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Ponies on Winder, in the Howgill Fells, above Sedbergh. Photograph by John Harpham



When lockdown was eased, Her Majesty The Queen was able once again to ride out at Windsor on Farleton Fern.

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Dates for 2021

1 January - all FPS memberships due for renewal (NB: New rates)

1 February - FPS Magazine deadline, Spring 2021

27 March - FPS AGM, Orton, Cumbria

8 May (Saturday) - Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Cumbria

1 August (Sunday) - Breed Show, Dalemain

September TBC - Southern Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture

1 October - FPS Magazine deadline, Autumn 2021

October TBC - FPS Show and Sale

Important—Dates and venues are provisional and many are dependent upon pandemic restrictions permitting the events to go ahead.

Please check the FPS web site or ask the FPS Office for confirmation.



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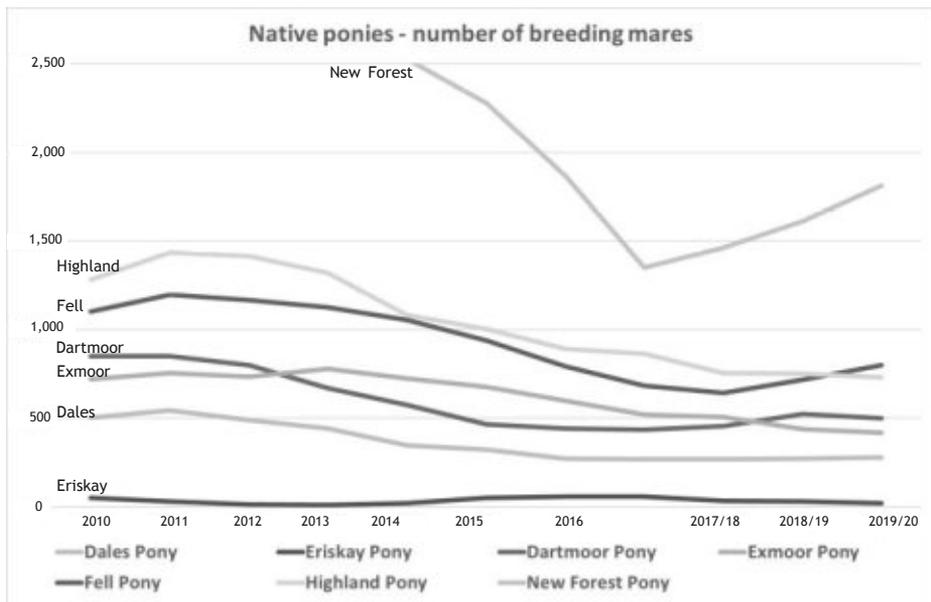
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Chairman's Report - Autumn 2020

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis the FPS has risen to the challenge and continued to support the breed and its members. During the last six months the trustees have continued to meet to serve the membership via online video and e-mail meetings. This practice will continue for the foreseeable future.

I thank the members for their support and understanding at this difficult time and would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Society's Secretary, Katherine, for her energies and efforts keeping the office functioning as a service for members.

2020 sees the beginning of a new and very challenging decade in many other ways and I have taken the opportunity to look back at the last decade. This began with the aftermath of the worldwide depression of 2008 having an effect on the numbers of animals in most equine breeds. According to the RBST all of the breeds on their Watchlist suffered a decline in numbers until the middle of the decade after which most began to level out, apart from the Fell (and New Forest) pony which showed a pleasing increase.

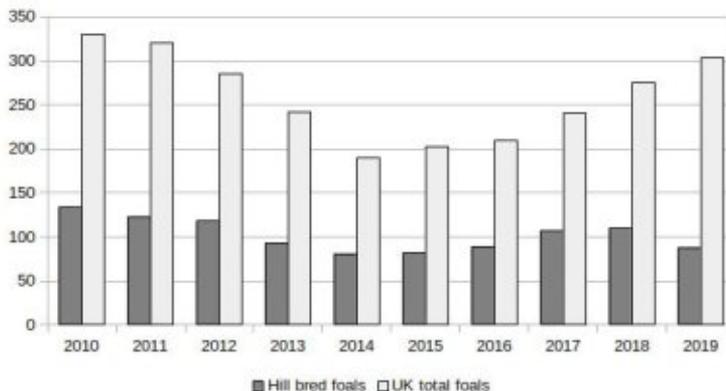


Native ponies, number of breeding mares in UK, 2010 to 2019 / 2020.

Source: RBST Watchlist 2019.

This increase is a credit to the breeders and the various individuals and groups who have promoted the breed in a variety of ways. The Hill bred ponies have mirrored these results at approximately 40+% of the number of Fell foals registered. 2019 is the one exception when hill bred foals were just over 30%. This is difficult to explain given the number of service notifications received for 2018. One of our largest hill breeders produced less than half the normal number of foals in 2019, explaining that the unusual climatic conditions in 2018 had led to several mares not holding: 2018 saw the "Beast from the East" snowstorm and then a very dry summer causing a shortage of forage and dehydration.

Hopefully the figures for 2020 will show a continued rise, possibly to the the 2010 level. Beyond this who knows, but if we can show the same resilience as the last decade I am optimistic for the future of the Breed as we move towards the centenary of the FPS in 2022. It is important that we work together as a society and with the other organisations in order to secure the future of the much-loved Fell pony.



Hill bred foal numbers compared to total foal numbers in UK, 2010 to 2019.

Source: Grassroots / FPS database, February 2020.

I have used the definition of hill bred as to “have rights on common land to graze” (see Sue Millard’s excellent article in the Autumn 2019 Magazine for a fuller explanation). I realise that this excludes several breeders who breed and keep their ponies in similar conditions and on similar terrain.

Sadly the following members have passed away during the last 12 months: Susan Meikle, Hugh Thompson, Elizabeth Marshall, Mr J W Langcake, John Gray & Pamela Moores. Our thoughts and condolences are with their families and friends.

Peter Boustead

Letters to the Editor

LOST cine films

As a member of the society, some of you may be aware that I have been trying to trace old reels of cine film that were taken at various events, shows, pleasure rides etc. They were filmed in the late '60s and through into the '70s and early '80s.

The last record of them being shown was at an open day in Windermere in 1985. I realise that it is a very long time ago and that the likelihood of finding them intact is very slim. My question is, “Do any of the older members among us have any recollection of who may have taken them, or where they might have ended up?”

If anyone has any clues I would appreciate it if you would contact the Office.

Jo Exley

Dear Editor

This has been a trying year so far for us all. Many of us have to care for animals, and the more vulnerable in our society are finding it harder. Hopefully life will continue towards a more normal routine.

Farmers have had to rethink their business plans to survive, for example food box delivery. This year's woolclip in the main has not been sold and has been burnt. I heard of a fish-farm that is overstocked due to losing its clientele overnight and is at the point of a cull. The BHS magazine has highlighted the struggles of many riding schools closed down. The lack of income has left some with difficult decisions, to sell or put down some of their ponies.

Personally I have taken the decision not to put any mares in foal again this year. I have 18 head to care for, but am lucky enough to have my own grazing land. Thinking ahead, people are losing their income so money for luxuries is in short supply so I suspect buying ponies will not be high on their agenda. I could be wrong; we'll have to wait and see so my plans are on hold for a year. I know I have made the right choice. I am keeping busy breaking in a couple of youngsters and continuing halter training of the babies.

The cattle were sold last year to make life a little easier as my caring duties have increased. I do miss them but I'm not ruling out a re-stock in the future.

Roll on next year. Fingers crossed that the situation improves not just in the UK but all over the world. It is hard for us all. We are lucky to have the wonderful NHS. Think of the poorer countries who find life a struggle normally. How hard it must be for them.

Till next year, enjoy your ponies, take care and stay safe.

From all at Foal Syke Farm Fell Ponies

Dear Editor

I have been recently thinking of possible ways of raising money for the society in this difficult time.

1 How about putting together a short video of various parts of the Fell pony, and what a judge would like or dislike in type and conformation and movement. People might like to purchase it and proceeds go to the society.

2 Another idea I had was to put out a request for people to send in pictures of past and present stallions with any anecdotes about them and a bit about their personalities, to publish as a small book which, again, may make some money for the society.

3 Also, how do we know which stock represent a rare or unusual blood line? Is there a way for potential breeders to identify these ponies and use them in their breeding programs? It might help to stop any further narrowing of the bloodlines and problems occurring in the future.

These ideas would have to be taken to council, I guess?

Best regards

Georgina Blundell

FPS Council will be discussing these suggestions and their feasibility at the next meeting (November). Please watch the FPS web site and Facebook page for details in due course.

From Our President - Autumn 2020

When the spring magazine was published, we had no idea what the months ahead would bring. We had been troubled by the equine influenza outbreak during the summer of 2019 and Brexit was considered a real challenge at the end of last year but when the government introduced a national lockdown on 23rd March we expected it to last a matter of weeks, not months and were hopeful of holding some of our events during the summer of 2020, but that was not to be. No AGM in April followed by no Stallion Show in May and then no Breed Show in August or Southern Breed Show in September. The FPS Sale at J36 is scheduled to take place on Saturday 31st October but with no spectators so will be entirely different to the normal end of season get together that we are used to. Fortunately pony sales have continued to be active throughout the summer as people have had more time on their hands to handle youngsters and back older ponies for riding.

Recently some equestrian activities have been held but under strict Covid-19 regulations which has meant no spectators. As a result I have not been anywhere but have remained isolated at Waverhead. Those of you who have visited Waverhead over the years will understand how easy it is to isolate in this part of Cumbria.



The saddest part of my summer has been the loss of our family's much loved pony, Lowthwaite Gary, on 13th August. Gary was born on 24th May 1991 and came to Waverhead in the autumn of that year after being weaned, so he spent almost 29 years here and latterly he was my companion and best friend. He was regularly shown in-hand at the FPS Stallion Show and in 1998 was Supreme Champion, shortly before my sister Nancy died. Gary was transferred into the ownership of Nancy's two children, Stephen and Hilary, but continued to live at Waverhead for much of the time. He was a very successful breeding stallion and has 148 registered progeny to his name. He was lively and spirited but we had an understanding and he knew my commands. He was fit and healthy until the last few hours of his life. I miss him greatly but have the comfort of five of his offspring here with me at Waverhead which includes Hilary's young colt, Waverfoot Gary.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy winter and hope we can return to some kind of normality by the spring of 2021.

Barbara Bell

Secretary & Treasurer's Report - Autumn 2020

As I write this it has been 6 months since, following government guidelines, I packed the office into a bag and set up working from home. Business has been very much as normal and I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support during the unprecedented situation.

As lockdown progressed it became apparent that interest in the Fell pony bloomed and sales of ponies flourished. There has been an increase of over 50 in transfer of ownerships received, compared to the same period last year, end March to end of September.

Once foal registration applications arrived I have been working in the office for a few hours each week to produce the passports.

The local post office in Appleby has been great, collecting the mail from my home and delivering all the FPS mail to me at home too. Chris and Elizabeth have been furloughed but are working a few hours again now.

The Fell pony breed remains in category 3 'Vulnerable' on the RBST Watchlist for 2020/21 which means there are between 500 and 900 registered breeding females producing pure bred offspring in the UK, with more than a 5% increase on the previous year.

The Society's Memorandum and Articles, Regulations and Showing Rules have all had some changes made recently. Paper copies will be issued to new members and they can be viewed on the FPS website. If members wish to receive a paper copy then please send your request to the office with a s.a.e.

Sadly the Animal Health Trust permanently closed at the end of July after working with us for over 20 years. The Society currently uses Weatherbys in Ireland for the FIS testing and DNA typing, and they also safe-store all the samples and records previously held by the AHT. Please see the FPS website for further details of testing.

Thank you to our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, for her donation sent together with warmest wishes for the forthcoming year. Many thanks also to the Horserace Betting Levy Board for receipt of the Rare Breeds grant. Their continued support is very much appreciated.

The accounts for the Society continue to remain healthy, though membership is understandably down around 200 from last year. However we are still receiving new member applications.

Council agreed earlier in the year to increase annual membership from 2021, so please remember to update your Standing Order before 1st January. It's never an easy decision for us to make but it has been over 15 years since the last increase. If you wish to pay by bank transfer in the future or set up a new Standing Order, please see Page 12 of the Magazine for the bank details and let the Society know once the transfer has been done.

I would like to thank President, Barbara Bell, and Chairman, Peter Boustead, as well as Council for their continued support; also thanks to my colleagues in the office, Chris and Elizabeth.

Best wishes, take care and stay safe.

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.

- The current 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. Double fees may also apply if applications are received during December.

- Service Books / notifications of coverings online must be notified by 31 December in the year of covering; if not, any resulting foal will have to be DNA typed to confirm the sire prior to registration. ***If you choose to input the details online you will receive an email acknowledging the successful receipt. If you don't receive an email the information has not been received and you should contact the Society without delay.***

When completing stallion service certificates please complete all the details fully, including full name and registration number of stallion and mare and full dates of covering to include at least month and year. Month on its own with no year is unacceptable.

- With effect from 1 October 2020 it will be a legal requirement for all equines in England to be microchipped (this applies in Wales from 12 February 2021, and in Scotland from 28 March 2021).

When your vet implants a chip for the first time, the barcode label should be placed in the passport with the date and 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.

