking with me. I actually enjoyed the holiday, plodging in the rain over Catbells and round Stonethwaite and Watendlath, but the highlights were always going to be the pony treks.

I fell instantly in love with my mount. He was a Fell pony, brown, rounded and muscular, with a long black tail and a massive curtain of mane that entirely hid his face. Nonetheless, the eyes underneath were friendly. He carted me up Lattrigg with an eagerness I hadn't met before in ponies of his size.

I didn't know it then, but the trek leader was Betty Walker, a leading light of the Fell Pony Society. She rode another brown Fell pony, Angus. She fed me snippets of Fell pony lore at every opportunity. Did I know the Fell ponies had been in the Lakes as long as the Herdwick sheep? No; I was much more impressed by the ponies' strength and willingness and the fact that they were capable of living free, all year round, on the fells where I'd been walking. I was 16, and freedom was a magnet.

Because of those Fell ponies I spent every university vacation in the Lake District, working with them. When I married I moved here permanently (and bought a Fell!).

Over the years since then I've done a lot of background research about Fell ponies, and their spell over me has grown stronger. They are a distinctive part of our farming and industrial history. Until the 20th century they were the mainstay of local transport: hardy and hard-working, they took the shepherd up the fell, carried hay to the stock in winter, pulled the trap to market, or walked hundreds of miles as pack-horses with wool destined for Europe.

For thousands of years we'd have gone literally nowhere without them.

FPS Display Team 2019

WE ARE RECRUITING!

The Display team have a full summer planned for our 5th season so we are calling any Fell pony mad people... If you want to help promote our hairy beasts, you like a laugh and you want to make some awesome new friends, you have come to the right place!

We are in need of ridden ponies to play various roles in our display team, including our musical ride. Ponies must be relatively sane and able to go into very noisy, loud and crowded arenas at country fairs and sometimes through the waiting crowds.

I'm not going to lie, it's all VOLUNTARY (sorry folks, it's all about the ponies). It can be hard work, with some 2 day events, and we do require a commitment to cover them all. If you're interested we can provide you with our trademark polo shirt and help with costumes, plus great company, social evenings (drunken or sober!) and lots of pony related fun and activities.

All riders must be FPS members for our insurance purposes.

Most of the team are based in and around Cumbria and our events are also centred around Cumbria, but if you're willing to travel, we're willing to have you! Check out our pictures @FPSdisplayteam on Facebook for a flavour of what we get up to.

If you would like to be involved or want some more info, please let one of the committee know or drop us a message on Facebook.

Sponsorship

We are delighted that some of our costs, eg travel to HOYS, have been sponsored by:

- The Fell Pony Society
- Mr & Mrs Carradus
- Coniston Country Fair
- Black Combe Country Fair

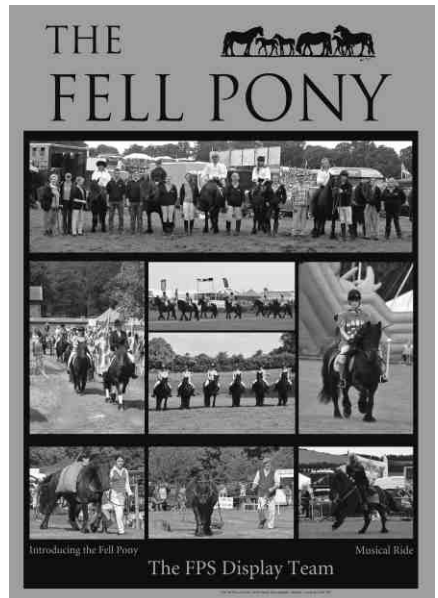
Our 2019 Diary

We will definitely be attending the following events in Cumbria:

- 1st and 2nd June - Countryfest, County Show Ground, Kendal.
- 6th July - Skelton Show, Hutton in the Forest, Penrith.
- 21st July - Coniston Country fair, Coniston Old Hall, Coniston.
- 10th and 11th August - Lowther Country Fair, Lowther Estate, Penrith.
- 26th August - Black Combe Country Fair, Bootle.
- 7th September - Lowick Agricultural Show, Lowick.

If you're attending any of them, please visit us and say hello.

Rachael Brunskill



FPS Display Team poster

Endurance Awards - Results 2018

Highest Competitive Distance

- 1 Lownthwaite Vincent, 159km, Janette Gilmour
- 2 Tynebank Harry, 115km, Sarah Norris

Highest Pleasure Distance

- 1 Lownthwaite Cameo, 230km, Fiona Carradus, Accumulated distance 352km
- 2 Ambrook Bryher, 190km, Tania Weeks, Accum. 274km
- 3 Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu, 149km, Angela Long, Accum. 496km
- 4 Townend Dillon, 110km, Margaret Plank, Accum. 507km
- 5 Lownthwaite Vincent, 95km, Janette Gilmour, Accum. 254km
- 6 Shadowcroft Pagan Princess, 93.5km, Alison Knight (1st year)
- 7 Tynebank Harry, 56km, Sarah Norris, Accum. 866km
- 8 Kerbeck Night Destiny, 48km, Bethany Homewood (1st year)

The Endurance Award scheme ride card can be downloaded from the FPS web site, <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm>

When you are filling in your ride card, all I need is what is asked for on the card. I do not need "tracked" distances, heart rates, metabolic rates, speed or grades. I also do not need weather, and/or ground conditions.

Because no-one fills in the points section, and there are different points systems between SERC and EGB, I no longer count it. This makes it simpler to work things out!

Do not worry if your ride is in miles - I will convert it to kilometres. If you have a problem please contact me.

Wishing you all the best for 2019.

