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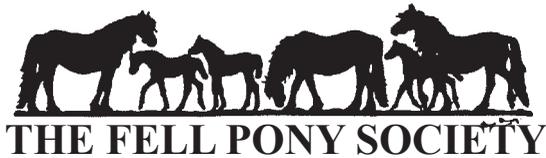
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*Memories of the Olympic spirit at the Southern Breed Show in September: Meres
Just-a-Mo (Mrs NE Paterson) Photo: Pam Clingan - FredTheCat.co.uk*



Courtney Read and “Teddy”, Carrock Stormbreaker (s. Towerview Spirit of Joy, d. Townend Sugar) who have been awarded this year’s FPS Ridden Bursary.



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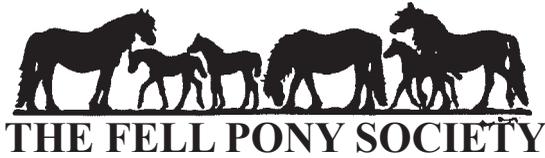


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Editorial

It's been a busy few weeks.

This year my editing of the Spring Magazine has coincided with the production of the 90th Anniversary Book, *Fell Diamonds*, which not only celebrates 90 years of the Fell Pony Society but draws together all the events, social and competitive, which featured in the Convention Week last August. We have articles in there that you won't have read before, plus beautiful photographs and the results and winning entries for the Writing Competition—grand reading they are too. It's well worth a fiver of anybody's money. That's not to say that the Magazine has been neglected... it has just had stiff competition which it isn't used to.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed—too many to mention individually—and who got your material to me well before the copy deadline. Maybe I shall have time to go out and drive a Fell pony now!

Guidelines for submitting material for the magazine and web site are at the back of this issue, along with links to find them on the web site in future. Clean, unformatted, non-tabbed text is always very welcome.

Incidentally—members, Support Groups and Branches—please check that your contact details are correct on the FPS site, and if they aren't, please tell me so I can update them. We want to make sure people can find you!

Deadline for the Autumn 2013 issue is, as always, 1st September.

Sue Millard—1st February 2013



Letters to the Editor

Thank you for the latest edition of FP news which I always enjoy very much.

The archive photograph you are trying to populate with names (*2012 Spring and Autumn issues of the Magazine*) is fascinating. I watch with interest—however my father, Jim Wykes, didn't join the Council until well after the date of the photo, indeed we didn't have our first Fell pony until the mid 1970's.

Hope that helps a little with identity, or non-identity!
Many thanks

Sheila Hardy



Chairman's Report

Over the turn of the year our Society has lost two very good friends:

Ailie Newall and her Dene ponies were renowned throughout the country long before the M & M breeds had reached their popularity over the last few decades.

Chris Thompson bred the Drybarrows ponies as a semi-feral herd on the fells. Again you will find them across the country and many have been exported around the world and will be the foundation stock of future studs.

Both Ailie and Chris were huge supporters of our Society, serving on both Council and committees, and giving their time and expertise so generously to help us all.

The recession continues to be of concern to everyone. Our Society has made a loss for the second year and we need to be more careful with our housekeeping. We are extremely grateful to our Treasurer, Elizabeth, who has given a great deal of thought as to how we can create a more even balance of our finances.

On a brighter note, I would like to thank HRH The Duke of Edinburgh for his year as our President; we are very grateful for his generous support and enthusiasm. Our thanks go also to Bob who filled the gap on some occasions with the usual Charlton charm. My thanks as ever go to Christine and our Council who are the backbone of our Society, always willing to protect our ponies and help our members in many ways. We are grateful to all those who help and work on our various committees, organising specific activities and taking some of the workload off Council.

This year we have updated some ideas for the Probationer Judges scheme, as for the assessment day we intend to use a panel of judges picked at random annually by Council from our Judges list. The selection and training of new judges is absolutely vital to maintain the traditional high standard of our breed. Our very sincere thanks go to Peter Boustead and Ellen Jones, and indeed all the committee, who have worked so diligently, giving their time and expertise over the recent years.

I am sure you all realise the enormous amount of hard work and thought that Elizabeth and Katherine put into the everyday running of our Society, which is much appreciated, and the good name of our Society is largely due to their dedication.

Gwen Williamson has passed on her job of organising our affiliation rosettes, which are sent out to shows all over the country, to her daughter Helen Jones. A brilliant idea to keep it in the family, so many thanks to them both.

We have another excellent copy of our magazine, so many thanks to Sue Millard who also manages our website and helps with the publicity which is very ably organised by Claire Simpson, who keeps the Fell pony well to the fore on the national front.

I realise I have said this before, but the help received from our membership in various and vital ways that keep our Society and our ponies flourishing, is something of which we can all be extremely proud. My very sincere thank you, not only for this previous year, but also for the last ten years when I have had the great honour to be your Chairman.

All good wishes

Mary



Photo: Verena Wülser

In Switzerland, Lo-Pe Flag and Tamara Wulser try ski-joring.



Secretary's Report, Spring 2013

I'm writing this on 28 January and, as usual, we still have unresolved foal registrations from last year - maybe next year we could have them all sorted by the end of December? The number of registrations has fallen again with 348 foals registered and 3 still to complete. We have recently been notified by the RBST that we remain in Category 4, At Risk, for 2013. We have also recently received our grant from the HorseRace Betting Levy Board and are very grateful that we are still eligible for this.

DEFRA are still looking at the issue of quality and robustness of passports and we expect to hear from them about this later in the year.

Gwen Williamson has stepped down from dealing with our affiliations and I am very grateful to her for doing this job for so many years. I am also very pleased and grateful that her daughter, Helen Jones, has agreed to take over from her, keeping it in the family and being a big help to the office.

Borrowdale Shepherds' Meet and Show have written to the Society to say that they have decided not to include any Fell pony classes in future shows. They thanked the Society and members for their support over the years since the show was reintroduced in 1988, and wished members and the Society a successful 2013.

You will see from the accounts enclosed with this magazine that the Society has again made a loss in the last financial year. While this is perhaps to be expected in a time of recession, I have made some suggestions to Council about areas where we need to make changes and these are reflected in a new scale of fees and charges published in this magazine and effective from 1 March 2013. We have been charging an additional £5 on overseas transfers to cover the cost of posting passports for several years and this £5 postage fee is now added into other overseas transactions to cover the postage costs which increased substantially last year. Some years ago, before I started doing this job, the Society took the decision to claim Gift Aid on member's subscriptions - this entailed there being no financial benefit to being a member of the Society and so registration and transfer fees were made the same for members and non-members. There was a poor take up for the signing of Gift Aid forms and the amount claimable has been decreasing steadily over the years. Consequently, Council have agreed that we should revert to the previous system where members have preferential rates for business transacted and we will no longer claim Gift Aid on subscriptions. It should also be noted that although we made a loss in 2011/12, our reserves are still in excess of those recommended in our Reserves policy.

Council agreed last year that registration costs for 2013 should be reduced by £5 per foal - this will be in the form of a rebate which will be paid to members only for foals that are registered within the appropriate timescale.

We received a letter in the autumn from Langdales, our accountants, to say the practice will be having a change of ownership, as Geoff Langdale moves towards retirement. The firm is merging with a Chartered Accountancy practice called Brosnans, based in West Yorkshire, but the team at Langdales will stay as it is and Geoff will be there three days a week for the time being, so I don't anticipate there will be much change for us.

Elizabeth



Provisional Dates for 2013

Please check the FPS website for any late alterations to dates. Many of the shows will have printed schedules available for collection at the AGM.

23 March, Saturday

Annual General Meeting, 1 pm.
Orton Market Hall, Orton,
Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3RJ

3, 4 & 5 May (Fri, Sat & Sun)

Fell and Highland Camp at Linnel
Wood

11 May, Saturday

FPS Stallion and Colt Show,
Dalemain, Ullswater, Penrith.
New for 2013—separate classes
for Geldings will be added this
year with Qualifiers, so please
bring your geldings as this will be
a chance to show them off.