- I am continuing to work primarily from home, so if you need to contact me please phone 017683 52861 during office hours Monday to Thursday, or email secretaryfellponysociety@gmail.com

We are continuing to function as best we can. Any Society business can be carried out by phone, email, post or a note left through the letter box at Bank House. However, if you leave a note or leave a message on the FPS office answerphone, there may be a delay in getting back to you as I only work in the office once a week for a few hours. During the coronavirus pandemic no visitors will be allowed into the office.

Katherine



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Fees & Charges

| <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. Please ensure that you use your name as the reference when sending a payment by bank transfer.



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Membership Fees - from January 2021

| Type of Membership | UK | Overseas |
|--------------------|-----|----------|
| Full | £30 | £40 |
| Associate | £20 | £30 |
| Junior | £20 | £30 |
| Family | £60 | £80 |

Council have agreed that due to increases in postage, in particular outside of the UK, **membership rates will increase**, as above, from 1st January 2021. **If you pay by Standing Order, please amend the amount through your bank.**

The range of overseas membership types mirrors 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. Please note that Family membership does not apply to adult couples without children; in these cases the membership is for 2 Full memberships (separate membership forms required).

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.

If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring Magazine, a reminder slip is enclosed with it. 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 that the colt/stallion has been tested.

If a laboratory other than Weatherbys 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.

The FPS Sales List, Grassroots, & FPS Member Directory

The **Sales list of Fell Ponies** for sale on the FPS web site has been particularly busy and effective this year. The list can be found at http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/sales_list.htm.

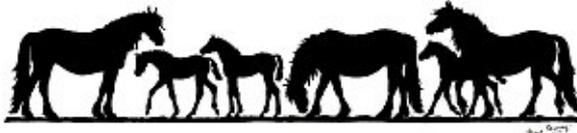
If you wish to advertise Fell Ponies for sale or place a Wanted Ad, **THIS SERVICE IS FREE TO FPS MEMBERS**. Each advertisement is shown for 3 months, after which time it will be reviewed. Please submit details to the FPS Secretary by email, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Non-members can advertise for the fee of £10 for 3 months. Fell Pony related items such as carriages and saddles can also be advertised on the FPS website, subject to approval. The list is updated with fresh adverts as they are received.

FPS members can also flag ponies for sale on the **FPS Online Stud Book Grassroots Database** via the Manage Your Herd option. Members need to give permission, if not already done, for potential buyers to see their address, phone number and email address. Please check with the FPS Secretary if you are unsure.

Listing in the **Member Directory** on the FPS 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.



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UK Studbooks and Recognition by the EU post-Brexit

In February, DEFRA applied to the European Commission for 3rd Country Listing under the Zootechnical Regulation, which, if given, will enable the Breed Societies to continue trading on the same equivalent terms as they do now. It is hoped to reach an agreement before the end of the Transition Period (31 Dec 2020).

If there is an agreement

Animals registered in our UK studbook but that are physically in the EU can remain in the UK studbook, and Breed Societies can continue to issue zootech certificates for those animals, as long as approval is received from the Commission on the application for 3rd Country Listing of UK breed societies.

If there is 'no deal'

As of the end of the transition period, if there is no agreement, the EU animal breeding rules, and in particular Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, will no longer apply to the United Kingdom. Thus, from 1st Jan 2021, breeding programme extensions into the EU will no longer be available to UK breed societies.

Advice for EU breeders - registrations

If the UK is not granted 3rd Country Listing approval, we will be unable to issue Zootechnical certificates for animals registered in UK studbooks if they are physically in the EU, and no new animals that are physically in the EU can be registered in our UK studbooks from 01 Jan 2021. Therefore, DEFRA is advising that EU breeders should also register their animals in an EU studbook in case the UK is not granted approval. Breeders registering with an EU studbook directly will not affect their existing pedigree registrations in our UK studbook, and the animals can be registered in more than one breeding book. If there is no equivalent studbook in the EU it might be that studbooks consider establishing a filial studbook in a Member State.

The Commission recently published an updated notice for EU breeders for the post transition period. This can be found on the Commission website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice-to-stakeholders-brexit_animal-breeding_en.pdf

Exporting from the UK to the EU - Zootechnical certificates

Zootechnical certificates are only required for trade in breeding animals and their germinal products. The Government has published guidance on moving equines to the EU from 1 January 2021, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-from-1-january-2021>

When an equine or its breeding products are being exported from the UK to the EU they require a zootechnical document. Zootechnical certificates shall only be issued by the breed society, breeding operation or competent authority of dispatch of the breeding animals or of the germinal products thereof. In addition, a zootechnical certificate can be issued by a semen collection or storage centre, on the basis of the information received from the breed society or breeding operation.

Latest BEVA advice: Movements of equines after BREXIT

<https://www.beva.org.uk/Resources-For-Vets-Practices/Clinical-Practice-Guidance/Brexit-Guidance/Movements-of-equines>

IMPORTANT: Even if there is a 'deal', there will be a time lag in approving UK studbooks, so after 1 January 2021 all equines registered with UK studbooks will temporarily become 'unregistered' ones in EU terms, until the backlog has been worked through by Dr Fussl's office at the Commission.

As we are now within the 90-day period prior to 1 January 2021, **these regulations apply from now**, because all UK equines with passports from a DEFRA-recognised Passport Issuing Organisation in the UK will be regarded by the EU as unregistered, until the studbooks are approved again. (All the UK studbooks should be re-approved, as DEFRA checked their compliance before forwarding them to Dr Fussl.) However, in practice, **anyone planning to export a horse / pony into the EU will need to observe the regulations stipulated here with immediate effect.**

Editorial

In the light of the pandemic still ongoing, Claire Simpson (Press Officer) and I have been astonished and delighted by the amount of copy we have received for "The Lockdown Issue". You are clearly an inventive bunch and very good at documenting and broadcasting what you and your ponies have been doing this summer. I'm currently looking through all the archive photographs I have been offered to fill the space left by the lack of show results, and thinking, "There must be a book in this!" Maybe for our Centenary in 2022?

Talking of archives reminds me that last year, Dales enthusiast Jackie Snowdon sent me the link to a digitised newspaper reference to Fell ponies; it was from the *Westmorland Gazette*, 1st October 1853:

DENT HORSE FAIR - At this old established fair which was held on Monday last, the show of fell ponies was better both in quantity and quality, than it has been for a year or two back. The prices realized for the ponies were upon the whole, considerably in advance of last year's prices.

I added the clipping to the online Fell Pony Museum, noting the absence of a capital F for "fell ponies", which suggests that the term "fell pony" was still not yet a breed name: it was "a pony that lives at the fell."

I also saw that although the Oxford English Dictionary online had an entry for the term "fell pony" its earliest reference was dated 1871: *Davie Armstrong*: "A lad...who stood with his hand on the shaggy mane of a rough, sturdy little fell-pony." The novel *Davie Armstrong* was written by 'Austin Clare' a.k.a. Wilhelmina Martha James (1845-1932), the daughter of a clergyman, born in Alston, Cumbria.

I sent the 1853 newspaper link to OED for their consideration, and then, with the arrival of Covid-19, I forgot all about it. I was delighted however to see that some months later they had verified the reference, and it's now included as the dictionary's earliest mention of the term *fell pony*.

Little grains of sand, added to the heap of knowledge about our beloved old breed.

fell pony *n.* a breed of hardy pony originating in the north of England, now typically black, with a long mane and tail, and feathering on the legs; a pony of this breed.

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2014 *Daily Mail* (Nexis) 2 Apr. She now prefers to ride smaller fell ponies, renowned for their steady temperament.

I have to chuckle though at the single sentence the OED have selected from the Daily Mail in 2014: *She now prefers to ride smaller fell ponies, renowned for their steady temperament.* I know FPS members will have no trouble guessing who "She" may be!

Sue Millard

PS the copy deadline for the next issue of the Magazine is 1st February 2021.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ on Saturday 4 April 2020

Unfortunately our scheduled AGM did not fit in well with the COVID-19 guidelines for gatherings, so we were initially forced to postpone it and eventually to cancel it altogether.

We took guidance from the Charity Commission, who allowed Council to approve the Resolutions to amend the Society's Memorandum and Articles, approve the accounts for the year ending 31 October 2019 and approve the accountants, Dodd & Co., for the coming year. This enabled the Society to file our accounts and annual return to the Charity Commission and to Companies House within the required timescales. The details were published in the Spring Magazine, which meant all members had the opportunity to see the proposals, along with the Accounts. Some questions to be dealt with under AOB were received and the answers agreed by Council. These are published below.

Looking ahead to next year's AGM, who knows if this can be held in its usual format at Orton Market Hall. However, if not, then please use the proxy vote that will be sent to all eligible members with your Spring Magazine.

AGM Questions

AGM questions were received prior to the AGM from Heather Mawrey, David Thompson, Libby Robinson and Diane Meikle. Replies from Council were sent to them along with the Council's intention of publishing them in the Magazine (see below). One set of questions was then withdrawn by the member who posed them.

1. Questions from Heather Mawrey

Q - I would like to ask the council to reconsider utilising the donated funds for an office premises and look at using it for something with a greater immediate impact on the promotion of the Fell pony.

The current office costs are very low and appears good value, so how does the council consider a larger or better premises would improve the work of the society?

In the previous year the society made a loss, although some items were exceptional purchases the society does not have excessive profits from the regular income. A new premises would come with additional running costs and maintenance. Without using the donated funds where does council think it can improve its income to cover this?

If the council is not considering changing its plans, how much of the donated funds will they be allocating to the premises? Where will it be located and what consideration has been given to ensuring current employees can commute to the new site?

I would have preferred to see the donated funds put towards creating educational material for schools and supporting visits. Or helping to fund the display team who has done an excellent job of promoting at the local shows. I'm aware the society has done some work along these lines already and appreciate the time members/council have put into organising these.

A - Council asked for suggestions from members on how to use the donated funds over a period of time; there was very little response but from the suggestions received Council have already made and published their decision to purchase an office. The matter was discussed at length at the 2019 AGM and minutes published in the Autumn 2019 Magazine.

An office would benefit all members, and it would be an investment for the Society. Up to £150k (the total donated) would be available for the purchase of an office. As it's a major commitment they would not rush into a purchase for the sake of it but instead would take the time on choosing the correct property in a suitable location, and consider the running costs. Possibly it would be able to accommodate some kind of permanent display open to the public. A larger premises may give opportunity to rent out to a third party, when the income received would go towards the upkeep.

Q - It's a little difficult to understand the full extent of the availability of donated funds, in relation to the upkeep of the two ponies at £9,400 per year. Depending on the age of the ponies this may be ongoing for some time. Does the society have a set amount allocated for the upkeep of the ponies?

A - £100k was left to the Society together with £50k for the upkeep of the 2 ponies owned by Miss Carslaw. The amount of £800 per month and to whom this would be payable, was agreed and a legal agreement drawn up to that effect with the involvement of Miss Carslaw's executors. The Society understands that more funds will be made available should the £50k be used and the ponies are still alive.

Q - Of the other ideas for the funds, could I have a greater explanation of what was involved in these. What would the roles have entailed or how would land have been used?

i) Employ a 'Lower Case Fell Pony Advocate' (to promote Fell Ponies, 10 year term, salary £15k p.a)

A - The suggested role would have been to advise breeders/owners on grants and subsidies, but this is a specialist area and saying or doing the wrong thing can not only jeopardise future income of the individual concerned from government subsidies but can (and does) affect all the other farmers on that common too. It's not something the FPS should get involved in.

ii) Purchase of Land

A - Any land purchased would be for young colts/geldings, to run them on as a help to breeders, until such time as they can be assessed for breeding potential or broken in. It was felt that only a small percentage of members would benefit from this, and who would be responsible for its maintenance etc?

iii) Employment of a PR person

A - We already have a Publicity Officer and the Display Team to promote the breed, and support is given when requested.

2. Questions from David Thompson

Q - In February 2019 the F.P.B.A. wrote to the F.P.S. council asking if they could help a young couple to establish a new herd of Semi feral Fell Ponies! The couple had recently secured the tenancy on a large hill farm with considerable grazing rights for ponies on the common! After taking almost 12 months to reply, the answer was that it did not meet the society's objectives as a charity to do this! This is a disappointing response to say the least! Especially in light of the number of herds that have been lost over the years! And with 20 members on the FPS council it is also disappointing that not one proposal was forthcoming as to how they might offer some help in some way!

Could council please explain why such a unique opportunity does not meet the society's objectives as a Charity?

A - The Council discussed the letter at the March 2019 meeting and it was agreed that the couple should be asked how they thought the Society could help. Mr & Mrs Wilkinson visited in May 2019 and a letter was received by Council and discussed at the May meeting. As it was suggested that a loan to purchase foundation mares would be helpful, Council agreed that legal advice from the Charity Commission would be required.

In the meantime several Council members provided help to the couple in sourcing and transporting mares. The couple subsequently advised Council that they no longer required monetary support but would like advice on finding out about the Commons rights for ponies relating to the land they occupied. Council suggested that they be referred to the article written by Mrs Millard in the recent FPS magazine, and that contact details be provided for viewing the commons register in Cumbria.

Q - I noticed in the accounts that in 2019 the society had expenses for FIS testing of £2082 and in 2018 FIS expenses of £3274!

Could council please explain why it has incurred these expenses and what they relate to? Because I was under the impression that the owner paid for the FIS testing of their own ponies if they wanted them testing!