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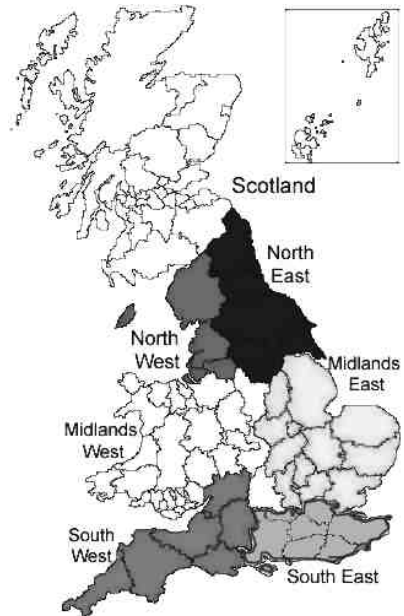
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North East Area Support Group

As I sit down to write this report, it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of January. In the North East it has been a very mild and dry winter. The ground is still firm and the ponies look well although my spring water supply disappeared about a month ago. Hay supplies are holding out but I do hope, like many more of you, that the spring grass appears early in April and not late in May, as happened last year.

Our first event of 2019 is our annual Sunday Lunch which is held on the first Sunday in February and this year incorporated our presentation of awards. Last year we introduced a brand new 'North East Fell Pony Support Group Awards Scheme'. It was decided that our members deserve some recognition for the time and effort that they put in to supporting the ponies and events in our area and the rest of the country. Fell pony people in the North East of England display a tremendous amount of dedication, passion and enthusiasm for the breed. The scheme is open to all who live within the North East Support Group area, ranging roughly from Alnwick to Hull. Points can be collected towards 5 different sections:

Junior 12 years and under.

Junior 16 years and under.

Adult Ridden.

Adult In-hand.

Volunteer.

The scheme will run every year from 1st January to 20th December. Points can be collected at every event whether organised by a Fell group or attending any local show/rally with your Fell pony. Points will be allocated with the aim of awarding both participation and performance.

Also, special perpetual trophies will be awarded by the North East Area Committee for the following:

Volunteer of the Year; Junior Rider / Handler of the Year; Adult Rider / Handler of the Year; Fell Pony Representative of the Year.

Winners of rosettes and trophies for 2018

The 2018 trophy winners are:

Volunteer of the Year:
Christopher Grant

Junior Rider / Handler of the Year: Ben Summers

Adult Rider / Handler of the Year: Katie Raine

Fell Pony Representative of the Year: Townend Stardust

3 trophy winners and the Junior Rosette winners. Left to right - Erin Brown, Katie Raine, Vicki Brown, Ben Summers & Leo Tilson



I will not list all the rosette winners but all sections have been very well supported and I have a box of 30 individually named rosettes to be presented at the lunch. Well done and congratulations to everyone who took part and let this encourage you all to start filling in your log book for 2019. Further details are available from Vicky Parker (vix2000en@hotmail.com).

Our next event, which is a Native Pony Dressage competition, will be held at East Durham College - Houghall Campus, on Sunday 10th March. All classes are open to registered pure bred mountain and moorland ponies. There are classes at Introductory, Preliminary and Novice levels. This is the ideal starter event for novice ponies and riders. The schedule is available on the North East section of the FPS Website or by emailing me (eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk).

On Saturday 27th April we are holding a 'Preparing for Showing' Study Day at Park House Farm, Baldersdale with FPS Judge and Chairman, Peter Boustead and a mixed group of Fell ponies and their handlers. We held a similar event in 2012 but with many new members we felt it would be useful to repeat some of the information in a practical and entertaining way. Places are limited so please let me know of your intention to attend as soon as possible.

Our annual Hairy Pony Camp will take place from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May at Linnel Wood near Hexham, courtesy of Mr & Mrs R B Charlton. This is a joint Fell & Highland pony camp and Christopher Grant kindly deals with all the bookings (hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk). A fun weekend no matter what level you and your pony are working at.

Sunday 19th May is the Native Pony Festival held at Crescent Farm, Throckley, Newcastle NE15 9RE. There will be In-hand classes for all native breeds as well as Ridden and WHP classes. Once again the North East FPS Group sponsor the Fell pony classes and there are some wonderful trophies to compete for. The schedule will be available mid March.

Durham County Show is being revived and the first show will take place on Sunday 16th June. The venue for the first year is Holmside Hall Equestrian Centre. The North East FPS Group have agreed to sponsor the Fell Pony classes so please try and support this show. County Durham needs to have a County Show to fill the gap between the Royal Highland Show and the Great Yorkshire Show. Please bring a pony if you can.

During June/July/August/September we are running a training / development course (3 separate sessions) to be held at Station Farm Stables, Marsh House Lane, Greatham, Hartlepool TS25 2HB under the instruction of Anneli Ferrier. This course is designed to progress the novice pony/rider from poles on the ground to jumping a course. Dates and times will be arranged to accommodate whoever would like to attend. There will be a maximum of three ponies in each group. Please email me your expression of interest as soon as possible so we can plan dates - mid week or weekends to fit in with Anneli's commitments and the availability of the participants.

We are still discussing and planning events for the autumn so you will need to watch the FPS Website and our Facebook page for further details. I hope you all have a wonderful 2019 doing what you enjoy most with your Fell ponies and we will read all about it in the autumn magazine.

Eileen A Walker (eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk)

Midlands West FPS Area Support Group

Visit to the Greenrivers Fell Pony Stud, Sunday August 26th 2018 -

Finally, after weeks of very little rain, the heavens opened with a torrential downpour and wind, which made the Group visit to the Greenrivers Fell Pony Stud, located at Cheslyn Hay, near Walsall in the West Midlands, a day to remember. However despite the bad weather, spirits remained high and there was no doubting members' enthusiasm for the breed, with over forty visitors in attendance along with stud owner, Mr Kevin Turner, and Mr Peter Boustead, Fell Pony Society Chairman and FPS panel judge.