11 May, Saturday

FPS MESG Fell, Dales, Highland
and Friends Show. To be held on
the Sandringham Estate by kind
permission of HM The Queen.
West Newton Park, Norfolk -
Classes for Fells, Dales, Highlands
and Fell-friends. More details on
MESG page.

1 June, Saturday

Cumbria Fell & Dales Show, at
Jenkinsons Field, Cliburn Road
Ends, Brougham, Penrith. Contact
Ellen Jones, 017684 83511 or
077875 70736, or
sparket@btinternet.com.

1 June, Saturday

NCPA Cumbria Show, Carlisle

9 June, Sunday

South Cumbria Show, Crooklands,
Kendal, Cumbria. Details from
Paul & Bev Metcalfe, 01539
621655

16 June, Sunday

Derbyshire Fell, Dales and
Highland Show, Bakewell
Showground, Bakewell,
Derbyshire. For a schedule please
send SAE to Miss M G Longsdon
MBE, Eaglets, Little Longstone,
Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1NN.

21 July, Sunday

Hexham Native Pony Show
(including NE FPS classes)

10 August, Saturday

Fell Pony Society Breed Show,
Dalemain, Ullswater, Cumbria.
New Venue for 2013—Dalemain in
the large field past the house
going towards Pooley Bridge. This
field has got good access and is
dry with plenty of parking.

25 August, Sunday

Performance Trials and Show,
Pachesham EC, J9 of M25.
Contact Catherine Fuller, bad-
bertie@hotmail.co.uk

8 September, Sunday

FPS Southern Show, Crown Farm,
Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxon.
SAE to Georgina Blair, 18 Gurnells
Road, Seer Green, Beaconsfield
HP9 2XJ, Tel 07796 695992,
www.fellsouthernshow.com

22 or 29 September, Sunday (To be confirmed)

FPS Performance Trials

November

Foal Show, Inglewood E C, Penrith



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on 23rd March 2013 at 1.00 pm

At Orton Market Hall, Orton, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3RJ

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Autumn General Meeting Minutes 28 October 2012
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Council Elections
- 6 Election of President
- 7 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2012
- 8 Resolution to appoint Langdales Accountants Ltd as Accountants to the Society
- 9 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 10 Reports from Sub-Committees
- 11 Any Other Business
- 12 Presentation of Awards

The formal meeting will be followed by a short talk from Anna Meadows on her experiences with The England Mounted Games Team.

Notice of General Meeting - Memorandum and Articles of Association

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

Directions to Orton Market Hall CA10 3RJ

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



MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING

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Held at Tebay Club on Sunday 28 October 2012

Miss Longsdon opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. It was intended to hold a short general meeting followed by a buffet lunch and a talk.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Mrs F and Miss L Awde, Mrs S Barbour, Mrs J Bennett, Ms G Callister, Mrs S Camp, Mrs L Chamberlain, Mr & Mrs R B Charlton, Miss J & Miss L Charlton, Mrs J Cheetham, Mrs G Cockbain, Mrs A Edwards, Mrs S Hardy, Mrs J Hill, Mr A W & Mrs C A Morland, Mr G H Morton, Ms S Norris and Miss T Hepburn-Wright, Mr M Rawlinson, Mr R Relph-Briggs, Mr W Robinson, Mrs K and Miss C Savage, Mrs E M Whittam, Mr D Wilkinson, and the Williamson family.

2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes of 24 March 2012

Approval of the minutes was proposed By Mrs S Brunskill, seconded by Mrs M Murray, and the minutes were approved.

3 Matters arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 March 2012

Miss Longsdon told members that because of delays in completion of the new mart, the Society Sale at Kendal had had to be cancelled, so there had been no Society Sale this year. It was sad, but hopefully things would be better next year.

Miss Longsdon then thanked Mrs Millard for another excellent magazine for our 90th Anniversary.

Waverhead Ted had been Reserve Overall Champion at the NPS Supreme Dressage Championships—it was very creditable that a Fell had done so well.

Anna Meadows had also done very well on the British Pony Club Team—it was not usual for a Fell to excel in Pony Club Games. Anna will attend the AGM in spring and give a short talk about her experiences.

The Southern Show had been a successful day. The Olympia class had been measured by David Sykes, former chief steward for the NPS.

Miss Longsdon reminded members that nominations for Council should be received by the office by 1 January 2013. She asked members to please make use of their postal vote and to encourage others to do so—it was the way to get the people they wanted onto Council.

The Breed Show had been relocated to Barnard Castle in 2012 because of the dreadful weather—the weather had actually been kind on the day and the show

had gone well. The venue had been provisionally booked for 2013 as a reserve in the case of extreme wet weather.

Mrs Newall had suggested at the AGM that we send a card to HM The Queen, congratulating her on her Diamond Jubilee. We had received a reply thanking us for our good wishes, and this was on display today.

4 Chairman's Report

Miss Longsdon thanked members for a very successful Anniversary week, especially Eileen Walker and her team of workers who had organised the event and those people who had hosted days. The weather had been mostly good and everyone seemed to enjoy it. A lot of work had gone into organising the event, it had been well attended and thanks were due to all. Mrs Walker said she felt it had gone generally well and we had managed to please most of the people most of the time! She said a huge thank you to those who had given their time to help organise it and to those who had donated prizes. The week's events had raised sufficient funds to proceed with the publication of the proposed Anniversary book. If anyone who had attended any of the events would like to write an article about their experiences, please would they do so and send it in by 30 November. There was still time to enter the writing competition and more entries would be welcome. Mrs Walker was also contacting all those studs who had bred a foal in 2012 to offer them a free stud advertisement in the book, with a view to creating a historical document that could be referred to in the future—in ten years time, when the Society celebrates its centenary, the record could be updated to record the changes. Overall she thought that the Anniversary week had been very worthwhile, if exhausting!

Miss Longsdon had attended the Rare Breeds Heritage Show for equines, organised in conjunction with the Hackney Horse & Pony Society and held at Bury Farm, Slapton in September. Janet and Georgina Blair had organised the ponies and the Fells did their display five times. The event went well but unfortunately was not well supported by the general public. The report in the latest edition of *The Ark* said 'Highlights this year included a great display from the Fell Pony Society...' Miss Longsdon thanked all those who had helped to make the event a success.

Last year's ridden bursary was awarded to Heather Mawrey and Wansfell Tobias. This year it has been awarded to Courtney Read and Carrock Stormbreaker. Miss Longsdon expressed the Society's gratitude to the donor of the bursary—it was an excellent opportunity for the recipient.

Miss Longsdon spoke of our President this year—HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. He was a great support to the Society and as he had not been able to attend any of our events, Mr Charlton had deputised for him and attended in his place. Mr Charlton was due to go into hospital for an operation later this week and Miss Longsdon wished to record the meeting's best wishes for him.

Finally Miss Longsdon thanked Mrs Parkin and Mrs Wilkinson for their hard work in the office, all members of Council and everyone in the room - they were the

heart of the Society and it wouldn't run without them. She then reminded members about the merchandise stand and encouraged them to buy their Christmas presents before leaving.

5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Mrs Parkin told members that she and Mrs Wilkinson had attended the M & M Sale at Penrith on Friday 19 October so that they could do transfers if required and any other Society business. There were 98 Fell ponies in the catalogue. 75 were forward on the day of which 45 were foals. 38 foals and 15 older ponies were actually sold through the ring. Prices fell again for the fifth consecutive year. The foal prices ranged from 15 to 230 guineas with the average being 73. Older ponies ranged from 80 to 1,060 guineas, the average being 342. The overall average price was 150 guineas, compared to 219 guineas last year. Of the 53 ponies sold, 30 were transferred by their new owners and a further 4 ponies that were sold later were also transferred. Sue & Rachel Brunskill ran the merchandise stand and took £673 which was good as the Sale was much less well attended than usual.

In the office 237 foals have been registered so far this year. More were still expected but it was anticipated that numbers will have fallen again this year.

The latest figures from the Animal Health Trust on FIS testing in 2012 indicated that 149 Fells had been tested, of which 76 were clear, 72 were carriers and one had been affected.

On the Finance side, there was over three thousand pounds in the current accounts, £35,000 in the deposit account, and almost £9,800 in the Trust Fund. Next week was the end of the financial year and the new one had already started with some members paying their 2013 subscriptions at the Sale.