A - The expenses incurred by the Society in the YE 31 Oct 2019, of £2082, and the YE 31 Oct 2018, of £3274, relate to the payment of FIS tests purchased through the Society and processed through the AHT. You will see from the income for FIS testing, £1600 for the YE 31 Oct 2019 and £2420 for the YE 31 Oct 2018, the amount paid by owners for FIS testing through the AHT.

The Income and Expenditure will not be equal due to invoices being received and paid outside of the accounting year, and some FIS tests fees are refunded to colts owners through the HBLB grant, again in a different accounting year to the original year the test was purchased.

Also the FPS subsidises an earlier increase in the cost of an FIS test (0.85p per test). AHT charged £40.85, FPS charge members £40. Non members pay the FPS £50 and overseas owners are charged an additional £5 to cover cost of postage.

4. Questions from Diane Meikle

Q - I have a few questions that I was going to put to you for the AGM. The questions are based on minutes and the magazine as I don't have any other way of knowing what is going on in the society.

A - *The Society posts frequent news updates on the FPS website and where relevant on its Facebook page.*

Q - What has been the decision on the funds that the Queen donated?

A - *As published and discussed at the AGM, Council agreed to use the funds of £50k towards the purchase of an office.*

Q - What is the point to the filly DNA testing? Is this to analyse what % of carriers there are in the population? Is it to check breeding? The one paragraph in the magazine didn't give any information as to why the society is going down this route. Also what funding is going to be used to pay for this?

A - *To keep the Stud Book accurate and protect the integrity of the Society.*

Q - Reading the minutes and items in the magazine there have been two legal items that have come up recently relative to council members etc. I don't know the stories or the history but can you tell me what has been implemented to prevent this from occurring again? Have guidelines been issued to council members etc?

A - *Following advice the FPS Complaints and Disciplinary procedure was updated, published on the FPS website in September 2019 and reference made as such in the Autumn 2019 magazine.*

Q - Most societies have a 3 to 5 year plan on where they would like to see the society move forward. This identifies how the society is going to fulfill its objectives in the coming months / years in line with its constitution. This might be something council would like to share with its members so that they feel a part of the society and if they might be able to offer support.

A - *Council are not aware of any other Society's 3 to 5 year plans to comment. However, any plans the Society has have been discussed and published accordingly. Due to the current situation the day to day running of the Society is all that we are dealing with to ensure we have a future and to continue providing a service for owners and breeders!*

There has been an amazing amount of support for the Society during the past few months though understandably some members have chosen not to renew their membership at this time. However, Council have agreed not to offer any refund on membership as this income assists in keeping the Society going.



Elections for Council

The following retire and are eligible for re-election:

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

Nominations for Council 2021 - Reminder

Members wishing to make a nomination for Council should obtain a form from the Office in good time to return the completed form before the deadline of 1st January 2021. Candidates should read the information on the FPS web site "Information on the Council and How to become a Council Member" about Charity status and Limited Company responsibilities. This is available at <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/forms/CouncilMemberInfo.htm>.

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 2021. 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 OF PRESIDENT

Please note that our President Miss B Bell's term of office ends in 2021. Please could any nominations for the office of President be submitted to the Office before 1 January 2021. Nominations must be in writing and accompanied by a signed statement (available from the office) from the person proposed that they are willing to stand for election. The President shall be an ex-officio member of the Council. Election will be by a poll held at the Annual General Meeting in 2021.

FPS Newsletter 1996 - The Internet Looms...

found in *Council Information*.

I received some information through the post last week telling me all about the 'Internet' and it's future role in society. Apparently their view is that in a few years the Internet will have superseded the post and fax to become the primary means of written communication around the world. In effect this would mean that you as members would not receive this newsletter from the Society but that it and any other information to be relayed would be sent through your personal computers! Well, it sounds great in many respects but I think it will be quite a few years before we are in that position!

The FPS Magazine can indeed now be sent to you "through your personal computers" if you ask for it, but members seem to prefer a printed Magazine in their hands! So we still send it out to all our members as a printed copy.

"Back numbers" of the Magazine can be read on the FPS web site as PDFs. Thanks to John Slater and Trevor Good who digitised many of the printed issues in the 1990s, we carry almost all the back numbers, starting with the first volume of "Fell Pony News" in 1968. This archive makes the FPS web site a great resource of information about the breed.

FPS Annual Trophy Awards

Normally the annual awards would be presented at the Fell Pony Society AGM, but of course this year has not been at all normal. We hope the winners will have their moments of glory and the recognition that they deserve at the 2021 AGM, but until then we can celebrate their wonderful achievements in print.

Edinburgh Prize for Driving

Brackenthwaite Duke (Lownthwaite Gary x Brackenthwaite Ebonnie) & Huntsmans Dillon (Greenholme Look At Me x Huntsmans Bilberry)

The Edinburgh prize for driving, presented by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, was awarded to Teresa Whitehead and her ponies (known as Duke and Django) in recognition of their work with the RDA Carriage Driving Group at Cobbes Meadow, near Canterbury.

Teresa and her ponies work weekly with disabled drivers who can choose the challenge of driving a cones and obstacle course or enjoying a relaxing drive through adjacent woodland. Ponies are required to be sensible in company, and to stand patiently whilst a disabled person (sometimes in a wheelchair) is helped onto the carriage. They should not react to unusual noises, but at the same time should also be forward going and responsive. Fell ponies are very well suited to this work.



Teresa also enjoys all BDS activities, including the BDS Annual Show at Smiths Lawn this year where she and Django paraded in front of Her Majesty The Queen.

Duke passed his assessment as an RDA pony in April 2018 and has become a much-loved member of the Group. This year he took part in the RDA South East Annual Driving Show for the first time and was placed 2nd in the Novice Driving Class with Andrew Norman and 2nd in the Open Class with Pat Hammond. Duke behaved impeccably on an extremely long and hot day and was much admired by other competitors and spectators.

Django has been in training to become an RDA pony over the past year and was successfully assessed in October 2019.

Lownthwaite Rob Trophy

Lownthwaite Savin (Peepings Raven x Ravenscairn Privet)



Fittingly, Lownthwaite Savin is the latest recipient of the Lownthwaite Rob trophy, awarded annually to the pony that has done the most to publicise the breed outside the show ring. Savin is something of a dressage superstar, and with owner Rhona Forbes, he was selected for the Scotland region prelim team at the BD youth championships for 2018 and 2019. At the 2019 youth championships they were the winning combination in the team tests and then lead the team to win the overall prelim teams; an incredible achievement and all the more impressive as the team only had three members.

Rhona is immensely proud to have trained Savvy to be a very versatile all-rounder - he also drives and performs in low level eventing, which has enabled Rhona to gain her Pony Club B test.

Peahill Basil Award

Wellbrow Desperate Dan (Lunesdale Mountain Mist x Heltondale Heather II)

This new award for 2019, presented by Cath Wrigley, is to be awarded internationally to a single registered Fell Pony for achievements as a veteran 15 years and over. Basil was an incredibly special pony who brought much enjoyment to many people during his life at the Murthwaite Green riding centre. His cheeky character and kind nature made him a favourite with many people, and his riders included Janet, a lady of 90 plus years, and BBC Countryfile's Matt Baker. As well as appearing on TV he met H.M. The Queen and won many awards.

Cath was delighted to hear that the first winner of the award is Wellbrow Desperate Dan, another pony who just keeps on giving. Danny is 22 years old and, according to owner Chris Thomas, for the past 18 years he has been the rock on which Peers Clough Packhorses, her small family trekking business, has been built. Danny was Chris's first encounter with Fell ponies, but then followed nine others, all from the nearby Wellbrow stud. She explained that Danny's example has helped them train all the subsequent ponies and that they still respect him as "the Don".

Throughout the years he has been trustworthy, steadfast, and loyal, unswerving in his capacity to do his job, and the second-in-command on whom she has relied. Where



others sometimes fail, Danny is always there to step up; and he has been the 'go to' pony for hundreds of people over the years, gaining the name 'Daniel Surehooves' from one elderly novice gentleman. Like Basil, he too has been ridden by Matt Baker from Countryfile, who remarked that he felt he was 'rooted in the landscape' while riding him - a true understanding of how riding a Fell should feel. Danny is obviously a very appropriate recipient to take the award in Basil's memory.

Well done to everyone; all very special ponies with very different skills and abilities; but all great ambassadors for our breed.

Queen Elizabeth II Trophy



The Queen Elizabeth II Trophy is awarded annually to the person or group that, in the opinion of the FPS Council, has made a significant contribution to the promotion of the Fell pony. The recipient for 2019 is Sue Millard.

In 1983, Sue helped the late Mrs Sylvia McCosh to illustrate aspects of the Fell Pony and Countryside Museums at Dalemain, and in 2000 as part of her Masters degree she created an on-line version (www.fellponymuseum.org.uk); a huge resource of historic and entertaining information.

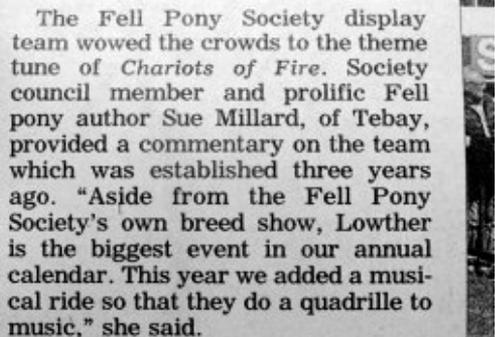
Sue is a well-respected Author (www.jackdawebooks.co.uk), and the Editor of our FPS magazine since 2008. She has served three terms on the FPS Council where she also chairs the Overseas Sub-committee, and she has maintained and administered our FPS website since 2013.

An excellent raconteur, Sue has spoken to many social groups, from schoolchildren to the WI, on the history and attributes of the Fell pony.

The organisers of Lowther Show contacted her in 2015 to ask if the FPS would put on a Fell pony demonstration, and this led to the creation of the FPS Display Team, where she developed and delivered a witty and educational commentary with music to accompany their performances.

Congratulations Sue, a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

Claire Simpson



The Fell Pony Society display team wowed the crowds to the theme tune of *Chariots of Fire*. Society council member and prolific Fell pony author Sue Millard, of Tebay, provided a commentary on the team which was established three years ago. "Aside from the Fell Pony Society's own breed show, Lowther is the biggest event in our annual calendar. This year we added a musical ride so that they do a quadrille to music," she said.

Honourable mention for the Display Team in the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald in 2018

FPS Points Awards for 2019

Well, we thought that we had problems in 2019 due to the equine influenza outbreak; but who could have predicted that 2020 would impact us all so dramatically? At the time of writing we can only hope and pray that the world will become virus-free in 2021; that restrictions will be lifted; and that everyone will be able to live their lives to the full.

Do enter the points awards if you are able - details are at <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm>.

Meanwhile congratulations to our 2019 winners.

Foal Section - Carrock Night King (Carrock Stride the Nite x Carrock Elsa)

John Cockbain's Carrock Night King was the winner of the foal section, having followed in his mother's footsteps, or should that be hoofprints, by going through the 2019 show season unbeaten. He took the award for the best foal at the FPS Breed Show, Appleby, Keswick, Heskett New Market shows; and he went on to take the Fell pony championship at his last show of the season, Eggleston; something his dam also achieved as a foal at Crosby Ravensworth in 2014. His new owners Sheila Renwick and her daughter Kirsty Hewitt are hoping to show him, so we should be able to see how this lovely boy matures in the future.



Yearling Section - Stunstead Babybel (Wellbrow Leo x Lathomdale Belinda)

Carrie-Ann Richardson's homebred filly, Stunstead Babybel, had a great year and won the yearling award. She was lightly shown, but always placed in the top three in open M&M classes against older more mature and experienced ponies. She was also overall youngstock and M&M in-hand points champion at Carrie's local riding club, adding a championship and reserve championship to her tally during the season.



Babybel has been left to mature over the winter, but Carrie plans to contest some bigger agricultural shows and breed shows in the future.

Two-year-old section - Boutime Mary (Boutime Wooster x Bracklinn Martha)

Boutime Mary, bred by Deb and Steve Vychinski, was named after the late FPS chairman, Mary Longsdon MBE. Before Mary died Deb told Mary her plan and was told, in no uncertain terms, "She better be a good one!" Diane Key was very taken with the new arrival and asked to be borne in mind should Deb ever wish to sell. The following year Deb brought the yearlings Boutime Mary and her sister Boutime Esther to officially open

the memorial 'Paws For Mary' Midlands West Area Group dog show which was held at Diane's home. Little did Diane know that a few months later Deb would offer Mary to her and that she would be moving in permanently.

Following her arrival in January 2019 Mary proved to be like her namesake: a big character, sharp as a tack, and not one to suffer fools gladly. Mary's showing career commenced in Spring 2019 at the Midlands West Spring Festival of Fells Show, where Mary stood second to Boutime Esther in the two-year-old class and Esther went on to take the youngstock championship. This was repeated at the Derbyshire Fell and Dales Pony Show where Mary was again second to Esther in the two-year-old class, but this time also took the reserve youngstock championship. Diane had a lot of fun at Derbyshire, with Mary and Esther winning the stud prefix class, and Laura Hopkins and Amberbrook Tequila (Boutime Wooster x Rackwood Jubilee Joy) joined them to win the stallion progeny class. Further outings resulted in more successes and compliments about Mary's movement and conformation.



Diane reports that she is now looking forward to next season; Mary is coming on very nicely as a three-year-old and is an absolute pleasure and privilege to own. She thanked Deb and Steve for the opportunity, adding, "They said she would change our lives and so she has - there really is 'Something About Mary'."