As a background to the origins of the Greenrivers Fell Pony Stud, which was founded in 2013, Peter described how Kevin first became interested in Fell ponies after a visit to the Townend Stud. His first ponies were Murthwaite Blizzard and Murthwaite Keepsake and soon after he bought some Dalehead mares. Kevin realised that he was able to buy older and often unhandled mares on his limited budget and was not afraid to buy X-registered mares. He also heeded Bill Potter's advice to "never be afraid of a white joint or a FIS carrier stallion". A further two mares were bought at the dispersal sale of the late Thomas Capstick, and he had several other mares offered to him after the sale from purchasers who were finding it difficult to settle these semi-feral ponies. Today only one of his mares is not a hill-bred pony.

Currently he has two stallions standing at stud, the grey Lunesdale Tarquin and the three year old black Summerhouse Gerrard. This year he has bred fourteen foals and none of them are mismarked.

The visit commenced with a very interesting talk and demonstration by Peter on what he looks for in a Fell pony, taking us through the breed standard and how these features are linked to the Fell pony in a natural environment with great emphasis on feet, movement and correct conformation. During the talk, Peter used one of Kevin's mares, Murthwaite Sheila Marie, to illustrate in detail the points he was making.

Following the talk, members were in for a real treat walking round Kevin's mares and foals who created an impressive sight running as a large semi-feral herd. Members were

able to get up close to the ponies and ask Kevin and Peter all sorts of interesting questions as to type, the logistics of running such a large herd in terms of management and breeding related issues.

There was so much to see that the afternoon just flew by and with the weather steadily improving the visit concluded with extremely welcome hot drinks and cakes from our pop up cafe from the back of one of our member's vans!

Event organiser Heidi Saxon Bland commented, "We have been delighted with the interest and support from our members despite the bad weather and are indebted to Kevin for the invitation and to Peter for giving such an informative talk."



Kevin has kindly invited us back for a visit next year and early indications are that this will also be very well supported. On a final note, Kevin's mantra for the Greenrivers Stud is "Do it with passion or not at all" which was very much in evidence during our entire visit. Many thanks to both Kevin and Collette Turner and Peter Boustead for giving the Midlands West Area Group members such an interesting insight into the Greenrivers Stud.

If you would like to know more about the Greenrivers Stud please contact Kevin at greenriverfell123@gmail.com or visit the Greenrivers Stud on Facebook where there are lots of interesting videos and photographs of the Stud. If you would like to join or know more about the Midlands West Fell Pony Society Support Group please visit the Group website at www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk.

Diane Key

Midlands West FPS Support Group Awards

On Saturday the 15th December the Midlands West FPS Support Group held their annual Awards Presentation lunch and Christmas get together at the Hollybush Inn, Seighford, Stafford. Following a delicious carvery meal, rosettes and trophies were presented by FPS Chairman Mr Peter Boustead.

In the Performance section the overall winner was Sleddale Tommy now partnered by Ffion Deakins. Unfortunately owner Marie Williams and Ffion were unable to attend the presentation but will receive the the annual Eileen Davies Memorial Fell Pony Figurine, which Tommy actually won several years ago. Tommy also won the new veteran pony section and will duly receive the annual veteran pony rose bowl which was given to the Group by the late Ken Saxon. Ken was very much missed at this year's event but in honour of his memory, Ken's family have given a new trophy for the overall performance in hand pony which was also won by Sleddale Tommy. It is hoped that Tommy will be presented with his impressive array of trophies and rosettes at a future Midlands West event.

Other trophy winners were, for the TREC section Jo Wall's Ashness Black Rupert who has won this trophy every year since this section was introduced. Rupert also headed

the ever popular Happy Hacker section. The new Group Dressage trophy was deservedly won by Julie Dimelow and Oldmill Robin. In the competitive driving section Raisbeck Cappuccino and Linda Wiggin took the trophy home again and Lynn Marshall and her mare Eastcote Jenny Wren took the leisure driving section.

The final trophy to be presented was the Midlands West Group Committee Award presented to a member of the Group who was deemed to have made an outstanding



contribution to the Fell Breed during the last year. Sarah Bartlett was the original recipient, for many reasons, alongside her very versatile pony Waverhead Bombadere. This year's winner was announced as Janet Blair (*left*) who has been a longstanding member of the Midlands West Group and has tirelessly supported Group events. She very successfully ran the FPS merchandise stands along with Mary Longsdon MBE for many years. Janet epitomises a true supporter with her enduring support and continued commitment to the breed. It

was very fitting that Mrs Lyn Saxon presented this award which Ken sponsored last year.

Following the presentation of awards and in appreciation of their help, several members were thanked including Awards Officer Alyson Hurcomb who without fail checks entries every year and does such a sterling job collating the awards points. Many thanks to Peter and Lyn for presenting the awards. Thanks must also go to Jayne Walster and Alyson Hurcomb who on the day sold an amazing amount of raffle tickets and collected sponsorship for our 2019 Group Shows. Thank you members for being so generous - this all helps in such a big way!

Thank you again to Nat Toft of Shropshire Rosettes for supplying such beautiful rosettes and to Heidi Saxon Bland for collecting them and helping to set up the event on the morning.

In conclusion, event organiser Diane Key said: "It was again inspiring to see our members getting so involved with so many types of activities with their ponies and with such passion. It is heartening to see events like this being so well supported and they are a pleasure to be involved with."

Full results, event and Group membership information are available from the Group website, www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk.

Activities in 2018

2018 proved to be yet another successful year for the Midlands West Area Group.

Our 'Introduction to Driving A Fell Pony Event' was held at Rugely, Staffs on Sunday 30th September 2018. Lynn Marshall who hosted and gave the demonstration reported that she wanted to encourage members to feel the pleasure of driving her 22 year old Fell Pony, Eastcote Jenny Wren, with the hope that some of these members would want to follow up her passion for this wonderful pastime.