6 Any Other Business

A new member of the Society asked why breeders took their ponies to the Sale when prices were so low and suggested that the Society might consider using the money in the bank to pay the breeders not to breed. She felt that it belittled the ponies to sell them for so little. This provoked considerable discussion. It was pointed out that the low prices were not particular to Fell ponies—the recession was affecting all breeds and Shetlands and New Forest ponies had been selling for as little as £5. The Society's registrations had been falling over the last three years and people were encouraged to breed only from their best. Mares on the fell wintered better if in foal and older mares might not start breeding again if not put in foal regularly. It was not the Society's responsibility to tell breeders what to do—if breeders chose to breed, it was their decision, and if they didn't want or were unable to keep their ponies through the winter, the Sale was where they went. Many ponies sold at the Sale went to good homes, and selling a pony direct from the stud did not always guarantee a good home. There was a feeling that the quality of the foals had been poor, with a high incidence of white markings. The condition of some ponies had been poor - this might have been

due to the bad summer and it was pointed out that the condition of a pony straight from the fell would improve quickly once it was moved elsewhere. It was mentioned that another native breed society had adopted a scheme where unregistered foals could go straight to slaughter without papers. Some ponies had sold at better prices out of the ring and people could be reluctant to bid in the ring if not familiar with that environment. Members were reminded that the Penrith Sale had not been a Society Sale this year and that Council were aware of the problems and were trying to get it right.

There was a short discussion about the Society's shows. A question was asked about the possible inclusion of gymkhana games at one of our shows and Mrs Robinson confirmed that it had been suggested as an option for the South Cumbria Show. It was pointed out that the Southern Show had much more variety in classes—it was both a fun show and a Breed Show. Mrs Robinson replied that when working hunter classes etc had been included in the Breed Show there had been no support for them. To the question of why there had been no entrant from the North West in the Inter Area Competition at the Southern Breed Show, Miss Longsdon said that was entirely down to the North West Group—they were invited to compete along with the other groups and the issue should be taken up with them.

7 Presentation of the Lownthwaite Rob Trophy

This was deferred to the Annual General Meeting next spring.

Miss Longsdon closed the formal meeting and members enjoyed a buffet lunch before settling down for a fascinating talk on laminitis by vet Karl Collins and farrier Graham Harland, illustrated by the dissection of a foot to enable members to see the internal structure of the hoof.



FIS Testing

Council have decided that should owners so wish, their pony passports can be endorsed to indicate that the pony has been FIS tested. The result of the test may also be indicated if the owner wishes it.

Passports will be endorsed by the Secretary who will need to see the relevant FIS certificate.

There will be no charge for this, but if passports are sent in to the office for endorsement, a contribution to the cost of return postage would be appreciated.



FPS Council Elections 2013

The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Miss B Bell, Mr T B Capstick, Mrs M C Murray and Mr D Wilkinson. They are all willing to stand again. One new candidate has been proposed - Mr J Greener. There is an additional vacancy on Council due to the sad death of Mr T C Thompson. Therefore there are five vacancies and five candidates, so **there is no need for a vote.**

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

MISS BARBARA BELL - prefix 'WAVERHEAD' (8)



I was born in Cumbria alongside the Caldbeck fells on the edge of the Lake District, into a family steeped in knowledge of Fell pony breeding. I was born with Fell ponies in my blood - my father Jim Bell established the Waverhead stud and my grandfather had previously bred Fells under the Bankhouse prefix. I have lived at Waverhead all my life; Fell ponies have always been part of it. I am still breeding Fell ponies and judging at local shows. I have been on the Council since 2003 but have been working with Fells and Society members as long as I can honestly remember. I hope I have contributed to the Society during my time on Council and that you will support my re-election.

MR THOMAS CAPSTICK - prefix 'MURTHWAITE' (12)



I have been breeding Fell ponies on the Howgills for 40 odd years. Influenced as a boy by Ted Benson of Adamthwaite, my first Fell was only an inspected mare but I soon purchased some fully registered stock which was the foundation of the Murthwaite Stud. Another major influence on the Murthwaite breeding was Sarge Noble. His Heltondale stallions helped greatly to improve the quality and conformation of my herd.

The Murthwaite ponies run as a semi-feral herd on the Howgills all year round and I hope to promote this natural and traditional breeding for as many years as possible.

With the help of some special friends, my ponies have won and represented

the Fell breed at many prestigious shows throughout the UK.

If fortunate enough to be re-elected to Council, I will endeavour to do my best for both the Fell Pony Society and the Fell Pony as a breed.

MR JOHN GREENER - prefixes 'THORNLAWS', 'KINKRYHILL'

I have been a member of the Fell Pony Society for 27 years and for the last 5 years have been an active member of the Fell Pony Show Committee, erecting show rings and taking responsibility for Health and Safety risk assessments ensuring that the Society complies with current legislation.

Over the past 25 years I have bred Fell ponies under the Thornlaw and more recently the Kinkryhill prefixes, attempting to retain the movement, substance and durability of our true native pony. My ponies run at 900 feet above sea level on sparse ground and as such are extremely hardy but rarely mature to more than 13.2hh.

Over the years I have gained a great deal of pleasure from showing, driving and



endurance riding, promoting the versatility of our ponies across the country and would hope to continue to do this for many years to come.

After having 27 years of fun from ponies I feel that I would like to give something back to the Fell Pony Society and the ponies. I would like to stand as an active Council member supporting not only our traditional high ground semi-feral herds but all members and especially encouraging young people to enjoy the Fell pony as much as I have. I believe strongly in maintaining the traditional breed standards and shall continue to promote the Fell pony as the good all round family pony that it is.

MRS MARGARET MURRAY - prefix 'BALDERSDALE' (3)



I have been a member of the FPS since the late 1960s when I first moved to the North of England. I bought my first pony from Molly Laing and ever since then I have always had at least one Fell. I was fortunate to have had Reuben Tunstall as my neighbour and I am grateful to him, others of the older 'pony men' and to the succession of ponies I've lived with for teaching me so much.

I have been a Council member for a good many years and I am also the FPS Show Secretary and have been involved with the running of the shows since 1975.

Over the years, the Fell pony has been my abiding interest and pleasure. I am happy to continue working for the Society in whatever way I can.

MR DAVID WILKINSON - prefix 'BRACKENBANK' (10)

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

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

I am particularly supportive of the younger members within the Society, as after all they are our future and am keen to encourage them to take part in young handlers and young judges' classes at FPS shows.

I will do my best to attend as many Council meetings as I am able and continue to help with the setting up of the show field prior to the Breed Show and other events as required. I am now part of the Show Sub-Committee.



Election of President

No nominations were received, so Council discussed the issue at their January meeting and came up with four proposals. These individuals have been contacted and three are prepared to stand: **Mrs Judy Hill, Mrs Margaret Raines and Mrs Charmian Ross-Thompson.** There will be a ballot at the AGM.



Learning with Fells—2013

This year's Learning With Fells visits have been arranged as follows:

- 22 June Murthwaite Stud
- 28 July Greenholme Stud (as part of a general Open Day)
- 17 August Hardendale Stud
- 5 October Kerbeck Stud (date to be confirmed)

We had three candidates held over from last year, as the project was deferred because of all the activities arranged for the Anniversary Convention. If any other junior members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office as soon as possible. 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.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Fees & Charges—Effective from 1 March 2013

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

Advertising—Autumn Magazine

Full page	£60
Half page	£30
Quarter page	£15
Small box	£10
Picture in any of the preceding	+£10
Classified, text only	£2 / 20 words

Please send your advertisement to the Secretary, by 1 September 2013, with the appropriate fee payable to FPS.

Reminder from the FPS Office: deceased ponies

We know how hard it is to lose a pony, but by law the owner should return the pony's passport to the Society for cancellation.

It can then be returned to you if you wish to keep it.





2013 Membership Fees

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

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

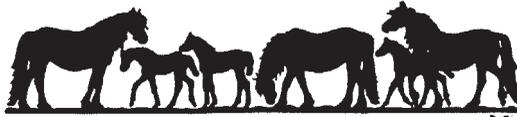
An Associate member is unlikely to own a pony and therefore will not wish to take advantage of the pony related privileges of membership.