Four years & Over In Hand Section - Murthwaite Sid (Murthwaite Iceman x Murthwaite Dainty)

Julie Smith was thrilled to hear that Murthwaite Sid had won the four years and over section for the second year running, adding, "Throughout the year we had some amazing wins, lots of championships and some great times."

Julie loves the preparation involved in showing; presenting her pony at his very best and meeting people, who often become very good friends. One such example was a particularly special show day this year when she met Emma Tilson, who owns Murthwaite Frost. Julie and Emma were chatting while waiting for the class and noticed that the ponies were very interested in each other. As they chatted, they realised that the ponies had the same sire, Murthwaite Iceman, and they wondered whether the ponies knew they were related as the immediate bond between them was amazing.



In future Julie will be concentrating on ridden classes with her 'pony of a lifetime' Sid.

Four Years & Over Performance and Junior Rider Sections - Hardendale Rowan (Midtown Jack x Hardendale Rosie)

Emily Cheetham (age 12) won both the open and junior performance sections with Hardendale Rowan (23 years). Emily has been riding Fell ponies since the age of five and taking part in the performance awards since 2013. Rowan had been a brood mare breeding nine foals for the Ralfland Stud at Shap and initially proved to be rather opinionated. In 2019 they finally bonded and had great fun at shows, they perfected

their jumping, attended pony club rallies and residential camp. Their summer highlight was parading at the local agricultural show after the working hunter and veteran classes.

They ended the year with trophies from North East Scotland TREC for Junior Champion, Best Newcomer, 2nd outdoor level 1 and Pairs Champions with mum Jacqueline...who is happy to acknowledge that Emily was the better half of the pair!

When not partnering Rowan, Emily has been teaching Townend Lulu to jump. Emily was also a great help at the FPS breed show and educated the public about Fell ponies at a Rare Breed Survival Trust event. Emily has seen Fell ponies from all levels, learned from hill breeders and hopes one day to compete at the Highland Show or even HOYS in working hunter or showing.

Dressage Section - Wellbrow Duke (Heltondale Mountain Mist II x Heltondale Duchess)

Bethany Griffiths won the dressage section for the fourth year in succession with Wellbrow Duke, aka Hero, another example of a pony who can turn his hoof to anything. Bethany says that had she known that dressage would become her chosen discipline, then she probably wouldn't have chosen a Fell pony, but that she hasn't regretted her choice for a minute. They have learned lots and worked very hard perfecting new moves. Bethany is now advancing her knowledge with a dressage schoolmaster and plans to teach Hero all that she learns so that they can continue to progress together.

In 2019 Bethany was delighted to be selected for the British Dressage Southern Youth Team to compete at the Inter Regional Championships at Keysoe with Hero. They had an amazing weekend and Hero just took it all in his stride. They also qualified for the Pet Plan Area Festival Final in Novice where they came 9th, the BD Summer Regionals in Prelim coming 10th, the Dressage Masters competition held at Hickstead, and also the Native Pony champs in both Prelim and Novice where they came 5th in Prelim.

Fell Ponies will always hold a special place in Bethany's heart and have given her some extra special days to remember. She enjoyed a fantastic holiday in the summer, visiting the Fell pony exhibition and the breed show; and seeing ponies in their natural environment, including the Wellbrow stud, where she was delighted to meet Hero's relatives. She has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the FPS and had great fun competing at the Dorset Fell show and the Southern Fell Show, where everyone is always friendly and supportive. Overall her most memorable day with Hero was being part of the Fell Pony guard of honour for the Queen's 90th Birthday; a wonderful day and Bethany felt very proud to be part of it with Hero.



Jaqueline Cheetam



Paul Griffiths

Driving Section - Raisbeck Cappuccino (Guards Jester x Orton Hall Dusky)

Raisbeck Cappuccino, aka Cappa, won the driving section with Linda Wiggin. Linda and her daughter Fiona first met Cappa in October 2013 when their good friend, Judy Mitchell, was diagnosed with cancer and was due to undergo an intensive course of chemotherapy. Linda and Fiona had already taken on one of Judy's ponies previously so she asked if they could take on Cappa for the winter and he would return back in the spring.



Cappa was already broken to ride and drive and although they had no experience of Fell ponies they had the room and the time so took him on with a view to helping further his education.

During this first season, Linda kept Judy updated with all his progress and triumphs, sending her his rosettes and trophies, which kept her spirits up and made her incredibly proud. Sadly Judy's health deteriorated too badly for Cappa to return and Judy passed away in August 2014. Judy's sister in law just happens to be Diana Slack who had bred Cappa, and Diana was so kind as to agree that Linda and Fiona could keep Cappa, as he had settled with them and was doing very well.

Cappa progressed well, competing in one to two-day events with West Midlands Driving Group, Wolverley Driving Group and Midland Carriage Driving. Fiona also schooled him under saddle and competed at some local riding club competitions, where he was rarely beaten. He quickly progressed from Intro to Prelim to Novice and Elementary level.

He has become a judges' favourite in the dressage phase of driving trials and is renowned for his tight but flowing turns and flying changes in the obstacle phase. He has proved to be an utter joy to own, though he has to be the centre of attention and constantly 'talks' to / at people, but that's what makes him special. Both Linda and Fiona and will be forever grateful to Diana and Judy for such an incredible pony and know that Judy would be so proud of him.

Linda would also personally like to thank Fiona, her friend Aileen, grooms Eddie Hammond and Toby Yandall-Wright for all their help and hard work; and coaches Stuart Roberts BHSI (Driving) and Paul Ingram BHSI (riding) for their insights, inspiration and challenges!

Learning With Fells 2021

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, with the proviso that we may still have to work within Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office by 30 April 2021. 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.

Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant Payment Summary

Mare premium: Foals born 2017

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| Number of Breeders | 80 |
| Number of Mares | 230 |
| Payment Total @ £15.00 | £3,450 |

Fell Pony Society Points Scheme 2018: Payments awarded 2019

4 Year Old+ Performance

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |
| Dam Breeder | £50.00 |
| Sire Breeder | £50.00 |

4 Year Old+ In Hand

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |
| Dam Breeder | £50.00 |
| Sire Breeder | £50.00 |

3 Year Old

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |
| Dam Breeder | £50.00 |
| Sire Breeder | £50.00 |

2 Year Old

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |
| Dam Breeder | £50.00 |
| Sire Breeder | £50.00 |

Foal

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |
| Dam Breeder | £50.00 |
| Sire Breeder | £50.00 |

Endurance

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |

Dressage

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |

Driving

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |

Stallion Premium

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |

Mare Premium

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| Owner | £50.00 |
| Breeder | £50.00 |

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| Yearling Colts | £150.00 |
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| Two Year Olds | £50.00 |
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2019

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| Three Year Olds | £25.00 |
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2019

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| Stallion Premiums | £175.00 |
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2019

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| Mare premiums | -.- |
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| Judges clinics (venue hire) | £260.00 |
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| Printing of Stud Book, contribution | £207.00 |
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| Maintaining Pedeweb database | £388.00 |
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TOTAL **£6,205.00**

Hillhead Online Photo Show Winners

Helen Gallagher of Hillhead Fell Ponies ran a series of photo shows during lockdown and raised an amazing £1,660 for the NHS (see p53). Here are some of the prizewinners.



*Hillhead Online Photo Show - Class: Fell and Best Friend: Vivienne Morris.
Littletree Rhianna and Kimico Dumbledore*



Hillhead Online Photo Show - Class: Rainbow Bridge ponies: Fleur Hallam. Dene Demetra



Hillhead Online Photo Show Points champion Chloe Snowden with Hillhead Dalwhinnie & Urwins Sentimental



Hillhead Online Photo Show - Class: Best mare: Christina Brooks. Knockamillie Jasmine



Hillhead Online Photo Show -Class: Handsome Gelding: Gemma Taylor's Rafland Poacher



Hillhead Online Photo Show - Class: Budding Enthusiasts. Isabella Chippendale with Greenholme Hot Rod



Hillhead Online Photo Show - Class: Adult Happy Handler. Fleur Hallam with Globetrotter Ventura



Hillhead Online Photo Show organiser Helen Gallagher with Hillhead Emma II



Hillhead Online Photo Show - Class: Fell Frolics. Gilly Chippendale's Lammerside Youngsters

Celebrating 100 Years: Fell Pony Society 1922 - 2022



John Harpham

The Fell Pony Society was formed in 1922 to "keep pure the old breed of pony". The pedigrees of registered ponies can be traced back through the stud books into the 19th century, and the Fell Pony Society and Fell Pony Breeders continue to work hard today to keep the qualities of our breed true to its traditional type.

For many people our Fell Pony has created happy memories, from those magical scenes of hill herds on the fell, to owning a family pony, to competing across all disciplines at different levels. For all these reasons, to celebrate 100 years together seems an absolute must.

We are heading into the winter of a challenging year, but we already have a group of volunteers developing a programme of celebrations for 2022.

Potential events

We are considering:

- A dinner/dance/Ball

- Area Support Group activities

- A book celebrating influential stallions and mares, past and present

- A celebration of Past and Present Ponies and People through Paintings and Pictures. (*Which is so alliterative, it suggests the title "P is for Pony!" Ed.*)

We will meet virtually in early November to develop an outline plan, and we'd love to hear from Area Support Groups for their ideas: we are thinking mainly about the week of the Fell Pony Society Breed Show in August 2022, but you might well find it convenient to organise something in your area outside of that week.

Anyone who has any suggestions to make 2022 an even more special year for the Fell Pony, please do get in touch with me via email or Facebook.

Jane Rawden

FPS Centenary Celebrations

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Some of the Awards and Trophy Winners in 2019



Emily Cheetham, Townend Lulu & Hardendale Rowan with their Points Awards rosettes



Brackenthwaite Duke and Huntsmans Dillon with their Driving Points Awards rosettes

(Right) the ribbons ready to be posted to winners.

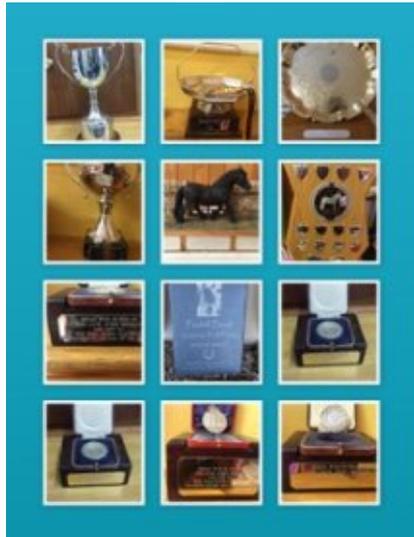


(Below right) the trophies waiting to be awarded - some time!



Murthwaite Sid with his Points Award rosettes

Sue Millard with the Queen Elizabeth II Trophy



A Breath of Fresh Air



South West Area Support Group: Tredellans Petal on top of the world at Carn Marth, Cornwall



Alex Wrigley Photography

Hillhead Online Photo Show - Class: Flying Fells. Claire Simpson's Greenholme Dillon on Silecroft beach.

Filly Foal FIS test refund (2020 only)

Council have agreed that the Youngstock and Performance awards, Edinburgh Prize, Peahill Basil Award, Stallion Show Colt Premiums and Breed Show Progeny premiums cannot be awarded this year due to the coronavirus situation. It has therefore been agreed that the surplus HBLB Grant be used as a one-off offer to refund (or partially refund) the payment of the FIS test for filly foals born in 2020. Rules as follows:

Filly Foal FIS test refund

1. The Society to offer either partial/full refund (maximum £40) depending in take up for the FIS test of filly foals born in 2020.
2. Applicant to be a current FPS member and to be the owner who paid for the test initially.
3. Applicant in the UK only as grant rules only allow payments to those in the UK.
4. Application for refund to be made in writing or by email to the Society by no later than 31 December 2020.
5. Foal to which refund relates must have been registered / passport issued prior to application for refund.
6. Refunds only paid for FIS tests purchased through the Society.

7. The result of the FIS test to be recorded in the passport by the FPS Secretary, certificate to be produced, prior to refund being made. The result also to be recorded on the FPS database but the result will not be released to anyone unless the owner agrees. Agreement to be in writing.

Licensed Colt FIS test refund (payments from 2020 onwards)

1. Refund test fee to owner who paid for FIS test initially, once first progeny registered with the FPS.
 2. Passport and FIS certificate to be submitted to FPS office for result to be recorded in passport prior to issue of refund.
 3. The result also to be recorded on the FPS database but the result will not be released to anyone unless the owner agrees. Agreement to be in writing.
 4. Refund only paid for FIS tests purchased through the Society.
 5. Applicant in the UK only as grant rules only allow payments to those in the UK.
- Any queries, please email the FPS Secretary,
secretaryfellponysociety@gmail.com or
secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk.