The afternoon started with an inspection and explanation of Lynn's carriages: a 19th century ralli car, made by Woodbridge of London, a Bennington Bandy (approximately 30 years old) and an Ecton Exercise vehicle; all three having different features and methods of construction.



There followed a brief description of the work harness which had been used only a few years ago to hoe through a crop of mangolds using a steerage hoe (pronounced by Lynn's father, Tom, as a 'steery Joe!').

The Group was then introduced to the star of the show, Eastcote Jenny Wren, who seemed surprised to see so many people in her usually deserted yard, but as always she took it all in her stride, accepting carrots from a few and much fuss from all.

A demonstration followed on how to harness up, with an explanation of fitting. Jenny Wren was then put to her usual and familiar Ecton Carriage and volunteers were invited to mount the carriage for take a short trip around the locality to experience the delight of travel in a horse drawn carriage.

Jenny Wren appeared to very much enjoy her new found role of giving her new found friends a short trip with her trusty Lady Whip.

Group Leader Diane Key said it had been a very informative and interesting afternoon with many positive comments from those present. She thanked Lynn for hosting the afternoon and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and two rosettes - one of which was in memory of Mary Longsdon MBE, a stalwart of the Fell Pony Society and former Midlands West Group leader until her passing in 2017. The afternoon concluded with generous amounts of tea and coffee accompanied by Lynn's delicious homemade cakes.

Group Membership

Membership of the Group will remain at £5.00 for the forthcoming year, details for joining the Group and membership forms are available from our Group website - www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk

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

Our two new honorary members are Mr and Mrs K R Dorman who have both been longstanding group members and who have helped and supported countless Midlands West Area Group events and continue to do so.

Accounts

Accounts for 2018 are now being finalised but funds appear to be in good health and will be examined at the next Committee meeting and once approved will be sent to the Fell Pony Society for their records.

Newsletter

Just a reminder that it was agreed that the Newsletter in its traditional form would 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 online news sheet is now being produced which can be sent to members who require a paper copy on request. The news sheets will be also available on our Group website and archived there following their expiry.

Group Awards

Forms for 2019 are now available from our Group web site. A list of entry rules is also available on the website. Please note to enter the awards you must be a current fully paid up member of the Midlands West Group. Membership forms are also available on the Group website.

Events Confirmed 2019

Sunday 28th April - Spring Festival of Fells Show at Burlton Manor Equestrian, Burlton, Shrewsbury, SY4 5TD Fell Pony Judge Mrs Alison Torode. Ridden, In Hand, Dressage, WH and Versatility Classes to suit all. Schedules and entry forms available to download from our Group web site. For any more information please contact Debbie Roberts Jones 01691 652843.

Sunday 23rd June - Derbyshire Fell and Dales Show at Barleyfields EC, Etwell, Derbyshire, DE65 6HT Fell Pony Judge Mr C.Turner. There will be Ridden, In Hand, WH, NPS Dressage and Driving Classes. Schedules and entry forms will be available to download from our Group website. For more information please contact Diane Key 01785 282922/email diane@fellpony.me.uk.

Sunday Date TBC July - "Paws For Mary" (Fun Dog Show and garden party/fete) to be held at Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ. Following last year's event as part of the planned FPS July celebrations to remember the late Mary Longsdon MBE, members have requested another one. Dust your pooches down and come and enjoy another fun afternoon remembering Mary. Contact Diane Key 01785 282922.

Sunday Date TBC August - Invitation To Visit the Greenrivers Fell Pony herd based at Cannock, Staffs from owner Mr Kev Turner. Following last year's oversubscribed visit there is another opportunity for the Midlands West to enjoy another stud visit. This will be a free event for paid up MW members. To book a place or find out more contact Heidi Saxon Bland 01952 670854.

Other events are being planned and full details, schedules and entry forms can be found on our Group website - www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk or telephone the event contact as above or find us on Face book - Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group.

Diane Key

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Midlands East FPS Area Support Group

Our year finished with FPS Southern Breed Show and then our Christmas Show, kindly run by Christine Poole.

We also had a visit to the Museum of the Horse at Tuxford. The day dawned dry and misty, later with bright sun, as our three cars made their way to Tuxford. A huge and very interesting collection, the story of the horse, uses through the ages, riding, driving, Wild West, war time, pit ponies etc. There are also 400 bits, some brutal; 170 stirrups, 100 spurs, and over 60 saddles, covering some 2000 years.

If that wasn't enough, on the ground floor of the Old coaching Inn, there is an Art gallery, paintings, prints, gin and cards. We finished off with a Social lunch in the courtyard café. Everyone enjoyed it, thank you to the organisers. Don't miss our next interesting outing.

Judy and Margaret

The weather has not been good for getting out and about but we are looking forward to 2019 activities. First we have our Awards Evening Celebrations at Clifton Community Village hall, including a Disco, on 23 March. Wonderful awards and rosettes! Come and join us for a great evening. Contact Isabel Meadows, 07415 381899, re Points, and Christine Poole, 07817442293, or Nic Brierley, nicshortland@yahoo.com, if you would like to join us for the celebrations.

In the pipeline is the 1st Aid course for Riders. For 2019 we are hoping for a stud visit with Midlands West and also other possible joint activities.

18 May Sandringham, Fell Dales and Exmoor and Friends Show, Sandringham Royal Estate, PE31 6AZ; including FPS affiliated and Boy Blue qualifier. Contact Jean Bateson, 07969084120.

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

Sunday 26 May and **Sunday 14 July**. FPS Affiliated and Boy Blue qualifier for Inter Area competition at the Southern Show, Sunday 8 September. Contact Nic Brierley, nicshortland@yahoo.com. Address Gotham Show Field, Gotham, Nottingham, NG11 OLE.