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

Membership Renewal

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

No member is entitled to vote if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February 2013. If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring newsletter, a reminder slip is enclosed. Alternatively, members can arrange to pay their subscription by standing order on 1 January each year.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Sub-Committees

Conservation Grazing Sub-Committee

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Mrs GM Callister, Mr RB Charlton, Mr WS Potter, Mr A Thorpe.

Judges Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Jean Ward, 10 The Hawthorns, Wigton CA79LE. Telephone 01697342600

Secretary: Ms Anne Armstrong-Foxton, Beckside, Rosehill, Gililand, Carlisle, CA87DP

Council decided that five judges from the FPS Panel will be chosen at random at a Council meeting to serve for one year on this Committee.

Overseas Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Sue Millard, Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3TA. Telephone: 01539 624636. E-mail sue@fellpony.f9.co.uk

Mrs GM Callister, Mr TB Capstick, Mr GHB Mallinson, Mrs MC Murray, Mrs CH Robinson.

Show Sub-Committee

Chairman: Chairman: Mrs CH Robinson, North Fell Dyke, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria CA14 4SH. Telephone: 01946 861302.

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The 200 Club: Draws July-December 2012

	Nos	Name	Prize
July '12			
1st	402	Mrs N McLung	£25.00
2nd	329	Mrs SJ Seward	£15.00
3rd	214	Mrs EA Barnes	£10.00
4th	404	Mr G Jackson	£5.00

	Nos	Name	Prize
Aug '12			
1st	247	Mrs T Weeks	£25.00
2nd	254	Mrs S Waddington	£15.00
3rd	233	Ms G Blair	£10.00
4th	236	Mrs B Parker	£5.00

	Nos	Name	Prize
Sept '12			
1st	406	Mr DW Ewin	£25.00
2nd	387	Mr G Parkin	£15.00
3rd	407	Mrs B Foxcroft	£10.00
4th	272	Mr I Baily	£5.00

	Nos	Name	Prize
Oct '12			
1st	355	Mrs GM Noble	£25.00
2nd	242	Mrs JB Phillips	£15.00
3rd	203	Mrs SM Ventress	£10.00
4th	212	Mr H Beesley	£5.00

	Nos	Name	Prize
Nov '12			
1st	274	Dr L Owen	£25.00
2nd	256	Miss PJ Anderson	£15.00
3rd	300	Ms DJ McGrail	£10.00
4th	251	Mrs R Douglas	£5.00
Dec '12			
1st	218	Mrs EA Walker	£250.00
2nd	321	Mr R Norris	£125.00
3rd	276	Mr JD Lee	£50.00
4th	332	Mis JH Woods	£25.00

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Club ... they do not
need to be
members of the
FPS.

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The Fell Pony Society

to Glenis Cockbain, Rakefoot Farm, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4TE



Obituary—Mrs Ailie Newall

The Society is sorry to report that Mrs Ailie Newall, a past President of the Society; a Council member for 40 years; and breeder of the Dene ponies in Northumberland, passed away on 21st December 2012.

Ailie was a tremendous ambassador for the Fell Pony over the years. She was a very competent judge; and bred ponies that travelled all over the country and were a huge advertisement for the breed.

Ailie was born in 1921, nee McCosh, and was the sister-in-law of the late Sylvia McCosh of Dalemain, near Ullswater. Her father was a senior 'Writer to the Signet' - a Scottish Judge. He was not very supportive towards her interest in ponies. Ailie often spent time at a neighbouring farm as a child helping with the work ponies; and it was from here that she got her first Shetland pony. From there her craze for ponies grew and she began breeding Shetland Ponies.

She did not become involved with Fell Ponies until she married Gerald Newall who lived at Shepherd's Dene (hence the Dene Prefix) near Riding Mill in Northumberland. Gerald had been breeding Fell Ponies for several years before



Ailie Newall, in the jodphurs, on the left. The other rider is Bob Charlton's sister Mary Ormrod.

they married, having been influenced by his near neighbour Roy Charlton (Bob's Grandfather, who wrote the book *A Lifetime with Ponies*). Soon after they were married they bought Todridge Farm where Ailie then lived for the rest of her life. They had two children, Robert and Geraldine. Sadly Gerald died 2 months before Geraldine was born, so Ailie was widowed for 57 years.

Ailie was an excellent rider, and rode to hounds regularly with the Tynedale Hunt. In the 50's, 60's and 70's she showed her ponies extensively up and down the country.

She was very instrumental in improving the popularity of the Fell Pony in Post War years. She continued breeding and showing, selling both breeds from Todridge all over the world, and her customers included the Royal Family. In 2012 Ailie was absolutely thrilled to receive the Society's Queen Elizabeth trophy in recognition of her work with Fell ponies from Bob Charlton, FPS Vice President, and be made an Honorary Member of the FPS.

We send our sympathy to her family.

Sarah Charlton



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Obituary—Mr Chris Thompson

Many of Chris Thompson's friends have contributed memories of him as a Fell pony breeder and judge.

In an interview in 2005 he said: "My father had Fell ponies all his life; and his father before him. There was a farm sale at Town End at Helton. He bought 3 ponies there—very early on before the First World War, before the Society was founded. He just left them on their own ground where they'd been taken from.

"My grandfather would keep one or two for trap ponies and they would use them for shepherding, probably working the hayfields and suchlike. And then in 1917 or 18, they gave that tenancy up and came down to Askhamgate. I can remember father buying three and four year old geldings to go the collieries—and as milk ponies—for Ashington Colliery in County Durham.



"My father gave me one when I left Askhamgate and went to Drybarrows in 1961. I only had the one from home and I bought one or two from Sarge Noble."

Chris was very good friends with Sarge Noble. The two were near neighbours and went to Horse Sales together. Mrs Greta Noble said, "I've lots of happy memories of Chris and Sarge. About this time of year (January) we'd go looking for the ponies and bringing them home off the fell. Chris was a good neighbour and friend and he would always give you a hand to do the fell work. We were dealing with wild ponies, but Chris knew how to handle them. The Drybarrows and Askhamgate people would stand in road ends to turn them the right way."

Judy Fairburn remembers, "He just seemed to get on with things in his quiet way. It is typical of Chris' kind nature that after I had paid for a pony he counted back some of the cash enquiring if it would cover the insurance costs." Ellen Jones showed Moorhouse Crispin for Chris in 1994. "I had no transport and Chris lent me his Landrover and Trailer to get to the Shows. He would warn me that it might be needed for farm work, but somehow Chris swapped his jobs about so I could go. He was such a lovely, kind and generous man. He started me off with Fell and Dales Ponies and I will always be grateful to him. We are all much poorer for his passing."

His funeral tribute ended fittingly with the words "the gentleman of the Fells."
We send our sympathy to his family.



FPS Southern Show Report 2012

The twenty third annual Southern Show took place on Sunday 9 September 2012 at Crown Farm, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire. Strong entries meant judges David Wilkinson, Stella Hore and David Lee were kept busy in the in hand classes. The 20 year old veteran Sunnybrowe Jack, shown by his owner Sarah Prior, made a triumphant return to the show ring by standing top of a full stallion class. The 4 -8 years in hand mare class was won by long distance traveller from Scotland Towford Harmanie, owned and bred by Mrs M Hall. Roddlesworth Dot, owned by Jane Glass and Janet Copeland, won the 9 year & over mare class and went on to be reserve in the mare championship, but it was winner of the broodmare class, breeder George Guy's Severnvalle Gypsy Rose, who took the mare championship under judge Stella Hore. David Wilkinson chose the two year old Hemleyhill Genesis, owned and bred by Lorna and Christina Brooks, as his youngstock champion. 'Thomas' is the first homebred foal for Lorna and Christina, and he won the foal class at this show in 2010. David Lee judged the in hand geldings, and chose Wendy Bloor's homebred Hesworth Topaz as champion, over reserve Townend Emperor, owned by Kevin Light. Thanks are also due to Katherine Wilkinson for judging the children's classes.