*Hillhead Online Photo
Show - Class: Best
Foot. Hillhead
Whiskey. Mark
Gallagher.*

FPS Area Support Groups

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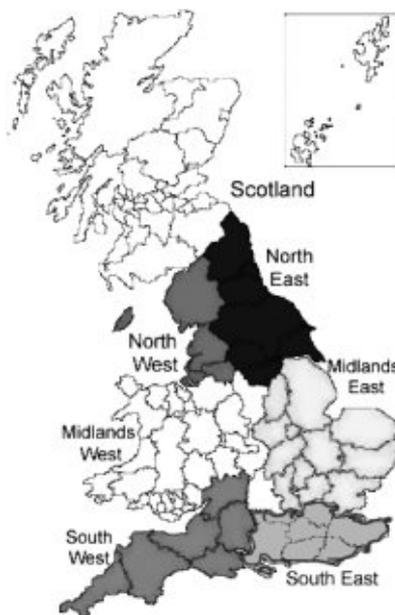
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North East Area Support Group

In the 2020 spring magazine I reported on our very successful Sunday Lunch which was held early in February, and I told you all to start filling in your record books for 2020 so that you could be included in the presentation of rosettes at our 2021 Sunday Lunch event. Unfortunately most of the shows and other events that we love to attend have been cancelled because of Covid-19. As a result we will not be awarding rosettes in February 2021 but we welcome nominations for the four special trophies that are voted on by the committee.

Nominations, please

The four categories are:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Junior Rider / Handler of the Year
- Adult Rider / Handler of the Year
- Fell Pony representative of the Year

Please send your nominations for people and ponies by email to vix2000en@gmail.com to arrive no later than 18th December 2020. A brief account of why you consider this person / pony should receive this award would be helpful. Achievements can be from previous years because 2020 has been a non starter for many people. Don't be shy as we can't know about everyone in our vast north east area.

Photo Shows in 2020

As soon as lockdown was announced, Helen Gallagher came up with the brilliant idea of a photo competition to keep us all motivated and focused until normal activities could resume. Helen and Vicky Parker worked together and very quickly published the categories for a six week competition for north east Fell pony people. Each week had a different 'fun' topic and a different judge. Rosettes were awarded to 6th place but I've only recorded the 1st and 2nd here as these are the ones invited to take part in the championship class. All prize winners and photographs can be seen on our Facebook page at North East Fell Pony Support Group.

Week beginning 30th March: Judge Penny Hollings had to consider 'Fell Smiles'

1st Carrock Night King: Sheila Renwick

2nd Dalefoot Rolo: Carrie-Ann Richardson

Week beginning 6th April: Judge Barbara Dunne had to consider 'Mud Monsters'

1st Brackenthwaite Solo: Bernie Browne

2nd Kerbeck Night Crystal: Helene Westwood

Week beginning 13th April: Judges Richie & Freda Longstaff had 'Sleeping Beauties'

1st Cheshirefells Chocolate: Tenika Bowles

2nd Copperbeech Connor: Jenny Bradley

Week beginning 20th April: Judges Margaret & Billy Stewart had 'Naughty Neddies'

1st Rackwood Black Velvet: Eileen Walker

2nd Hillhead Dalwhinnie: Lynda Scott

Week beginning 27th April: Judge Margaret Wardropper had 'Best Transformation'

1st Cheshirefells Chocolate: Tenika Bowles

2nd Murthwaite Sid: Jules Smith

Week Beginning 4th May: Judge Kim Dodds had to consider 'Precious Moments'

1st Globetrotter Vega: Laura Watson

2nd Murthwaite Sid: Jules Smith

It was a very successful competition, with a different sponsor each week to fund the rosettes and postage. The judges were all willing volunteers who had quite a difficult task especially in the later weeks when the popularity increased. Helen and her friend Heidi Bland continued to run a further six week competition to raise funds for the NHS. This was open to Fell ponies throughout the country and they raised a staggering £1,660. Well done Helen and Heidi.



In the week beginning 11th May, Judge Heidi Bland considered the Championship Class and her choices were:

Champion: Kerbeck Night Crystal:
Helene Westwood (above left)

Reserve Champion: Hillhead Dalwhinnie:
Lynda Scott (above right)

Special Rosette for a fantastic photo:
Rackwood Black Velvet: Eileen Walker
(left)

Outdoor Shows

As the summer progressed and restrictions were eased some outdoor shows started to be organised. My first pony event was a scaled down Native Pony Festival held on 6th September at our usual venue of Crescent Farm, Throckley. Entries were good but the weather let us down with frequent showers during the morning. Fell ponies were well represented and had a very good day taking three of the championships.



M&M In-hand Champion: Hedgethorpe June Delight with Tara Robinson (above)

Junior Ridden Champion: Raisbeck Calico with Annabel Dickinson

WHP Champion: Star II with Ellie Glendinning

The Highland & Fell Pony Camp which normally takes place early in May at Linnel Wood was cancelled during lockdown but Christopher Grant was determined to offer our loyal members some kind of activity day with their ponies. We made plans for Sunday 13th September but the arrival of a new baby put the Charlton family in a very difficult position so a last minute change of venue was found at Little Whittington in Northumberland. Small groups of riders enjoyed flat, jumping and cross country lessons throughout the day as well as having the opportunity to compete in a dressage test and a round of show jumps. A total of twenty-five ponies and riders took part and it was a fabulous day although rather windy. Let us hope that the situation improves sufficiently to hold our 2021 Hairy Camp at our usual venue of Linnel Wood.

I would like to congratulate Jenny (Charlton) and John on the safe arrival of their daughter, Persephone, at the end of August. We shall look forward to meeting her at a Fell pony event in the future and I am sure that with guidance from Grandma Sarah, she will continue the family interest in Fell ponies.

Finally I would like to wish everyone good health, especially for the coming winter, and please continue to enjoy your ponies. Times are very difficult for everyone but our ponies will keep us focused during the challenging times ahead.

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

Midlands West FPS Area Support Group

Looking back on my report for autumn 2019, I commented that unfortunately due to issues such as equine flu restrictions and inclement weather conditions, the 2019 season had proven to be the quietest year ever for the Midlands West Group. When I wrote this, I never imagined what lay ahead for all of us in 2020!

Despite the obvious disappointment that we were unable to run any of our planned events including a new look Spring Festival of Fells Show and our annual Derbyshire Fell Pony Show, Midlands West member Heidi Bland created a rosette and sash making business and ran a series of Fell and Dales Pony photo shows which were great fun, and those of us taking part received beautiful H & H Rosettes and sashes. A big 'well done' is also due to Helen Gallagher of Hillhead Fell Ponies who ran some wonderful on-line Fell Shows resulting in an amazing donation toward NHS workers.

All other events, such our dressage clinic and the much anticipated Paws for Mary - Fun Dog Show and Field Party event, were also casualties of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Whether we will be able to meet for our annual performance awards presentation remains in doubt, but we are considering still taking entries and for this year only hold some separate classes for members who entered on-line shows. We do know that some members were out and about competing before lockdown and in more recent weeks attendance at some of the few shows/events that have been held have yielded useful points for them. There have also been a lot of reports of our members hacking out during lockdown so the Happy Hackers 2020 class should have bumper entries.

John Glaze Memorial Photography Competition

In memory of John Glaze, the Group will still be holding an annual photography competition which will be judged by John's family. There will be a perpetual trophy for the winning entry plus rosettes for runners up. The theme for 2020 will be Fell Ponies and Food! Full entry details will be available shortly on our Facebook Group, web site and Group emails.

Accounts

Accounts for 2019 were prepared and were examined and signed off at our last Committee meeting which was held in January 2020. These have now been sent to the Fell Pony Society for their records. Funds within the Group remain at a healthy level.

Membership

We are indebted to those of you who have paid your subscriptions for 2020 as your renewals ensure we can keep the Group ticking over - so again many thanks. Membership of the Group still remains at £5.00. Details for joining the Group and membership forms are available from our Group website. We are a friendly bunch and would welcome any new members who have an interest in the breed, with or without ponies.

If you would like to know more about joining the Group or have any queries please feel free to ring Diane Key at any time on 01785 282922 or email diane@fellpony.me.uk or find us on Face book - The Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group.

www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk

Diane Key

Elizabeth Marshall

We were all very saddened to hear of the death of Elizabeth Marshall who died peacefully at home on the 25th August 2020 aged 94. Elizabeth and her late husband Hugh were on the original MW Group Committee following the creation of the FPS Area Support Groups by Mary Longsdon MBE. Both Hugh and Elizabeth were long serving committee members for many years and we always looked forward and enjoyed their kind hospitality at their Ashbourne home, where we held our annual Group Luncheon and Performance Awards up until 2016 when Elizabeth decided to 'retire' .

Even then Elizabeth was able to attend the awards to present a new competitive driving trophy in tribute to her mare, Windybank Duke's Rose.



*Elizabeth Marshall presenting Jo Wall with her rosette and shield
at the 2016 Midlands West Group Performance Awards*

We will all miss Elizabeth who was the one of the most remarkable ladies I have ever known. She was so very kind, intelligent, witty and such fun to be with. The MW Area Group would like to pass on our sincere condolences to Elizabeth's family and hope we might be able to attend a memorial service planned for next year.

Diane Key

Midlands East FPS Area Support Group

Beds, Bucks, Cambs, Herts, Leics, Lincs, Rutland, Norfolk, Northants, Essex, Oxfordshire and Suffolk

We will be planning a new programme of events and shows for 2021. Come and join us with or without your ponies, make new friends and find other Fell enthusiasts and owners in your county. We have fun socialising and visiting studs as well as competing. Contact details below.

This has been a very quiet year with little to report but we are delighted to see that some members are now out and about going to clinics, hunt rides, hacking and the odd show.

We have decided to hold-over Midlands East 2020 membership fees till the end of 2021. Hopefully we shall be back at our usual Gotham shows in the Spring.

2021 Show dates for Gotham: 30 May, 11 July, 15 August.

Contact Nic Brierley. 07738471018.

All new events and details will be posted on FPS Midland Facebook site, FPS-MESG website and The Fell Pony Society Website, www.fellponysociety.org

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South West FPS Area Support Group

Some shows have run this year, and there have been Fell ponies out and about.

Karen Hodge's novice mare Kalmara Fantasia has been to a few shows, with excellent results. They recently went to the NPS Autumn Festival where Fantasia was 2nd in the Picton FDH, and 3rd in the Pure Novice Final.

Bolanken Breyberry has also been out showing, and 'Bobbie' and rider Kelcie have been using lockdown time for plenty of training.

Leanne Harman and the Severnvalle ponies have also recently been out to a show. Sweetpea and Ruby Rose did very well and Leanne went home with more rosettes to match her red trousers!



Karen Hodge and Kalmara Fantasia

New ways to show off Fell ponies

Thanks to the virus, South West people have been finding new ways to show off their ponies to the wider world. Jadine Huxtable and Suzy McKirgan have competed at dressage for the first time with their Fells.

Jadine and Severnvalle Onyx showed the TBs and warmbloods how it should be done, with a tremendous score of 73.91% in the Intro class, winning their class.

Suzy and her young Fell Townend Gideon made their debut at Mark Horse Show. They had some lovely comments from the judge, and little Giddy tried his heart out. They were 2nd in the Intro A class.

Sue Ford and Raisbeck Rioja have made their debut in Concours d'elegance.

Sue Burns and Waverhead Ebony have been doing 'Confidence with Obstacles' courses. They recently did their first ridden course. Sue says that Bonbon was brilliant but she was quite interested in eating the floral decorations!

Gemma Hannaford tells me that they used her Fell Tredellans Black Prince to complete lockdown PE homework.

Leanne Harman and Severnvalle Grace have been to Frampton Fun Ride, where they proved that a good Fell can keep up with the big horses.

Keren Masters and Lydvale Ellenor have been out to Crantock Beach in Cornwall for a good long gallop to blow away the lockdown blues.



Jadine Huxtable and Severnvalle Onyx



Suzy McKirgan and Townend Gideon

In Hand Trec

Sharron Camp and Bracklinn Maggie have been competing online at in hand Trec. Sharron says: "I have always been interested in the discipline of Trec so I was delighted

to see a post on a Fell pony Facebook group of someone taking part in an online Trec competition. I was happy to find there were In hand and Ridden classes so I decided to have a go at the In hand class. The course can take some building if like me you don't have many poles, but I managed, and Maggie and I had a go. I was delighted to get placed, but when I received our score sheet I found we had made many mistakes, scoring 0 for some obstacles. I am learning to take care of timings for some obstacles and to be more accurate. It has certainly given Maggie and me a challenge during this summer. Our scores are improving which is encouraging. We haven't tried a ridden class yet, but hope to soon."



Holly Mahal and Lunesdale Dan Matthews

Holly Mahal and Lunesdale Dan Matthews have won showjumping classes at 80cm and 90cm, been to BSPS Summer Champs and also were placed in their first hunter trials.

Date for your diary

Dorset Fell show, 2nd May 2021. Next year's show will be held at Kingston Maurward Agricultural College, just outside Dorchester. For more details see the website www.dorsetfellshow.co.uk

Sharron Camp writes:

"After the disappointment of having to cancel this year's show I am keeping fingers crossed that we will be able to run next year. I have run this show for 12 years but I would like to stand down as show secretary after next year's show. If someone would offer to carry on in 2022 I will be happy to run it with you for that year. I have everything in place to run the show so I can hand it all over. If anyone wants to know more then please contact me."

Sue Howes

Heltondale Rose V and her Progeny

Heltondale Rose V was foaled in 1969 and was out of the bay mare Heltondale Rose, who, in turn, was out of Lady Anne III, taking us back to 1940. Rose was by Heltondale Ranger, who in turn was by H. Mountain Prince (by Heltondale Prince). Fantastic bloodlines I am sure you'll agree. She was the prettiest pony I have ever known.