See the FPS Midlands East Support Group Facebook site and our website FPS-MESG for further details of all activities.

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A year in the life - Peers Clough Packhorses

January

A wet winter followed a wet autumn that followed a wet summer, so 2018 didn't start too well, but the Peers Clough Packhorses took it all in their stride. The ponies' natural instincts never cease to amaze - finding shelter in hollows, behind walls and hedges, snuggling up to each other and one day, standing nose to tail against the wind. I couldn't quite identify the brave boy who was taking it all on his ample bum!

February

We were struck by the Beast from the East! Living 1000 feet up in the Pennines, our water froze up and we were snowed in. Melting snow for the livery horses became the daily chore. The Fell ponies, grazing over 30 acres of rough pasture, had snowballs attached to their feathers and tails, and icicles hanging from their shaggy coats, but all we gave them to supplement this period was 5 small bales of hay between 8 ponies!

March

The days start to get longer, and although the grass doesn't come through for a while we are all feeling hopeful that spring is on its way.

April

The month of shedding hair! Every available pony lover, including our faithful Saturday Pony Pals group, is called in to help the effort of removing the wondrous winter hair that has protected our ponies all winter. However much you brush there is more to come!



We have 8 working ponies at the present, including an old Welsh cob Freddie, who masquerades as a Fell pony. The Fells - Danny, Target, Jimmy, Bobby, Bangle, Eddie and Casper range in age from 7 to 21 and they contribute their different skills and personalities to form a brilliant team of characters. The old maxim "know your horse" is crucial to working with them, and we are all learning all the time!

May

The ponies are back at work. The mainstay of our business is trekking - any ability and varying lengths of ride. We are lucky to have a network of bridleways accessible straight from the farm, so no roadwork required, but challenges of terrain and surface, farm livestock and the weather, combine to make great riding and memorable experiences.

May saw our first Ponies for People event of the year - an Afternoon Tea for those living with dementia and their families and carers. After the cake has been eaten, the guests are invited to stroke and groom the ponies - or just stand with them. People are drawn to them and this can be a powerful encounter for everyone concerned - one lady was amazed that her husband had left her side for the first time in a long time. "There is nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse." Although the ponies spend all their lives outdoors, they are patient and kind when required to stand and receive unasked for attention.

At the end of May, Casper, Bobby and Bangle took to the trail for three days to complete the Mary Towneley Loop - 47 miles of stunning riding in the centre of the Pennine Bridleway.

Climbing up and down hills showcases the true ability of the Fell pony with their sure-footedness and steadiness - and on a grassy incline, tremendous power and speed. The older ponies can give confidence to the most wary riders and the younger ones can give an experienced rider a lot of fun!

June

The start of a very welcome hot dry summer! We host our annual Refuge Day for women and families living in a local refuge. Our Ponies for People group of volunteers give their time to run these days for those who might not normally be able to get hands on with horses. The refuge day is a frantic day of fun, laughter, encouragement and emotion, but amidst the chaos that young children bring, the ponies calmly make wonderful memories for everyone to treasure.

July

The long hot summer brought challenges of sweat and flies, the ponies flicked each other constantly and always welcomed a cooling shower after work. We welcomed groups of guests to our onsite accommodation, some to ride with us, and some bringing their own horses for their own adventures.

August

Lots of holiday rides and regular clients such as the local Galloping Grannies! A day for Young Carers gave more young people a chance to take a break from their challenging lives and enjoy grooming, races and games with the ponies.



September

We decide to invest once again in Andrew and Michelle's Wellbrow ponies and go on an exciting Land Rover safari to view some 2 year olds. Jonty was recommended as showing a friendly and unflappable nature - and indeed 3 year old Alice went up to him in the field and stroked him. Yes, he was a keeper.

Then Andrew showed us another colt running very free across the moors - not one for stroking, but definitely one to fall for!

Jonty and Jack-daw become a great hit at our annual Open Day. We love to showcase our beautiful countryside, the fabulous ponies and raise funds for Ponies for People. Sadly a grey day, but many visitors eager to get hands on and have a ride, including a 78 year old lady who had never ridden before!

October

Back to term time with a group of young people from a non- mainstream school - where valuable lessons are taught and learned. "It won't listen to me! It won't do what I want it to do!" Now the kids know how their teachers feel! The ponies are a great medium through which to teach so many of life's essential skills - patience, perseverance, resilience, strength, kindness, respect - all horse owners know this!

November

The season is at an end once again. Jonty and Jack-daw have been gelded and have settled in beautifully. Jack-daw is a well-bred boy and should have been destined for a showing career but for having "too much white." Rejection on the grounds of looks and being different - what a powerful message and one that some of our clients can identify with! Like all our ponies we will love and appreciate him for who he is and the joy he brings. The wonderful Danny, our first Fell, comes in every week for his autistic client Mikey, come sun, rain, hail, snow and wind - we face it all together.

December

The ponies are all together, the youngsters in with the oldies but keeping a respectful distance for now. The herd discipline helps us in working with them all. They are turned away to their winter fields and allowed to chill, just being ponies, in an outdoor moorland environment. This keeps them in tune with their natural instincts, refreshing them ready to start all over again in the new year!

For more information visit

www.peerscloughpackhorses.co.uk; www.peerscloughfarm.co.uk;

www.justgiving/poniesforpeople



Eileen Walker's filly Rackwood Lucky Lady was born in the 13th May 2018 and was the 13th foal out of Rackwood Maydew. Eileen says, "Her name was an obvious choice."

Be Seen When Hacking Out

The cover image of our Autumn edition (*below*) prompted a lively discussion on social media. Here is some advice from Mountain Rescue and the Royal Air Force, both of which cover riding in rural areas.