Ms S Prior's Sunnybrowe Jack, in hand and Supreme champion with judges David Lee , Stella Hore and David Wilkinson

Sunnybrowe Jack was chosen as in hand champion, with Rebecca Lock's two year old Wellbrow Dodger as reserve. Dodger is Rebecca's first foray into Fell youngstock, and she's had considerable success with him, including winning the yearling class in 2011. Rebecca is obviously enjoying the change from scrubbing white patches (her main job is breeding and showing coloureds) and she's since acquired a second Wellbrow youngster.

The show also hosts the final of the Inter Area In Hand Champion, for the Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy, and this year we welcomed representatives from the following support groups: Scottish (Towford Harmanie and Mrs G Rae's Bracklinn Melissa), Midlands East (Sunnybrowe Jack and Roddlesworth Dot), South East (Mrs S Petritz's Richmond Cosmos) and South West (Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin's Fairlawn Dominic and the late Mrs BC Hall's Hollyhouse Opal. It would be great to see representatives from all the support groups at the final - we haven't yet had a pony representing the North West Support Group. Stallion Fairlawn Dominic, representing the South West Support Group, took the championship, with Sunnybrowe Jack in reserve.

The in hand championships took a very long time to judge, which meant everybody not involved got a chance to eat their lunch, but the show secretary started to get very twitchy about the timetable. Fortunately our new approach to scheduling, which involves not allowing the judges to have lunch at lunchtime (don't worry, we feed them well before and after) meant we were able to start the Olympia semi-final qualifier roughly on time. All ponies in the Olympia qualifier were measured this year, a process which went off without a hitch, in no small part due to commentator David Sykes' advice to competitors 'to go and practise their handy pony' on the measuring mat beforehand. Other pearls of wisdom from David included a recommendation to set off for the toilets before you needed to go 'because you'll need to go by the time you get there.' One of the problems was that the wind direction meant it was hard to hear David in the lorry park, something we will try to improve next year.

Stella Hore and David Wilkinson judged the Olympia semi-final qualifier and chose Darrenvale Dambuster, owned and ridden by Jo Bearcroft, as their winner. Jo has recently acquired her Fell after years of riding thoroughbreds, and was expecting to settle for a quieter riding life but has discovered that Fells can be just as exciting to ride. Mrs C Booth's Murthwaite John Tom, ridden by Helen Pearce, was second, and took the second qualification card. A very close third was the promising combination of 12 year old Holly Mayling with her mother's Greenholme Yabadabadoo. Holly and Bill have formed a great partnership, and went on to win the Children's Championship, the Novice Working Hunter Pony, and along with Nicola, the hotly contested Two Generations class.

The driving class took place after lunch, and judge Fiona Bonney was delighted with Alison Morton's Lownthwaite Fingerprint. We'd love to see more driving turnouts at the show, so if you've got a driven Fell why not come along next year?

The afternoon always poses a challenge with ponies moving through a range of ridden classes. Sybil Lee joined David Lee and Stella Hore to judge the ridden rings in the afternoon, and all three judges were assisted by hard working stewards who kept the chaos under control. Each ridden class produced a different first and second place winner, which meant the judges had a wonderful choice in the ridden championship. The stallion Townend Moonshadow, owned and ridden by Hannah Miller-Burton stood ridden champion, while Darrenvale Dambuster stood reserve. Veteran Sunnysbrowe Jack took the supreme championship, with Townend Moonshadow as reserve.

As well as the main showing classes, the Southern has a range of classes to suit all competitors. Children are well catered for, with a range of ridden classes, a young handler competition (this year won by Anna Meadows with Aylestone The Merrie Monk), handy pony and fancy dress. The handy pony was a closely fought competition won by Judy Hill's Shepparton Kim, ridden by her niece Caroline Barbour. Handy pony is of course not only for kids, and Wendy Bloor with Hesworth Topaz was a close second. Sunnysbrowe Josh, who lives at the nearby Kingham Hill School, carried several members of the same family round the course. The fancy dress was won by 'war horse' Shilvinghampton Rosanna May with twins Melissa and Kiara Edwards. Catriona Paterson got into the Olympic spirit with Meres Just-a-Mo to take second place. Judge Fiona Bonney was most impressed at how good both ponies were with the flapping plastic and flags that were part of Catriona's costume. Dressage and working hunter classes are going from strength to strength and dressage judges Sharron Camp and Jocelyn Robinson were kept busy with full classes. Tamsin Hughes with her young stallion Banksgate Tamlin won the walk/trot test, and Kevin Light's stallion Clarmount Bengeman, ridden by Claire Sheehan, won the prelim. Veteran Ludworth Donna, owned and ridden by Sam Bloomfield, won the novice. Del Dewdney judged the working hunter classes; stallions once again showed their versatility with Townend Moonshadow winning both the intermediate and open working hunter pony classes, and going on to be WHP champion. Hesworth Topaz was reserve.

There is only room to write about the winners, but the aim is for everybody who comes to the show to enjoy competing with their pony, whichever class they do. As competitor Catriona Edwards says, "I remembered the dressage test, didn't fall off jumping and we won the Fancy Dress - all the important stuff!"

The show is lucky to have a hard working committee, dedicated helpers who turn out year after year, and generous sponsors. In particular we are grateful to Roger and Sue Muttitt of Seatallan Engineering Ltd who have supported the show for many years. Information about the 2013 show will be available on www.fellsouthernshow.com.



FPS Southern Show results in full—9 September 2012

Judges:

Mrs SB Hore (Kimber)(classes 2, 3, 4, 13, 21, 37)
Mr JD Lee (classes 6, 7, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22)
Mrs SM Lee (classes 12, 14, 15, 17, 22)
Mr D Wilkinson (Brackenbank) (classes 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 37)
Mrs K Wilkinson (Brackenbank) (classes 23, 24, 25, 32)
Mr D Dewdney (classes 26, 27, 28)
Mrs S Camp (class 34)
Mrs J Robinson (classes 35 & 36)
Mrs F Bonney (classes 29 & 31)

In-hand classes

1. Stallions

1st Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)
2nd Wellbrow Dodger (Miss R Lock)
3rd Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin)
4th Wellbrow Leo (Mr G Richardson)
5th Guards Jester (Mrs L Brooks)
6th Banksgate Tamlin (Miss T Hughes)

2. Mares 4-8 yrs

1st Towford Harmarnie (Miss M Hall)
2nd Chyvounder Damask Rose (Mrs A Devonshire)
3rd Roddlesworth Nancy (Miss J Glass)
4th Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)

3. Mares 9yrs & over

1st Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass & Miss J Copeland)
2nd Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)
3rd Hollyhouse Opal (Mrs BC Hall)
4th Shirdleyhill Tara (Mrs J Hill & Miss C Brooks)

4. Broodmare

1st Severnvale Gypsy Rose
2nd Lunesdale Lady Rebecca

5. Foal

1st Conway Carole's Legacy (Ms N Stagnell)
2nd Severnvale Mary- Rose (Mr G Guy)

6. Geldings 4-8 years

1st Townend Empeor (Mr K Light)
2nd Murthwaite Looks Promising (Miss J Glass)
3rd Lydvale Jet (Ms D McGrail)
4th Linnell Whistler (Miss C Brooks)
5th Stennerskeugh Harry

7. Geldings 9yrs & over

1st Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)
2nd Ffrethi Commodore (Miss W Davies)
3rd Underwoods Kingfisher (Mr R Muttit)
4th Aylestone The Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

8. Yearling

1st Severnvale Lilly (Mr G Guy)
2nd Lydvale Nutmeg (Mr R & Mrs S McNamara)
3rd Shepparton Primrose (Mrs JA Hill & Mrs S Barbour)

9. Two year old

1st Hemleyhill Genesis (Mrs L & Miss C Brooks)
2nd Greenholme Queen Bea (Mr & Mrs P Ward-Burton)
3rd Severnvale Kirsty (Miss J Downham)

10. Three year old

1st Bracklinn Melissa (Mrs G Rae)
2nd Townend Eden II (Mr J Webb)

3rd Broxdown Tornado (Mrs S Prior)

4th Lydvale Benjamin (Ms V Lewis)

11. Veteran

1st Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)