I can still remember the day that Rose arrived in Leicestershire in 1973, in foal to Heltondale Black Jock, and she produced a colt foal, Wolds Dunlin. She was not put back to the stallion and the following year went away to be broken, but she is the only pony I have ever known who was impossible to break to ride. Not out of nastiness but out of terror. She was absolutely terrified of hands and so I learned the first lesson with wild ponies. Don't wave your hands about, if possible put them in your pockets. Since then I have read that the best way to observe any wildlife is with your hands in your pockets.

After that failure, she came home and became a brood mare. And what a mare: 17 foals altogether. Given that her dam had 16 it is a fair tally between them. Jane Glass's stallion at that time was Waverhead Rob and the combination of those two bred some amazing foals. Rob was by Jim Bell's famous stallion, Waverhead Rambler, so again the lineage was fantastic.

Rose's first foal was Wolds Redstart and like all of Rose's foals she was bay (some were more brown than bay in fact).

WOLDS RED GROUSE (6699)



"Wolds Red Grouse" in his towing Harness, waiting to take a boat down Foxton Locks

Starty had a challenging start to life getting a fencing stake in her neck as a foal, leaving a scar, but despite this she had a successful showing career in hand and under saddle and was a brilliant driving pony. She also bred both pure bred and out bred foals (to thoroughbreds).

In 1976 Rose foaled a colt, W. Red Grouse (left; featured in the FPS Newsletter). He had an interesting life and became a canal pony, pulling a horse drawn narrow boat at Foxton Locks in Leicestershire.

Jane did a stallion swap with Mr Swift of Bannisdale in 1977 and Charlie Drake came south whilst Rob went up to Cumbria. 1978 saw a colt foal by Charlie Drake: W. Kingfisher, about whom I know little, although he was a lovely bay pony again.

One of Rose's most famous offspring, W. Goldfinch, was foaled in 1979. Finch had a fantastic ridden career and went on to win the Northlight Championship and had a model made of him, which proved very popular. Golden Eagle was the next Rose foal in 1980 and he too had a good showing career. He was followed by Kittiwake in 1981 and Golden Plover in 1983. Sadly, Plover died when quite young.

1984 saw W. Lapwing arrive and she, like several of Rose's foals, had a very long life, reaching 32 or 33 I believe. She went up to Shetland for a period before

coming back to Leicestershire where she taught many young people how to ride, hang on, swim a pony and so on. I hunted her a few times and usually stayed near the front, otherwise my arms grew an inch or two! Lapwing was the last Rose/Charlie Drake foal as Rob came home that year. She was brown although bay brown in summer.

Jack Snipe was the next foal 1985, by Rob this time. Despite Rose being 12.2 if she stood on tip toes, and Rob being 13.1, Snipe grew... and grew... to 14.2. The next Rose/Rob foal was Dabchick, who went north but was successful and we saw her at the breed show a few times.

In 1988 Songthrush arrived on the scene, not at the normal foaling time of the year, but on 30th September. I decided, before she was even born, that if she was a filly I was going to buy her as she could be the last filly Rose had. She, like all of Rose's foals, has done everything from happy hacker to Le Trec, cross country, endurance, dressage and showing. One thing she has never done is hunt as she was a very excitable youngster and I felt it would blow her mind. She was very good at displaying her tummy to anybody, including judges and wasn't averse to doing that with me on top. However, I never fell from her and I believe she was really quite safe. At 32 we still poddle round the Cornish lanes but once we trot her heritage comes to the fore and she just has to be in front. I haven't mentioned that I traced her pedigree in the Rose line, back to Old Grey Shales, who in his time was one of the fastest trotters in the country!

1990 saw the arrival, again in September, of the well-known Wolds Woodcock. Sadly, his life was too short (16), but he was the most amazing pony having great success in hand, under saddle, jumping, side saddle and dressage. I hunted him as a youngster and he was stunning and later in life he hunted regularly. I might add that



Rose and her family, around 1994: left to right, Wolds Lapwing, Jane Glass, Wolds Redstart, Heltondale Rose V, Wolds Songthrush, Laura Sanders, and Wolds Woodcock

our local hunt was the Quorn so we had exciting country and caused a few to marvel at our wonderful breed. He won the ridden championships at Lowther, Ponies UK, FPS Southern and many more. He is still sadly missed. Woodie, Songthrush and Dabchick won the mare progeny class at the breed show and another year Rose's progeny again won the class, I think with Redstart, Songthrush and Woodcock but I can't be quite sure now. Waverhead Rob died with liver disease in 1990 or 91 and Jane then stood Ralfland Victor. I'm unsure now as to whether the next two ponies

are still alive, Curlew (1992) and Plover (1993). Curlew went to Mrs Elizabeth Marshall and had a successful career and she may still be in Derbyshire but I'm not sure. I have checked the Grassroots database but I know it is not correct as it lists several of Rose's foals, that I know are dead, as still living, so I can't use that as a guide.

Sadly, Rose's last foal in 1995 had an accident as a foal and didn't survive. Rose herself became ill in 1996 and was put to sleep. Heltondale Rose V was the most gentle mare and everyone loved her. For me, I'm glad that she couldn't be broken as she may have gone elsewhere and we would not have seen all these lovely ponies. Her progeny have touched the lives of so many people and I am sure that some of you reading this will have your own memories of one or more of them. Thank you, Sarge Noble, for that wonderful little mare and thank you, Jane Glass, for letting me be part of her story.

Liz Whitley

The 2022 and 2023 Fell Pony Society Calendars

I have already seen some excellent photos of Fell ponies this year on the different Facebook pages. The deadline for submissions for the 2022 calendar was October 12th 2020. For the 2023 calendar it will be October 11th 2021.

The rules are the same as before, with landscape images preferred over portrait images, though we are happy to accept a limited number of good portrait images.

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

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

If your photo is chosen for the FPS calendar the person that has taken the photograph will receive a free FPS calendar, with the overall winner receiving a £10 FPS voucher and the runner up a £5 voucher.

If hard copy prints are submitted they should be accompanied by a SAE if you would like them to be returned. Single digital images can be sent to the following e-mail:

michael.goddard2014@gmail.com

or alternatively CDs and photographic prints can be mailed to Michael Goddard, 1 Priest Thorn, Fifehead Neville, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2AQ. Can I ask that you do not send more than three images per person and that if you are sending them via e-mail that you either send each image attached to a single e-mail i.e. three photos, three e-mails or alternatively send the images via a Drop Box. Please name your digital files with the name of the pony rather than the long digit file number recorded on your camera, as this makes recording and filing of your entry so much easier for me and for our Secretary.

Looking forward to receiving your entries showing off our most fantastic breed.

Thank you

Michael Goddard

Lockdown News

Although we haven't been able to get together at our usual events, have the craic, and enjoy the social side of Fell ownership, Covid 19 hasn't put a stop to all our fun. Many Fell pony fans have taken the opportunity to try something new, or to overcome their own personal challenges and get back in the saddle.

Clifford Blue Chip

Gabriella Ivey reports that has kept herself and eight-year-old stallion Clifford Blue Chip busy managing sheep in Hampshire.

Blue Chip has been part of the family for the last six years and is usually strutting his stuff in M&M Open HOYS classes, dressage, or out hunting with the South Downs Bloodhounds; but he really loves the shepherding work and life on the farm. The sheep respond very well to the pony, as they have learned that they can't outrun him.

Gabriella says that she certainly misses Blue Chip if she has to work with the sheep on her own as it becomes a much harder job; and that she is often joined by her Mum with Ironstone Raven or Graceland Ellie.



Bybeck Sapphire



Hannah Faulkner has backed her four-year-old Bybeck Sapphire and has been out hacking and on beach rides. More recently she was able to take her seven-year-old, Greenholme Heidi, to the Craven Country Ride for the first time, where they both loved jumping all the 'horse size' fences.

Hannah has also, rather courageously, been trying some of the moves of the great French horseman Lorenzo, and standing on the backs of her trusting ponies...who knows what this could lead to? We're looking forward to the public performance!

Greenholme Hot Rod

Nicola Chippendale and Greenholme Hot Rod have had a chilled, enjoyable lockdown with no showing-related stress or costs. Hot Rod has had to fit in with a multitasking mum more than ever with the kids at home, and proved that he's not just a show pony, but an all round family pony too.



Greenholme Falcon

Chantelle Chapman (15) and Greenholme Falcon (aka Dan) are usually flying the flag for Fells in the showing and enjoy competing at top level junior showing, but Dan has now turned his hoof to workers. He is proving to be bold and consistent and the pair won the Novice 133cm at BSPS Area 6 on their first time out. Chantelle is looking forward to contesting RIHS and HOYS qualifiers next season.



Wellbrow Imogen



After losing her confidence, Zoe Bradley concentrated on breeding ponies under her Crowtree prefix and in-hand showing, but she has found the courage to start riding again. In March she saw the five-year-old Wellbrow Imogen advertised on Facebook, and, hoping that the advert was accurate, she took a risk and bought Imogen without viewing her first. Fortunately, she turned out to be everything that the advert said she would be, and she has helped Zoe regain her confidence. During lockdown they have enjoyed hacking and schooling, and the plan is to compete in some dressage classes next year.

Llanerchbrook Perry

Laura Wilkinson has had a lot of fun with her 'one eyed baby' Llanerchbrook Perry. They enjoyed a socially distanced obstacles day at the yard, have been hacking, and Perry has tackled his first ever jump. Perry's life has not been straightforward, and is not easy with impaired vision, but he takes it all in his stride.

Laura has owned the five-year-old for a very eventful three years. As a three-year-old he started showing signs of uveitis and keratitis; rubbing his eye, holding it tightly closed and had tears streaming down the side of his face. Laura's Vet confirmed the painful condition, which can lead to blindness, and so Perry spent months on box rest in a completely dark and wind free stable. He travelled to and from the vets a few times a month for treatment but, although he was an excellent patient, he looked so sorry for himself; and the injections and implants didn't seem to be working.

In the end Laura, with the help of her Vet, made the difficult decision that this was no life for a three year old who should be out in the field playing with his friends; so the best thing for him was to remove his right eye. Laura was very worried and upset about the idea of surgery, but the immediate change in Perry was amazing; almost as soon as the surgery was done and he came round from the anaesthetic, she could see his relief; and he seemed back to his usual cheeky and affectionate self.

When he was diagnosed there were concerns about the other eye, so now he lives in his Equivisor UV mask when turned out or ridden as a precautionary measure. His visor only comes off when he is in a show ring, or in his dark, sheltered stable inside an indoor barn.



Laura is very happy to report that there have been no signs of any flares in his remaining eye since the right eye was removed, and that he's no different to any other pony.

The mask attracts a lot of attention from walkers and cyclists, but he's always happy to stop for a chat and some fuss. A lot of people ask if his restricted sight makes him spooky, but he is far from it; he loves hacking out and is excellent in traffic.

Virtual Showing

Lots of Fell fans have taken the opportunity to try 'virtual' or 'on-line' showing during lockdown, where entries are made by uploading photographs or videos, and mostly without all the endless cleaning and preparation that our normal showing classes require.

Greenholme Lewis

Jodie Evans has been successfully enjoying on-line showing with her three-year-old colt, Greenholme Lewis, who has won several young stock classes and a few open classes too. Lewis's biggest achievement was winning his youngstock Fell class, youngstock championship and overall reserve champion on the 'Show from Home' Facebook page. Jodie says that she could definitely get used to the idea of showing 'without lifting a finger', and that while his handsome photograph has been being admired, he has been enjoying lockdown-life as a mud monster in the field.



Bracklinn Ella

Another owner who has enjoyed the virtual showing is Jules Smith with her newly backed mare Bracklinn Ella. Having waited more than a year to find the right pony, Jules is delighted with Ella's progress and thinks that it was worth the wait. Ella is an absolute dream to own and as a bonus she has been winning her on-line classes.



Raisbeck Rioja

Last October Sue Ford got her very first Fell pony Raisbeck Rioja (Rio) at the age of 58 and had lots of plans for the 14-year-old 'diva of a mare'. In March they competed in their first concours d'elegance class, but then came the lockdown, and, as a key worker, Sue had little spare time. As lockdown progressed and the online shows started, Sue's husband was bribed to help with a photo shoot that provided the images for on-line in hand and ridden classes. Sue says that

what has been fabulous about the last few months is that she has been able to take the time to bond properly with her special mare with no show pressures. They have enjoyed lots of fun out hacking and splashing about in water, which she loves.

Hillhead Photo Shows

On the other side of the on-line showing fence, Helen Gallagher of Hillhead Fell Ponies ran a series of shows during lockdown and raised an amazing £1,660 for the NHS. (Photos on p32.) Helen had the idea when she needed a distraction after her house was flooded by Storm Dennis in February. She was having a terrible time, unable to get tradesmen to help get the property straightened out, and she needed to put her mind to something different.

Judges and sponsors were found, and a wide variety of classes were held that gave everyone an opportunity to submit their favourite photographs and have some fun while raising money for the NHS.

Well done Helen, and everyone else who has kept us entertained and raised money for charity.

You deserve a round of applause!

(Where did all those words come from? I thought there was nothing to say ?!?!?!?)

Claire Simpson

Severnvale Kirby

I have just purchased a Fell pony for my granddaughter... I have been reading your group on FaceBook and note you don't have much to report in the next magazine so I thought I'd send you a picture of her and Kirby - this is her first pony and she is over the moon with him! Think her face says it all!