Tips from Mountain Rescue to help you stay safe when hacking out on the fells.

1. Always tell someone where you are planning on going, which route you hope to take and how long you are likely to be gone for.
2. Ensure you have enough daylight hours, particularly if you are planning a long hack.
3. Don't set off without checking the weather as the forecast is always changing. Bad weather can set in quickly in some remote areas.
4. If you often ride on high rides and mountains, work out some 'escape routes' and short cuts to lower terrain, in case conditions turn against you.
5. Wear appropriate clothing for the terrain and weather conditions, and ensure you have adequate food and drink.
6. Take a map and compass and check beforehand that you know how to use them,
7. Equip both yourself and your horse with hi-viz gear so that you can both be seen easily on the roads as well as in rural settings.
8. A small strobe light can be useful for attracting attention.

<https://www.horsemagazine.co.uk/news/article/8-tips-on-staying-safe-out-hacking/21214>

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Royal Air Force advice and information

RAF Shawbury launched its 'Be Seen, Be Safe' horse rider awareness campaign in April 2015. So far, the base has distributed over 5,500 items of high visibility clothing throughout Shropshire and the borders of adjacent counties, all of which lie within Low Flying Area 9, which is a Dedicated Helicopter Training Area.

The aim of the campaign is to promote the wearing of high visibility clothing by riders in order that they are more visible and can be seen earlier by the helicopter aircrew. Whilst high-visibility clothing may not prevent all over-flights as there may be other safety considerations, it does provide a considerable, cost-effective improvement to rider safety.

Group Captain R S Norris, Station Commander at RAF Shawbury said: "Our task is to train aircrew to be as professional and effective as possible. Low flying is essential in reducing the risk to helicopters as we have to train to fly in extremely demanding environments, whether these tasks are in support of peace-keeping, war-fighting or humanitarian relief. This training does sometimes bring our aircrew into contact with riders, and trials run in 2003, in conjunction with the British Horse Society, showed how effective high-visibility clothing is in reducing the risk to horse riders."

RAF Shawbury's campaign is also supported by the British Horse Society, who awarded the Tarquin Trophy to RAF Shawbury for the "organisation which has made a significant contribution to equestrian safety in the last year."

Alan Hiscox, Director of Safety for the BHS, said: "We are very pleased to have been working with RAF Shawbury for several years so that riders can understand the efforts that RAF pilots make to avoid flying over them. The wearing of high visibility clothing makes such a difference and increases the safety of every horse and rider."

With an average of more than 4 horses per square km, low flying helicopters will, from time to time, encounter riders on horses and it is important that both aircrew and riders understand the needs of each other.

Wing Commander Mike Jordan, Officer Commanding Operations Wing at RAF Shawbury said: "We take our responsibilities to the public very seriously. Our aircrew are trained to consider horses and riders and if they see them, they will do all they can to avoid them. In some cases, last minute manoeuvring can create more noise than a gentle climb to gain height. If one of our crews sees that a rider has been unseated they may return to the area (at height!) to check if the rider is OK and report the incident via the radio if appropriate."

Squadron Leader Gary James, the Station Flight Safety Officer, said: "With our helicopters travelling at speeds of up to 120 kts (130+ mph) at low level it can be very difficult to spot horse riders despite the very best lookout. This is because horses and dark coloured clothing tend to blend into the background. Against a wood line, a cropped field or a stone wall, for example, it can be almost impossible to see the rider until the aircraft is less than a few hundred metres away. By wearing an item of Hi-Viz while on horseback, the rider gives the pilot a far greater chance of seeing them."

For more information about low flying and safety for horse riders, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/military-helicopter-low-flying-safety-a-guide-for-riders>

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<https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/flying-info/>

Social Media Comments

A selection of comments confirmed that high visibility clothing works both for car drivers and pilots of aircraft.

Libby Bateman: I always wear hi vis on the fells. I've seen jets bank away when they have seen us.

Kate Lennox: I'll second that too . . . I was riding with a friend when we saw two bright lights which turned out to be jet fighters heading for us from the opposite side of the valley. Mercifully they saw our hi-viz and veered away in good time! An impressive 'close encounter' which alarmed us more than our horses!

Heidi Bland: We're next to RAF Shawbury which is always on exercise. The RAF gave us all at our yard Hi Viz Tabards, exercise sheets, hat bands for free this year and have done every year. It doesn't matter where you are you should be visible. We have a lot of low flying aircraft around here and some are huge. We've noticed they do divert if they see us, they are brilliant and do everything they can, within reason, to divert away from us. To be honest most of the ponies/horses are used to them now and don't bother - well Horace doesn't. Good Fell pony!

Sally Tyson: RAF Shawbury, can't fault them! One of the trainers lives in our village and there are a couple of landing sites either side of us, so they are always very low. He said he always makes the lads fly around my field (they live at the local pub), and avoid the stud up the road, but I asked him to forget that and fly as low as possible over my horses' heads, every time. Result is now I have helicopter proof horses, since then I have had an Electricity chopper flying low over the wires at one end of the field, a training Squirrel flying across the bottom and 4 thoroughbreds grazing happily in the middle. And they DO 'drive' around you - they even did it when I was leading a Shire horse back up the hill to his paddock and I was still wearing my Hi-viz.

Catherine Pickering: We get a lot of RAF low flying planes near us. The ponies don't even blink. One day a Chinook helicopter appeared over the dale flying very low, Rocks wasn't frightened by that either :) The joys of a sensible Fell pony.

Sarah Brown: And actually if something happened to you, with hi viz on the pony Mountain Rescue would be able to find not only you but hopefully your pony too!

Rosie Gibbs: We're both always in hi vis, have taken a lot of stick for it over the years, but it means if on the off chance pony and I become separated, then I know we are both visible and makes us both safer and easier to find if necessary. No argument for the sake of a bit of yellow.