2nd Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)

3rd Wellbrow Leo (Mr G Richardson)

4th Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

12. Pairs in-hand

1st Chyvounder Water Lily &
Chyvounder Damask Rose (Mrs A
Devonshire)

2nd Aylestone The Merrie Monk &
Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK
Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

3rd Roddlesworth Nancy &
Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass/
Miss J Glass & Miss J Copeland)

4th Sunnybrowe Jack & Sunnybrowe
Josh (Ms S Prior/Mrs H Fawcett)

Youngstock Championship

Ch. Hemleyhill Genesis (Mrs L & Miss C
Brooks)

Res. Bracklinn Melissa (Mrs G Rae)

Gelding Championship

Ch. Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)

Res. Townend Emperor (Mr K Light)

Mare Championship

Ch. Severn Gypsy Rose (Mr G Guy)

Res. Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass &
Miss J Copeland)

Best Brown or bay in-hand

Roddlesworth Dot (Miss J Glass & Miss J
Copeland)

Best Turned Out in-hand

Towford Harmarnie (Miss M Hall)

In-hand Championship

Ch. Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)

Res. Wellbrow Dodger (Miss R Lock)

Inter-Area In-hand Championship

Ch. Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA
Schwarzin)

Res. Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)

Ridden classes

13. Stallions

1st Townend Moonshadow (Miss H
Miller-Burton)

2nd Banksgate Tamlin (Miss T Hughes)

3rd Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA
Schwarzin)

14. Mares

1st Roddlesworth Nancy (Miss J Glass)

2nd Neathrose Georgie Girl (Miss A
Carlaw)

3rd Hollyhouse Opal (Mrs B Hall)

4th Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs A
Devonshire)

5th Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)

15. Geldings 4 - 8 years

1st Darrenvale Dam Buster (Mrs J
Bearcroft)

2nd Greenholme Yabadabadoo (Ms N
Mayling)

3rd Murthwaite Looks Promising (Miss J
Glass)

4th Aylestone The Merrie Monk (Mrs IK
Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

There was no class 16.

17. Novice mares

1st Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)

18. Novice geldings

1st Townend Emperor (Mr K Light)

2nd Murthwaite Looks Promising (Miss J
Glass)

- 3rd Ffrethi Commodore (Miss W Davies)
4th Lydvale Jet (Ms D McGrail)

19. Traditional ridden mares

- 1st Hollyhouse Opal (Mrs B Hall)
2nd Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs A Devonshire)
3rd Dalewin Jewel (Miss J Downham)
4th Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)

20. Traditional ridden geldings & stallions

- 1st Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)
2nd Guards Jester (Mrs L Brooks)
3rd Fairlawn Dominic (Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin)
4th Banksgate Tamlin (Miss T Hughes)

21. Veteran

- 1st Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)
2nd Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

22. Ridden pairs

- 1st Aylestone The Merrie Monk & Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)
2nd Hollyhouse Opal & Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs BC Hall/Mrs A Devonshire)

23. Child lead rein

- 1st Townend Rally (Mrs S Smith)
2nd Shepparton Kim (Mrs J Hill)
3rd Sunnybrowe Josh (Mrs H Fawcett)
4th Shilvinghampton Rosanna May (Mrs C Edwards; rider Miss M Edwards)

24. Child 6 - 12 years

- 1st Greenholme Yabadaboo (Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling)
2nd Shepparton Kim (Mrs J Hill; rider Miss C Barbour)

25. Child 13 - 16 years

- 1st Aylestone the Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; rider Miss A Meadows)

Children's Championship

- Ch. Greenholme Yabadabadoo (Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling)
Res. Shepparton Kim (Mrs J Hill; rider Miss C Barbour)

26. Novice working hunter pony

- 1st Greenholme Yabadaboo (Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling)
2nd Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs A Devonshire)
3rd Shilvinghampton Rosanna May (Mrs C Edwards)

27. Intermediate Working Hunter Pony

- 1st Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller -Burton)
2nd Drybarrows Blarny (Miss S O'Halloran)
3rd Darrenvale Dam Buster (Mrs J Bearcroft)
4th Greenholme Yabadaboo (Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling)

28. Open Working Hunter Pony

- 1st Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller-Burton)
2nd Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)
3rd Drybarrows Blarny (Miss S O'Halloran)
4th Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; rider Miss A Meadows)

Working Hunter Pony Championship

- Ch. Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller-Burton)
Res Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)

29. Driving

1st Lownthwaite Fingerprint (Miss A Morton)

30a. Handy pony - ridden

1st Shepparton Kim (Mrs JA Hill; rider Miss C Barbour)

2nd Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)

3rd Sunnybrowe Josh (Mrs H Fawcett)

4th Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball)

30b. Handy pony - in-hand

1st Lydvale Jet (Miss D McGrail)

31. Fancy dress

1st Shilvinghampton Rosanna May (Mrs C Edwards; rider & escort Misses M & K Edwards)

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

32. Young handler

1st Aylestone The Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; handler Miss A Meadows)

2nd Shepparton Kim (Mrs JA Hill; handler Miss C Barbour)

3rd Sunnybrowe Josh (Mrs H Fawcett; handler Master T Oliver)

4th Shirdleyhill Tara (Mrs JA Hill & Miss C Brooks; handler Miss C Dalloway)

33. Two Generations

1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo (Ms N Mayling; riders Ms N Mayling & Miss H Mayling)

2nd Shepparton Kim (Mrs JA Hill)

3rd Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; riders Mrs IK Meadows & Miss A Meadows)

4th Hesworth Topaz (Mrs W Bloor)

34. Dressage - Intro A

1st Banksgate Tamlin (Miss T Hughes)

2nd Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs A Devonshire)

3rd Underwoods Kingfisher (Ms S Marsden)

4th Meres Just-a-Mo (Mrs N Paterson)

35. Dressage - Prelim 12

1st Clarmount Bengeman (Mr K Light; rider Ms C Sheehan)

=2nd Meres Just-a-Mo (Mrs N Paterson; rider Miss C Paterson)

=2nd Roddlesworth Nancy (Miss J Glass; rider Mrs J Rawden)

3rd Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; rider Miss A Meadows)

4th Aylestone the Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; rider Miss A Meadows)

36. Dressage - Novice 28

1st Ludworth Donna (Miss S Bloomfield)

2nd Oldmill Mystique (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; rider Miss A Meadows)

=3rd Roddlesworth Nancy (Miss J Glass; rider Mrs J Rawden)

=3rd Aylestone the Merrie Monk (Mrs IK Meadows & Mrs JS Ball; rider Miss A Meadows)

4th Meres Just-a-Mo (Mrs N Paterson; rider Miss C Paterson)

37. BSPS Olympia Qualifier

1st Darrenvale Dam Buster (Mrs J Bearcroft)

2nd Murthwaite John Tom (Mrs CM Booth; rider Ms H Pearce)

3rd Greenholme Yabadabadoo (Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling)

4th Banksgate Tamlin (Miss T Hughes)

Best turned out ridden

Lydvale Jet (Ms D McGrail)

Best non-black ridden

Darrenvale Dam Buster (Mrs J Bearcroft)

Best owner/breeder (ridden)

Chyvounder Water Lily (Mrs A Devonshire)

Ridden Championship

Ch. Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller-Burton)

Res. Darrenvale Dam Buster (Mrs J Bearcroft)

Supreme Championship

Ch . Sunnybrowe Jack (Ms S Prior)

Res. Townend Moonshadow (Miss H Miller-Burton)



Old Mining Photo



*This photo came from John Shaw who lives in Deepdale, Hartsop, Cumbria. Here, one of the Shaw family is taking slates by sledge or “wheel-less cart” from the slate quarry down to Kirkstone foot. He has hung his jacket on the horse’s collar.
(Photo obtained by Stephen Gorton from Ian Taylor who gave a talk about Hartsop Mines in March 2012.)*



FPS Foal Show—17 November 2012

The Roberts family from the Bybeck Stud at Tebay had a successful day at the Fell Pony Society Foal Show held at the Inglewood Equestrian Centre, near Penrith, under judge Mr Alistair Smith from Perthshire. Their homebred Bybeck Monty won the class for colt foals and then went onto take the championship. Monty, who had only been halter broken the previous week took everything in his stride and caught the judge's eye from the outset. The Bybeck ponies are true fell ponies that winter out on the Howgills, but can be seen in the summer pasture close to junction 38 of the M6.