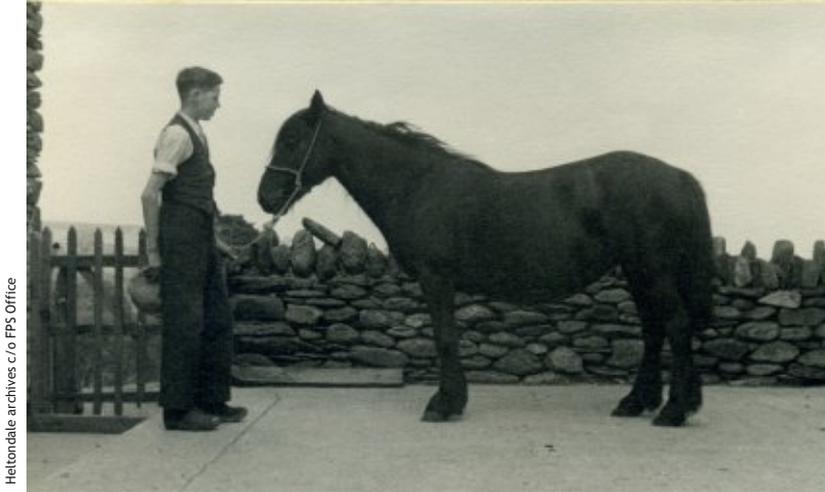
Heather Franklin



Archive Treasures

Thanks to Barbara Brown, Sue Howes and Katherine Wilkinson for finding and sending me these old photos and magazine clippings. However, I have received a surprising amount of "lockdown material" in spite of the lack of shows, so I haven't used all the archive photos here because I think they may come together later as a separate project.

Sue Millard



Heltondale archives c/o FPS Office

T. Noble with Topsy XXIV, 1946



Tommy Noble, pre 1949



Sarge Noble on Heltondale Darkie, 1940s.



Heltondale Darkie, foaled 1941

THE NATIVE PONY AND ITS FUTURE By R. S. Summerhays

Much Must Be Done To Save Some Breeds



The round-up for branding. Dartmoor ponies being brought down from the moor.

THIS country of ours is the very nursery of the horse world. Here we claim to breed, and indeed we feel we have always bred, the best of all the breeds and because of this we are the horse-market of the world. The English thoroughbred is supreme, and every country in the world which breeds horses to any considerable extent has always come to Great Britain for its stock. We must fight to maintain that unique position.

My particular subject, and it is one with which we should concern ourselves most seriously is the preservation and improvement of our native ponies. Among the breeds of Britain ranking high in importance are the Mountain and Moorland which consist of the New Forest, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh, Fell and away to the North the Highland and Shetland. Each has its own breed society and the parent of them is the National Pony Society. The war days have found great inconsistency in the activities of these breeds, for while some have carried on, very gallantly striving all the time to keep up to the pre-war standard, others have sunk into a state of quietude and it will require most strenuous efforts spread over a considerable period to shake them into anything like life again.

Great praise is due to the New Forest Pony Society and to its Honorary Secretary, Major Sir Berkeley Pigott, Bart., for the way they have kept the breed going during the war, and none could have laboured under greater difficulties than the Forester when it is remembered that practically the whole of his range was included in those vast pre-D

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Day activities. He was, indeed, badly over-run. Yet in spite of this the New Forest Pony is very much to the fore and only a few weeks ago I judged the Society's stallion show and saw a brave array of perhaps 60 or 70 stallions of all ages off the Forest. No other Society produces such numbers.

I feel, therefore, no great concern for this breed and the Welshman, of which there are three types, the Mountain pony, his bigger brother the Welsh pony and the Welsh cob, for the strong body behind them will see that this beautiful pony will flourish.

Next on my list we have the Fell pony, that stocky, hardy and attractively balanced pony which as all the world knows is hard to buy now by reason of its being in such short supply. It has, however, a great champion in Mr. Roy Charlton who is seeing to it that every good mare produces a foal and in addition a small stud is ever increasing at Gowbarrow Farm by the courtesy and goodwill of the National Trust.

This Fell pony is one to be cultivated and it is a pity we do not see more of him in the South of England, for he will carry the not too small child and its parents and being long-lived and an economical feeder, should be a paying proposition.

The Highland pony is well-fostered by the Scottish Board of Agriculture and, to a less extent perhaps, the world's toy pony, the Shetland, is holding its own.

The same cannot be said of the Exmoor and Dartmoor and the pity of this is emphasised by the fact that they are both excellent child's ponies. Unless some people in the respective localities make it their business to maintain, improve and market these ponies the position will deteriorate even more rapidly than it is at the



Fell pony mares belonging to Mr. Roy Charlton on the low ground at Patterdale.

Riding, Summer, 1945

Article in *Riding Magazine* by R S Summerhays, Summer 1945

present time. If matters do not improve there will be no good ponies left of the true Exmoor and Dartmoor type. It cannot be argued by way of excuse that these ponies are not in demand, for the reverse is the case. Those in charge of their destiny should realise that buyers will cease to ask for them if the supply is ever-decreasing. They are breeds which the horse world should not be without, for their virtues are many and it would indeed be a tragedy if the true Dartmoor and Exmoor pony should become a thing of the past.

There we seem to have what appears to me to be the position of the breeds in terms of good, indifferent and bad, but we may surely take heart and be of strong hope in the interest and good intent of the Horse sub-committee formed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Persons of high repute in the horse and pony world serve on this committee, and I feel we can look with confidence to much good resulting from their deliberations. Then again the National Horse Association have schemes which it is hoped will be put on foot at no distant date, from which the Mountain and Moorland classes will benefit and it is all to the good that shows at Syston in Leicestershire and Newbury in Berkshire are staging Mountain and Moorland classes.

It is greatly to the credit of Miss Betty Morley, District Commissioner of the Quorn branch of the Pony Club, that a truckload of selected New Forest ponies, all registered or capable of being registered in their stud book was sent to Leicester and sold and sold well, at auction. So satisfactory was this found to be that now a truckload of Welsh mountain ponies are to make the journey to Leicester. This is real co-operation between breeder and buyer and it could be done in many other parts of the country with great advantage. All the ponies are guaranteed as to registration; most important this.

No doubt there are many owners, actual and prospective, who would do what they could for the native



Champion Welsh pony brood mare at the Royal Show.

pony, but are at a loss to know how to set about it. First and foremost, I feel that they should join the Society which cares for the breed of their fancy, and not only join, but see that those concerned are *active and ardent workers*. They should buy only Mountain and Moorland ponies for their children, not because they are Mountain and Moorland, but because if they are good of their kind no better choice could be made. They should also do what they can to persuade shows and gymkhanas in their locality to put Mountain and Moorland classes on their schedules. This is the best form of encouragement and great publicity and I believe the time will come when every show of any repute will have at least one such class, and one hopes too, to see the ponies shown in hand and under saddle.

These are just a few ideas. No breed can flourish, however hard the different Societies work, unless support comes from the buying end. I do urge, and this is addressed particularly to parents who have young children in the saddle, that they should weigh the virtues of our native breeds before considering the purchase of the cross-bred pony. This is the day of the grass-fed out-all-the-year pony and any of the breeds which I have mentioned provide the exact article.

Not the least of the virtues of these ponies is the fact that they thrive best of all on a diet of grass, and a little hay in the more severe weather. Their natural roof is the sky. Kept in this way they remain well and do not develop those cheeky habits so common to the corn-fed, stabled pony; accidents happen so easily, whether from mischief or vice is immaterial, and what a consideration this is to the parent who has the safety of its child at heart. These ponies are hardy, safe and lovable, and parents should not forget this. Do parents consider sufficiently the educational value of a pony to the shy, backward, complex child?



At Cuffnell's Park, Lyndhurst—a scene at the annual New Forest Stallion Show.

Riding, Summer, 1945



Visiting mares at the FPS Stallion Enclosure near Caldbeck, probably 1960s. The Enclosure Scheme made use of several rough allotments over the years it existed, from High Arnside in the south to Berrier, Wet Sleddale and Dowthwaite Head in the north of Cumbria.



Mr E Walker's Baslow Tempest 3003, at the Stallion Show in Penrith in 1950

THE INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW - - by Robert Colville

GREAT PERFORMANCES BY BRITISH SHOW JUMPERS



A group of early Britons in the Cavalcade of Horsemen through the Ages, which was directed by Mr. R. S. Summerhays. They are mounted on Fell ponies.

THE International Horse Show, which was held at the White City Stadium, London, at the end of July, was a pronounced success—especially for British show jumpers. On the first afternoon Their Majesties the King and Queen were driven round the arena behind a pair of white professional horses, and other distinguished visitors included Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the Earl of Athlone, accompanied by Princess Alice.

Before coming to the competitive events, it may be convenient to say something of the Cavalcade of Horsemen through the Ages, which was directed by Mr. R. S. Summerhays, produced by Mrs. S. A. Walker, while Dr. C. R. Beard was the historical adviser. The underlying idea of the Cavalcade was to show English men and women in the riding costumes they have worn between 66 B.C. and the present day. Many interesting hours could have been spent in examining the bits, spurs, stirrup irons and so on—for many of them were genuine contemporary examples.

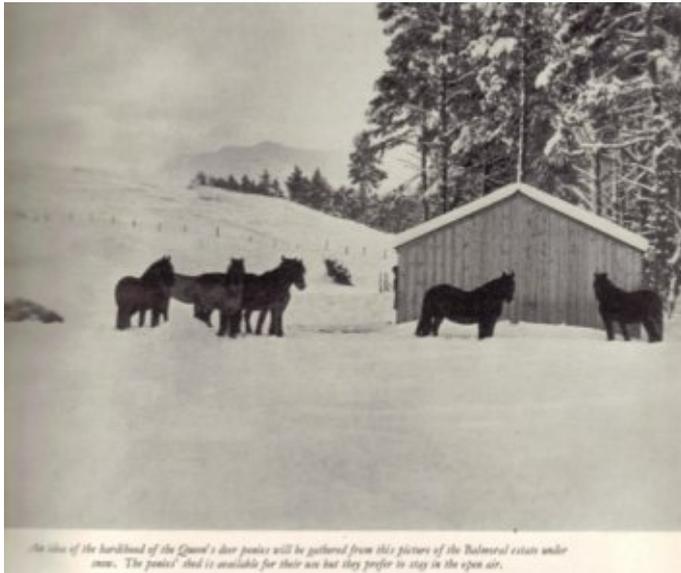
First came the early Britons—a chieftain and his men—who were mounted on Fell ponies, then came William the Conqueror, who was accompanied by

Queen Matilda. One of the most impressive figures was the Black Prince. He was wearing armour, and his horse was draped in the black livery to which the Prince owed his nickname. He was, fitly enough, riding a Shire horse, representing the Great Horse of his time, and he was accompanied by the Countess of Kent and two yeomen. Queen Elizabeth, who rode with the Earl of Leicester, was quite unmistakable, and this pair was followed by the Duke of Newcastle, famous for his book, *Horsemanship in all its Branches*, and Prince Charles.

Dick Turpin rode a most suitable black horse—representing Black Bess—and the Marchioness of Salisbury, accompanied by a hunt servant, also represented the Georgian period. Queen Victoria, who was riding a Palomino mare, was at the head of the next section, and she was followed by the Empress of Austria. The Empress, it will be remembered, took up quarters in Cottesbrooke Park in January, 1878, and, with Capt. "Bay" Middleton (also in the Cavalcade), proceeded to show the way to many of the Pytchley field. Fred Archer was quite unmistakable, and he was followed by Tod Sloan, who introduced the crouching seat.

The Cavalcade ended with the fifth Earl of Lons-

International Horse Show reported in Riding Magazine, September 1950



An idea of the hardihood of the Queen's deer ponies will be gathered from this picture of the Balmoral estate under snow. The ponies' shed is available for their use but they prefer to stay in the open air.

Fells in the snow at Balmoral: "An idea of the hardihood of the Queen's deer ponies will be gathered from this picture of the Balmoral estate under snow. The ponies' shed is available for their use but they prefer to stay in the open air."



Peggy Crosland's Packway ponies above Windermere

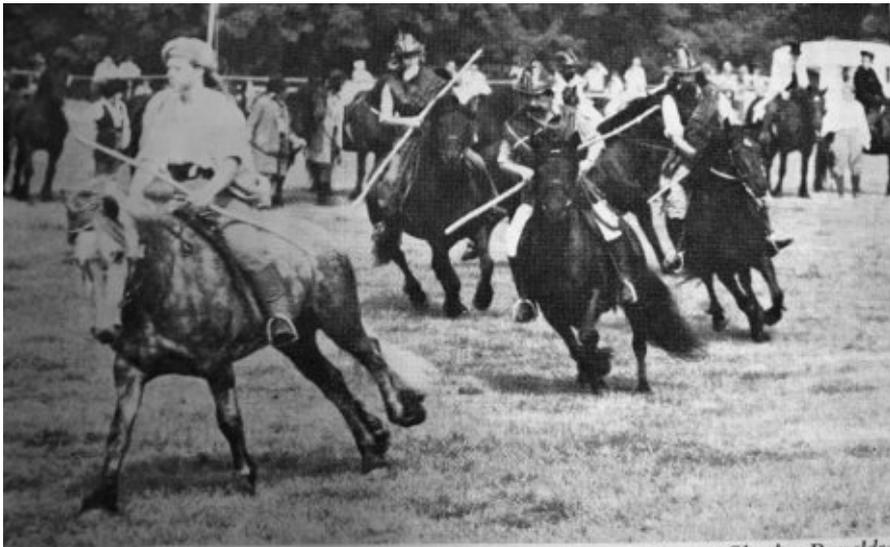


Photo: Charles Donaldson
Border Raiders in the tableau "The History of the Fell Pony".