Tor Cavendish: Awesome to think you can make a fighter jet back off with your Fell Pony and some neons!

You can purchase High Vis Waistcoats from the FPS. See page 87 for details.

Fell Pony Adventures

I have been travelling with our ponies since I was a boy. The first time I travelled on the road to Appleby Fair with my father Walter I was 11 years old. Since then I have travelled the length of the country and back again. But 8 years ago with a group of friends I took 4 of our ponies on a trek from Thomas Capstick's farm on the East of the Howgills over the fells to Tebay, then on to Orton, Bampton and over the old Roman road High Street to Troutbeck. This trip was a game changer for me, carrying the camp with us using packsaddles and leading the ponies on foot. Getting off the roads and into the wild places was one of the most amazing trips I had ever done and the memories stayed with me year on year.

I kept on coming back to the idea of leading treks over the Lakeland fells. Then just over a year ago when I decided I needed a change in my life I started to look at the idea seriously. So through the summer of 2018 I set myself a challenge of climbing a mountain every week and undertaking Mountain Leader training. I cobbled together 3 packsaddles using an old "Pennine" packsaddle of Walter's as a template, and in September last year I led a group of 10 people with 5 ponies through the Howgills to work out the logistics - how many ponies needed for each person, how far a day was realistic to travel and what routes might be viable for small groups.

I have spent the last 6 months meeting hill farmers on the edges of fells all around the lakes to get permission to use their farms as basecamps and tracked down the many owners of the various commons to get permission to camp (technically wild camping is illegal without the owner's permission although the LDNP have guidelines on wild camping on their website).

What I have learned over the last year is that you need 1 pony for every two people, and with groups of say 4 to 6 people you need 2 experienced horse handlers to deal with the ponies and loading the packs. But those 2 horse handlers can actually handle 4 ponies between them. So in effect what you end up with is 1 pony carrying tents and bedding, another the kitchen, one for food (for up to 3 days) and one for all the horse related kit (tethers, tools etc.). The logistics for a group of 4 for 1 night are almost the same as for a larger group for 3 nights. Although the wooden arch packsaddles I used last summer did the job, I am importing packsaddles from Canada. Unlike the UK where packsaddles went out of fashion as the tractors came in, the Canadians have continued to develop their kit, so saddles are made from lightweight cast aluminium.



So a year down the line, as you read this my new packsaddles from Canada will have arrived. Ponies will be getting fit and campfire cooking menus will be being drawn up (one of the benefits of trekking with ponies is that we have the capacity to carry real food, not spaceman packet dried food).

You can find out more information at: www.fellpony.co.uk/adventures

There there are details of our 2 and 3 night wild camping treks and also our 1 day family treks from our yard at the foot of Windermere.

Tom Lloyd

www.fellpony.co.uk/adventures



Greenholme Falcon and Chantelle Chapman - Stars in the Making!

The SEIB Search for a Star Mountain and Moorland Champion 2018 at Your Horse Live was won by a 13 old from East Anglia. 15 horses had qualified from across the UK, Chantelle Chapman from Little Bentley in Essex. Greenholme Falcon, the 7 year old Fell pony who is known at home as Dan, has been owned by Victoria Oliver for just eighteen months. He was piloted to victory very ably by thirteen-year-old Chantelle who was the the youngest rider in the final.

Matthew Lawrence (judge) said: “Our winner caught my eye upon entering the ring. He is a lovely true to type pony that was beautifully ridden.”

This foot-perfect performance was the result of plenty of hard work from Chantelle in the run up to the show. Chantelle’s mother, Victoria said: “She is very competitive and likes everything spot on. She works extremely hard with Dan and is looking forward to the 2019 season.”

Chantelle and Dan will be aiming at qualifiers for the Royal International Horse Show and Horse of the Year Show.

The pair also compete in unaffiliated show jumping and cross-country classes when they are not busy in the show ring.

Chantelle said, “This was an amazing experience, and the team at SEIB were all so nice. I’m going to work hard with Dan and hopefully we can make it to the Royal International and Horse of the Year Show in the junior classes.”

Victoria Oliver



"Fell Ponies on the fells" exhibition at Rheged in August

This summer the Fell Pony Heritage Centre is running an Exhibition at Rheged Centre, Penrith called "Fell Ponies on the fells" from the 5th to the 23rd of August 2019.

The content of the show will be a mix of the heritage story of the Fell Pony plus more creative elements with photographs and paintings. We are starting to bring together materials, and will have a meeting in March to see how much space we will need.

The exhibition will be free of charge. Anyone who would like to donate photographs and paintings of Fell Ponies in their natural environment on the fell, for the show, please contact me.

The aim of the Fell Pony Heritage Centre is to keep the identity of the Fell Pony as part of our culture, and promote the general public's awareness of the breed and the importance of keeping the Fell pony on the fell.

Libby Robinson

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Tor Cavendish

Globetrotter and Lunesdale Ponies near Tebay

Weathering the Storm



*Painting by Juliet Whitworth,
www.inkyfell.co.uk*

Backsides to the weather,
White-out blizzard whipping over.
Standing easy, motionless.
Heads hung low, forelock-fettered eyes,
Cottered manes, tangled tails 'tween legs,
Ice-beaded feathers, hard hooves snow-deep,
Thick coats, flake-dappled, black now grey.
Fell ponies withstand the storm.

Janet Wood, Shap

Brackenthwaite Duke - RDA driving pony

I bought Duke 5 years ago when I was fairly new to carriage driving, mainly because a friend owned Fell ponies and I was very taken by them.



Barry Knight

When Duke first arrived in Kent, he had no manners and wanted to rush everywhere - I remember thinking perhaps he was not quite suitable for a novice whip! However, we persevered and over time Duke and I have enjoyed many activities together - pleasure drives, shows, le trec, etc. We have had so much fun, although he can be a little mischievous at times.