Judge Alistair Smith with Champion colt foal (right) Bybeck Monty and (left) Reserve champion Townend Fanta.

Reserve champion and the winner of the class for filly foals was Rob Relp-Briggs from Penruddock with Townend Fanta, which he has recently acquired from Margaret Wilson of Townend stud at Haltcliff. Fanta caught the judge's eye with her good action.

The show is organised by the FPS North West Area Support Group and is very grateful to joint sponsors: Leanne Huschka of Northern Pet and Equestrian Supplies Ltd of Penrith; and Colin Roberts of the Bybeck Stud.

Full results:

Class 1 Filly Foal

Townend Fanta FP5715 (s. Heltondale Bonzo Boy d. Townend Bridie II) R.W. Relph-Briggs, Pennruddock

Thornbeck Cracker FP5644(s. Brackenbank Flash Harry d. Lunesdale Limelight) J.M. Rawlinson, Longtown

Murthwaite Jessica Ennis FP5691(s. Murthwaite Timothy d. Heltondale Bonny Girl) T.B. Capstick, Fell End

Hynholme Feenix FP5687(s. Brackenbank Flash Harry d. Hynholme Charla) R. Brunskill, Brampton

Lownthwaite Firefly FP5646(s. Fitzview Dazzler d. Lownthwaite Phoenix) L.P. Awde, Melmerby

Rackwood Grace FP5677(s. Brackenbank Amos d. Rackwood Blossom) E.A.Walker, Crook

Class 2 Colt Foal

Bybeck Monty FP72081(s. Murthwaite Timothy d. Byeck Gracie) C. Roberts, Tebay

Rackwood Hugo FP72014 (s. Brackenbank Amos d. Rackwood Maydew) E.A. Walker, Crook

Claire Simpson

Bybeck Monty is more curious about the camera than about having his halter adjusted.





Fell Pony Society Performance Awards 2012

Despite yet another year of rain, cancelled shows and rising fuel costs, it was nice to see that people had been out and about (if not as much as in previous years) and enjoying a wide range of events. I was pleasantly surprised to receive the number of entries that I did, although some sections were a bit thin on the ground.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable season in 2013 and that we manage to get some decent weather this year.

Please remember that Points Cards are available to download from the website, and also, please remember to get your entries in well before the closing date (15th Jan 2014), as the post is not maybe as reliable as you might hope!

Christine Robinson

FOAL. (6 entries)

- 1st Lownthwaite Pat the Pony. Owner/Exhib - Alison Morton. 560 points
- 2nd Rackwood Hugo. Owner/Exhib - Mrs E A Walker. 400 points
- 3rd Hardendale Blossom. Owner/Exhib - Mr & Mrs B Mallinson. 280 points
- 4th Rackwood Grace. Owner/Exhib - Mrs E A Walker. 255 points
- 5th Wellbrow Freddie. Owner/Exhib - Zoe Marsden. 120 points
- 6th Kerbeck Night Topaz. Owner/Exhib - Mrs C H Robinson. 60 points

YEARLING (6 entries)

- 1st Brackenbank Kate. Owner/Exhib - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. 1030 points
- 2nd Wellbrow Edwin. Owner/Exhib - Zoe Marsden. 800 points
- 3rd Wellbrow Eli. Owner/Exhib - Zoe Marsden. 545 points
- 4th Rackwood Francesca. Owner/Exhib - Mrs E A Walker. 240 points
- 5th Bowthorne Ted. Owner/Exhib - Jean Bateson. 90 points
- 6th Night Destiny. Owner/Exhib - Mrs C H Robinson. 60 points.

TWO YEAR OLD (4 Entries)

- 1st Brackenbank Pearl. Owner/Exhib - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. 830 points
- 2nd Wellbrow Diplomat. Owner/Exhib - Zoe Marsden. 240 points
- 3rd Rackwood Black Magic. Owner/Exhib - Mrs E A Walker. 180 points
- 4th Kerbeck Night Breeze. Owner/Exhib - Mrs C H Robinson. 120 points

THREE YEAR OLD (1 entry)

- 1st Kerbeck Night Shadow. Owner/Exhib - Mrs C H Robinson. 90 points

CHAMPION STALLION - Lownthwaite Gary
CHAMPION MARE - Brackenbank Sorrel

FOUR YEAR OLD AND OVER - IN-HAND (8 entries)

- 1st Bracklinn Maggie. Owner/Exhib - Sharron Camp. 1070 points
- 2nd Brackenbank Rosebud. Owner - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. Exhib - Miss M Wilkinson. 1055 points
- 3rd Lydvale Jet. Owner/Exhib - Diana McGrail. 600 points
- 4th Brackenbank Romany. Owner - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson. Exhib - Miss M Wilkinson. 510 points
- 5th Kerbeck Night Whisper. Owner - Ms G M Callister & Mrs C H Robinson. Exhib - Mrs Robinson. 455 points
- 6th Greenholme Yabadabadoo. Owner/Exhib - Nicola Mayling. 430 points

FOUR YEAR OLD AND OVER - PERFORMANCE - (8 entries)

- 1st. Greenholme Yabadabadoo. Owner - As above. Exhib - Holly Mayling 2555 points
- 2nd Kerbeck Night Whisper. Owner/Exhib - As above. 1030 points
- 3rd Shilvinghampton Rosanna May. Owner/Exhib - Catriona Edwards. 780 points
- 4th Dalewin Flash. Owner/Exhib - Stephanie Richards. 460 points
- 5th Kerbeck Fire Cracker. Owner/Exhib - Mrs G Kilburn. 450 points
- 6th Brackenbank Rosebud. Owner /Exhib - As above. 230 points

DRESSAGE (3 entries)

- 1st Kerbeck Fire Cracker. Owner/Exhib - As above. 360 points
- 2nd Dalewin Flash. Owner/Exhib - As above. 250 points
- 3rd Kerbeck Night Whisper. Owner/Exhib - As above. 180 points

DRIVING (3 entries)

- 1st Lownthwaite Fingerprint. Owner/Exhib - Alison Morton. 945 points
- 2nd Tynebank Danny Boy. Owner/Exhib - D Parkinson. 930 points
- 3rd Tynebank Brown Bobby. Owner/Exhib - D Parkinson. 920 points

JUNIOR POINTS (2 entries)

- 1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo. Owner - As above. Exhib - Holly Mayling. 2555 points
- 2nd Brackenbank Rosebud. Owner - As above. Exhib - Miss M Wilkinson. 230 points



Peers Clough Farm Sponsored Charity Ride—July 2012

Mary Towneley Loop 25th - 29th July 2012

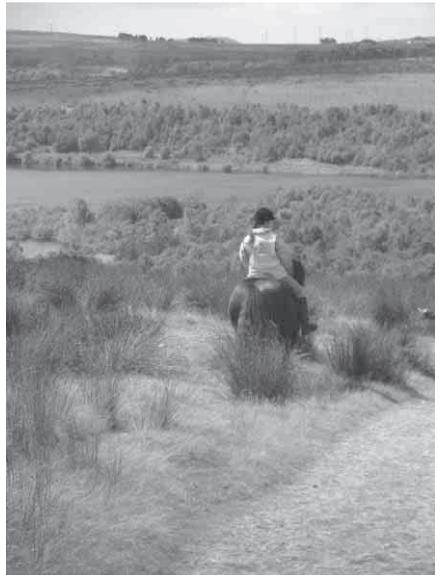
My youngest daughter Suzy says that the Mary Towneley Loop is like life itself, full of ups and downs, triumphs and challenges, pain and joy, tears and laughter. In the ten years that the Loop has been open, and in the twelve years that I have lived and worked on this 48 mile circular bridgeway it has certainly become a mirror and metaphor for my own life.