Photo Courtesy of Suzy McKirgan

1976 NPS Review - Border Raiders in The History of the Fell Pony.



Mrs Williamson's Tarnbeck Major and his dam Tarnbeck Mayqueen at Cartmel Show, 1986

Greenfield Osprey

On the theme of veterans, here is today's photo of Greenfield Osprey (Ozzie), born May 1996 and still going strong at 24 years old.

He was bought as a daughter/mum share when my daughter was 10 and he was also 10. Still being ridden by both of us, he loves his hacking.

Kind regards

Lynne Cooper



Baronhill Briar Rose (Penny) 1996-2020

Sleddale Bertie x Baronhill Cinderella

A bright happy pony whom everyone loved and who gave me endless joy and fun, Penny also gave my six grandchildren their first experiences of riding.

She was a great ambassador for the Breed in an understated way. The children from the village school would run across the playground to see her, shouting, "Penny the Fell, Penny the Fell!"



As I rode through the village to the bridleway people would stop me and say, "You always look so happy riding that pony. I wish I hadn't stopped riding." I made sure most of them ended up by knowing a lot more about Fell ponies!

Over the twenty one years I had her we rode the Mary Townley Loop with nine other Fells, did long distance rides in Wales (pioneering the Sarne Helen ride from Brecon Beacons to Port Talbot), Cotswolds and Derbyshire and many Pleasure rides.

She was a wonderful all round pony. We both loved riding with other Fells, over Cannock Chase, Trotting races, LRBA rides and events with Midlands East and West Support groups. Most of all, she was a great friend.

Thank you, Pen.

Kate Merry

Breeze (FP2620), 15.06.1994 – 15.07.2020

Bewcastle Boy Blue x Heltondale Dusky VI

After our partnership of over twenty years, it was with a heavy heart that I had to say goodbye to this lovely mare. It was both a privilege and honour to have owned her. Breeze was my second Fell Pony whom I purchased from my late great friend Mary Longsdon MBE in 1999.



On a very rainy MW FPS Group Pleasure Ride at Burwarton Park

Breeze was actually bred by a gentleman in Bristol, by Mary's lovely stallion Bewcastle Boy Blue and out of Heltondale Dusky VI. It was through my good friend Lesley Weston that I met not only Breeze but Mary as well.

While Breeze's breeder did register her with the FPS, he did not have a stud prefix so rather enigmatically she was named simply Breeze - a name which suited her very well.

When Breeze came home to join my Fell mare Scotgate Solitaire (Sparkie) they liked each other right from the start, becoming almost inseparable companions. We enjoyed

many wonderful years together, competing mainly in hand classes, with Breeze never out of the ribbons.

We also enjoyed many Midlands West Group events such as pleasure rides, the annual Leg It (trotting races) and Breeze, along with Sparkie, often featured in events where we needed demonstration ponies. One of the last demonstrations they took part in was an equine acupuncturist demo where Breeze was so relaxed she almost fell asleep.

Having lost Sparkie last year at 29 years, Breeze became the most wonderful 'nanny' to my fillies, Boutime Mary and Morry Princess Holly, who had the greatest respect for this kind but firm, gentle mare. Breeze was an absolute pleasure to own and we developed a deep bond despite her early occasional youthful hot-head moments!

On July 15th, following a short period of illness, our partnership came to end and I had to say a final farewell to my lovely Breeze. She was laid to rest at home next to Sparkie - together again as they had been in life.

When I think of Breeze I am reminded of the poem 'An English Breeze' by Robert Louis Stevenson which ends, "While swift and singing, smooth and strong, She gallops by the fields along."

Thank you Breeze X

Diane Key

Lownthwaite Gary, 24-5-1991 – 13-8-2020



Sadly we have said our last goodbyes to our beloved Lownthwaite Gary this year at the fantastic age of 29.

Gary was our stud stallion for over 25 years, siring his last filly at the age of 27 for us. Bred by the Late Frank Wales at the Lownthwaite stud, Gary came to Waverhead as a 6 month old weanling, and was my Mam, Nancy's, pride and joy, being her pony of a lifetime, and very much loved by us all too.

Lownthwaite Gary was by Heltondale Duke IV, one of my Grandfather, Jim Bell's, favourite stallions and so was welcomed to the Waverhead Stud.

In his years of service Gary has sired 148 registered Fell Pony foals & then a few more too! Looking at his offspring over the years he has left a definite "stamp" of pony, the majority of which have gone on to be prize winners. He had his own glory days with my Mam in the showring, winning the Stallion Show Youngstock Championship as a 2 year old, then on to their proudest achievement together as the Overall Champion at the Stallion Show in 1998. Even though I tried, Gary & I never quite got there ... but his offspring have given me great pleasure too, with both of my boys Waverfoot Warrior & Waverfoot Gary at the Stallion Shows - but like me trying to show Lownthwaite Gary I never quite got the way Mam did ... but we tried for her.

We thank you, Lownthwaite Gary, for being the character and lovable rogue that you were - thank you for the ponies you have given us over the years.

You will be sadly missed by us all, especially Barbara, who has had to put up with you calling everytime she passed your door, to either let you out, to let you back in, at feeding time and generally just trying to get yourself noticed, you old devil!

R.I.P. Lownthwaite Gary. We have shed tears watching you trotting off to find your beloved Nancy over Rainbow Bridge.

Hilary Lightfoot, Waverhead & Waverfoot Fell Ponies

Merchandise list

| CLOTHING | Price | P & P | Total | | | | |
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| Baseball Caps | £8.00 | £2.00 | £10.00 | Spirit Of The Fell Pony | £5.00 | £2.00 | £7.00 |
| Crew Neck S/Shirts (adult) | £17.50 | £3.50 | £21.00 | The Fell Pony (C Richardson) | £7.50 | £2.00 | £9.50 |
| Dropped Hem Sweatshirt | £30.00 | £3.50 | £33.50 | Travels With A Pony | £10.00 | £2.00 | £12.00 |
| Fleece Jackets | £21.00 | £3.50 | £24.50 | Walk On The Wild Side | £12.50 | £2.00 | £14.50 |
| Fleece S/Shirt+Collar | £21.00 | £3.50 | £24.50 | STUDBOOKS / NEWSLETTERS | | | |
| Fleece Waistcoats (adult) | £22.00 | £3.50 | £25.50 | Black Stud Book 1898-1980 | £5.00 | £3.50 | £8.50 |
| Full Zip Hoody | £24.00 | £3.50 | £27.50 | Stud Books To 1999 (each) | £1.00 | £1.50 | £2.50 |
| Hats | £8.00 | £2.00 | £10.00 | 2000 To 2006 (each) | £5.00 | £1.50 | £6.50 |
| Hi-Vis Waistcoats | £10.00 | £2.00 | £12.00 | 2007 - 2019 (each) | £6.00 | £1.50 | £7.50 |
| Hoody Overhead | £22.00 | £3.50 | £25.50 | Newsletter Back Copies | £1.00 | £1.50 | £2.50 |
| Polo Shirts (adult's) | £15.00 | £3.50 | £18.50 | PLASTICS | | | |
| Polo Shirts (child's from age 2) | £10.00 | £2.00 | £12.00 | Bowls | £2.50 | £3.50 | £6.00 |
| Rugbyshirts | £30.00 | £3.50 | £33.50 | Clear Tumblers | £2.50 | £3.50 | £6.00 |
| Soft Shell Jackets | £30.00 | £3.50 | £33.50 | Cutlery Sets (with Logo) | £3.00 | £3.50 | £6.00 |
| Ties | £12.00 | £2.00 | £14.00 | Cutlery Sets (no Logo) | £2.50 | £3.50 | £6.00 |
| Fleece Waistcoats (adult) | £12.00 | £2.00 | £14.00 | Mugs | £2.50 | £3.50 | £6.00 |
| Waterproof Waistcoat | £30.00 | £3.50 | £33.50 | Plates | £2.50 | £3.50 | £6.00 |
| | | | | Trays | £5.00 | £2.50 | £7.50 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | | |
| Back Pack | £12.00 | £3.50 | £15.50 | | | | |
| Badges | £3.00 | £1.00 | £4.00 | | | | |
| Ball Point Pen | £2.00 | £1.00 | £3.00 | | | | |
| Ball Point Pen (basic) | £1.00 | £1.00 | £2.00 | | | | |
| Car Stickers (round or rectangle) | £1.00 | £1.00 | £2.00 | | | | |
| Car Stickers (i Fell For A Fell) | £1.00 | £1.00 | £2.00 | | | | |
| Crayons Pack 6 | £2.50 | £1.00 | £3.50 | | | | |
| Facecloths | £4.00 | £1.50 | £5.50 | | | | |
| Fridge Magnets | £2.00 | £1.00 | £3.00 | | | | |
| Gel Pen | £2.00 | £1.00 | £3.00 | | | | |
| Glass Tumbler | £10.00 | £4.00 | £14.00 | | | | |
| Large Lorry Stickers 8" | £8.00 | £1.00 | £9.00 | | | | |
| Large Trailer Stickers 22" | £12.00 | tbw | | | | | |
| Mouse Mats | £3.00 | £2.00 | £5.00 | | | | |
| Mugs | £5.00 | £3.50 | £8.50 | | | | |
| Pencils | £0.50 | £1.00 | £1.50 | | | | |
| Permit Holders | £2.00 | £1.00 | £3.00 | | | | |
| Phone Purse | £7.00 | £2.00 | £9.00 | | | | |
| Shopping Bags - Coloured | £6.00 | £1.00 | £7.00 | | | | |
| Shoulder Bag | £8.00 | £3.50 | £11.50 | | | | |
| Table Mats | £7.50 | £2.00 | £9.50 | | | | |
| Tea Towels | £4.00 | £1.50 | £4.50 | | | | |
| Teddies | £4.50 | £3.50 | £8.00 | | | | |
| Tote Bags (large) | £7.00 | £2.00 | £9.00 | | | | |
| Towels | £6.00 | £3.50 | £9.50 | | | | |
| Umbrella | £15.00 | It is not possible to post this item. | | | | | |
| Wallets | £7.00 | £1.50 | £8.50 | | | | |
| Wristbands | £1.50 | £1.00 | £2.50 | | | | |
| CARDS | | | | | | | |
| Calendars | £6.00 | £2.00 | £8.00 | | | | |
| Christmas Cards Pack 5 | £2.50 | £1.00 | £3.50 | | | | |
| Hand Drawn Card, Each | £1.00 | £0.70 | £1.70 | | | | |
| Notelets Pack 5 | £2.50 | £1.00 | £3.50 | | | | |
| Post Cards Pack 10 | £1.50 | £1.00 | £2.50 | | | | |
| Post Cards Pack 12 | £2.00 | £1.00 | £3.00 | | | | |
| BOOKS/CD/DVD | | | | | | | |
| A5 Binders | £8.00 | £3.50 | £11.50 | | | | |
| British Horse&Pony Breeds | £19.00 | £3.50 | £22.50 | | | | |
| DVD - The Fell Pony | £15.00 | £2.00 | £17.00 | | | | |
| DVD - Windsor | £15.00 | £2.00 | £17.00 | | | | |
| DVD - FP Events 1995-1997 | £5.00 | £1.50 | £6.50 | | | | |
| Fell Diamonds | £5.00 | £2.00 | £7.00 | | | | |
| Fell Facts | £2.00 | £1.00 | £3.00 | | | | |
| Fell Fun | £2.00 | £1.00 | £3.00 | | | | |
| History CD | £13.00 | £1.50 | £14.50 | | | | |
| Hoofprints In Eden | £17.00 | £3.50 | £20.50 | | | | |
| Humbling Experience | £19.00 | £2.00 | £21.00 | | | | |
| Jubilee Book | £5.00 | £2.00 | £7.00 | | | | |
| Letters Home | £8.00 | £2.00 | £10.00 | | | | |
| Lifetime With Ponies | £20.00 | £3.50 | £23.50 | | | | |
| One Fell Swoop | £5.00 | £2.00 | £7.00 | | | | |



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Christmas card 001



Christmas card 002



Christmas card 003

*Christmas Cards
001-004
Pack of 5
£2.50 + £1.00 P&P*

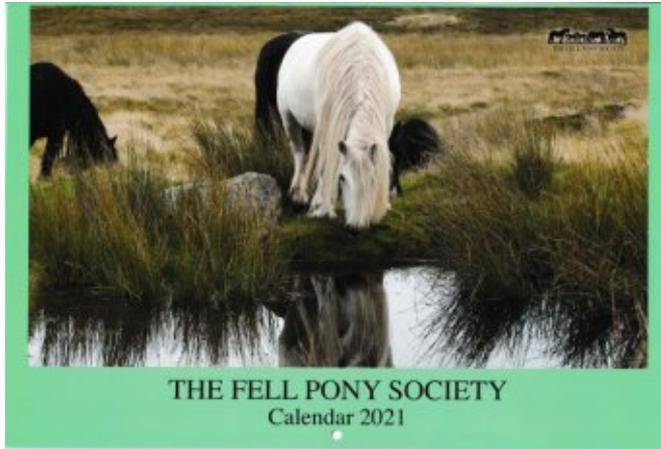


Christmas card 004



Hand Drawn Christmas card 005

*Hand Drawn Card 005, Each
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