I am a Carriage Driving Coach at RDA Cobbes Meadow Group, near Canterbury. Our driving ponies are all owned by volunteers who bring them in for the weekly session, so last winter we began training Duke as a prospective RDA pony.

An RDA pony must stand patiently while a disabled driver is helped on and off the carriage (sometimes this involves ramps and a wheelchair), drive out sensibly in company and generally be unflappable. Also, we must drive with two pairs of reins so that the CD Coach can take over if needed.



Barry Knight

In April 2018, we had an appointment with the RDA Assessor and Duke passed with flying colours! Duke enjoys our RDA sessions and will speed up for those competitive drivers who like to whizz around the cones course or is quite happy to go at a more sedate pace if required.

I feel very lucky to have found this little pony who has taught me so much - it is a pleasure to share him with our RDA group and see the enjoyment that he brings to others.

Teresa Whitehead

Carrock Sybil

We are sad to share the passing of Carrock Sybil. Born May 10th, 1989 and humanely put to sleep due to neurological complications on July 1st, 2018, Sybil attained the grand old age of 29.



She lived a life full of adventure and love, having been exported to Canada as a filly when purchased by Joan O'Brien back in 1990. After I met with Mrs. Glenis Cockbain during a visit to Rakefoot in 2017, I understood her to explain that Sybil was the very first Carrock bred pony to be exported, certainly to North America, as at the time on this continent only a very few Fell Ponies existed.

It was not until 2002, after being purchased by Dan Shanahan and eventually emigrating to the United States, that Sybil had her first foal. She had a total of five foals under the Majestic (USA) prefix, one each year until 2006, all but one a filly.

Sybil joined Dream Hayven in the winter of 2014, as the Shanahan family contacted me wishing to give Sybil a warmer climate to retire to in the south. She was a large mare, beautiful and kind, and there wasn't a pony on the farm that Sybil couldn't get along with. Although her own foaling years were long gone, she was an excellent aunt and babysitter to the other foals born here. She also found a special friend in our own senior mare, Corrennie Afton, and they were often seen grazing together on warm summer evenings.

In 2016, we were contacted by a family to the north of us with two horse-crazy little girls, who had a beautiful farm and were very interested in the breed. The whole family came for a visit and it was decided that they would give Sybil a try, and began a lease that summer. Sybil had just about the best retirement any pony could ask for, as those little girls loved her so; going for short rides in their neighborhood, even delivering cookies by horseback!

She was well cared for until the very end. I thought it was fitting, when I learned of her passing, that it shared the date with Princess Diana's birthday. England has blessed our farm many times in this life; and the pain of our loss is made dimmer with the memory of love along the way. Rest in peace Sybil.

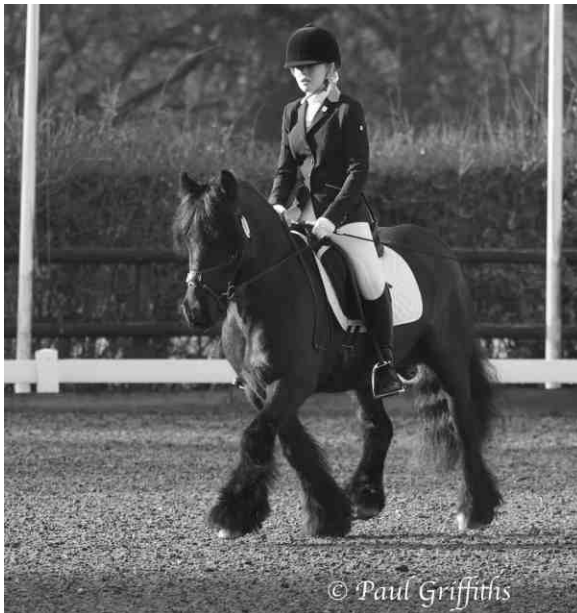
Melissa Kreuzer

Lathomdale Roamer



The late Lathomdale Roamer, owned by Susan Underwood, having a go at 'horse boarding' with a friend and her teenage son.

Wellbrow Duke



Bethany Griffiths and Wellbrow Duke. Bethany won the dressage, junior performance and overall performance awards in the 2018 FPS Performance Points scheme.

Heltondale Lady VIII, 1984 - 2018



Ladybird was my best friend for just under 30 years.

I meet her in July 1988 at the riding school I rode at. I left school at Christmas 1988, so that I could buy her, realising my dream in April 1989.

She was my dream pony, black, hairy and beautiful, with a sense of fun. She could do anything and everything, always trying her heart out.

Together we did everything the local riding club organised, and other shows and events around the area. Ladybird was never keen on showing, preferring the action activities.

We did gymkhanas, show jumping, hunting, one day events, but she excelled at dressage, competing up to unaffiliated Elementary level dressage and regularly upsetting a lot of those with their affiliated warmbloods by beating them!!!

She won the FPS performance awards twice, and on Wimborne & District Riding Club's 'Horse of the Year' trophy. Her name is on it 6 times. She accumulated over 1000 rosettes in competitions.

Many people have described her as a legend. I have so many happy memories of us together. She really taught me so much, truly my pony of a lifetime, and she is very much missed.

Diana McGrail

Merchandise list

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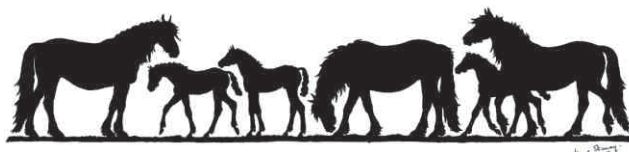
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Tom Lloyd (second from left) on a training walk with friends last year using pack ponies from the Hades Hill herd. See article on p80, Fell Pony Adventures.

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