In that time I have lost my mum and my dad, but I have gained 2 sons-in-law, a daughter in law and four beautiful grandchildren. I have been forced to give up a teaching career but have created my own business; I have lost two ponies but gained eight more; I have fallen many times, but always got back up. I have met extraordinary and interesting people, many who have become friends. I have worked so very hard but loved every minute of it. We have survived deluge, heat wave and sub-zero temperatures. My husband, with whom I was going to grow old, left me. But if, when riding the Mary Towneley Loop, or indeed going on life's journey itself, you have a faithful horse as your companion, you can endure and surmount all obstacles. In our case we have developed a relationship with our locally bred Wellbrow Fell ponies which is very special. They share our life, our land, our work and our love in a unique and fulfilling way.

We were determined to mark the 10th anniversary of the MTL both to celebrate and raise the profile of this fantastic ride. The Mary Towneley Loop of the Pennine Bridgeway, is a 48 mile circular ride which runs through the Rossendale and Burnley boroughs of East Lancashire, and Calderdale in West Yorkshire. It meanders along ancient packhorse trails of worn causey stones, across wild open moorland, through wooded valleys with tumbling streams and past remote and peaceful reservoirs. This scenic and historic route has brought many outside visitors to the area in the last 10 years, to walk, ride or cycle over its historic and rugged terrain.

Those who have experienced this trail will understand the vision and commitment of Mary, Lady Towneley, in whose honour it is

named, and who campaigned so hard to open up ancient and forgotten ways for the benefit of all users. At Peers Clough Farm we feel a great affection for our stunning landscape and the visitors it has brought us.



My eldest daughter Cia suggested a charity ride, with us escorting our ponies on foot with a team of sponsored riders taking legs of the journey. How easy to say things, how much harder to organise. The enterprise was a year in the planning and a great learning curve. How do you attract riders? What do you do if they drop out? Will they all meet up in the right place? When is the best time to do it? Who will we raise money for? How annoying is it when your printer doesn't work? Will it rain? Will the ponies cope? Are we capable of walking that far? Do we take children? Do we take novices? What if one of the ponies dies?

We had planned to take our four Wellbrow Fell ponies - Danny, Target, Jimmy and Jake (the Peers Clough Packhorses). In May, Jakey died following an impaction. Suzy nursed him so lovingly during his last days and he died in as dignified and humble a way as he had always conducted himself. We were devastated to lose such a dependable, reliable and genuinely honest pony—a trusted work colleague in our team—but we decided that Freddie the Welsh cob should step into the breach, which he did in his own inimitable style.

We chose charities to cover a wide spectrum of needs, hoping that this way no-one would have an excuse not to give! We also wanted to aid groups who supported the needs of the local community.

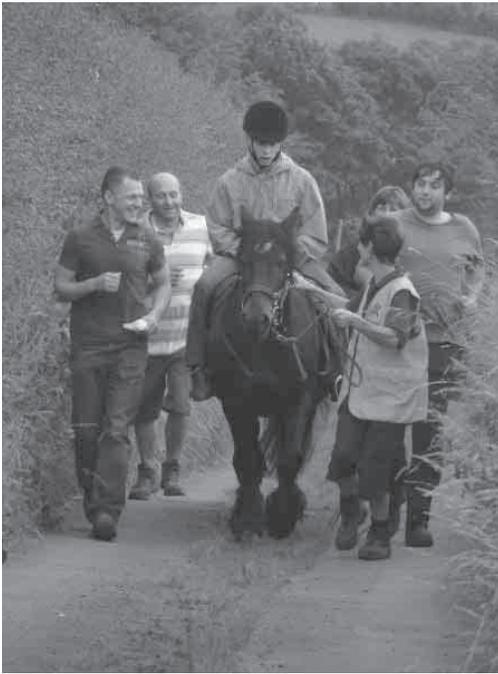
Being girls one of the most important things was to organise our clothes for the trip. Cia is excellent at merchandise and ordered smart polos and t shirts and fleeces with our MTL2012 logo to make us look professional. Special anniversary rosettes proved popular with the riders and also those riding the MTL on their own horses throughout the season.

We were delighted with the response to take up places on the ride, and although inevitably some people had to drop out we had around 40 varied and enthusiastic riders taking part.

The youngest riders were my granddaughters Evie (20 months) and Alex (2 and a bit) who rode the final proud mile home to the farm; the oldest were in their 60s.

Some were very experienced, some were novices; there were families, couples, friends, mums and daughters





and strangers, united together for a challenge, for fun, and to support our enterprise.

Our ride was launched by the Mayor of Rossendale and by Mikey, an autistic young man who rides regularly at the farm on our wonderfully patient pony, Danny. Mikey always has a team of three carers to support his complex and challenging needs. We had decided that Mikey would complete his usual short ride at the start of the bigger expedition and he had received overwhelming support and sponsorship from family and carers. We intended to keep excitement and fuss to an absolute minimum so as not to upset Mikey's finely balanced equilibrium.

The photographer from the local paper had his own agenda - that the mayor would shake Mikey's hand and pose obligingly for his camera. As it

turned out this is what happened, but the carers said afterwards that their hearts were in their mouths as the mayor stepped out to ambush Mikey with a warm smile and attempt a handshake. Mikey looked uncomprehending but thankfully stayed mounted and Danny carried on his way to the relief of all.

The Mayor was a great sport, talking to and encouraging apprehensive riders and fascinating Evie with his chain of office. When the ride was completed he sent a message of congratulation to Mikey saying how proud he should be of his achievements and that he was a role model to other young people. Mikey will never understand these words, but they touched and gladdened the hearts of his family and carers and were much appreciated by everyone at the farm. Like little Evie and Alex, Mikey showed us that the shortest rides were actually the biggest achievements.



Each day of the ride had its own unique character, governed by the mix of riders, weather and terrain. At no time did we wish it other than what it was at that moment and for a teacher who failed in being a good planner, the logistics were a credit to me and Mark and Brent, the back-up team.

Once back at the farm after a rainy final day, the weather brightened and we held a celebration pervaded with a buzz of relief, affection, pride and quiet satisfaction at a job well done. Excellent food was provided by middle daughter Caroline and her husband Adam. Certificates were presented and a slide show run of the hundreds of photos Cia took during the week.

Everyone of our riders, and everyone who travels the Mary Towneley Loop has their own story to tell—and we always say that one day we will write the book...

For now I would like to say a huge thank you to all our riders and their sponsors who raised an amazing £4,000 for our charities, my wonderful family and above all our brilliant ponies, especially Jakey, who would have made it if he could.

Chris, Cia and Suzy, Peers Clough Packhorses

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New Sport at Kerbeck Fell Pony Stud



I am sorry I didn't inform you all of an Event that took place here today—the reason being I didn't know it was happening. The Event was apparently the annual Kerbeck "Bog Snorkelling Championships." Judging by the state of various entrants, competition was fierce. However, the outright winner and first placed Fell Pony was Kerbeck Thor's Fire (left). A well deserved second place, and best Non Fell entry was William, owned by Deborah Mundy Hamer. Thank goodness for turnout rugs—at least the top and middle bits are clean!

Christine Robinson



The Countryside Live—1st November 2012

This year we have had more than our fair share of rescheduled or cancelled shows and there have been moments when I thought perhaps Fenella should have done Swimming as a hobby and sport instead of an Equine sport on our Wandi (formally known as Greenholme Wanderer).

However during September the weather seemed to settle itself and after a fantastic week end at the Pony Camp at the Linnels in North Humberland in early September Fenella and Wandi were looking forward to another new challenge; The North East Pleasure Ride. Unfortunately this was not to be, as the date for the Ride was pushed out from the beginning of October to the 21st of October and we had already entered in the local show 'The Countryside Live' here in Harrogate where we live. As I write this I am not sure how the Pleasure Ride went, but I do hope you had just as enjoyable a weekend as we did.

Wandi and Fenella entered 3 classes over the 2 days; two classes on the Saturday and it was a beautiful morning with sunshine and no rain or wind which was a bonus as the Ridden class was going to be outside. They started off in the WHP Starters Stakes for under 20 year olds at 9am, and we arrived a little late so we didn't get a jump practise in. However Fenella and Wandi did get a good canter across the Yorkshire Show Ground as the track from the trailer to the indoor show ring was a good distance. I so wanted them to do well and I don't think I was breathing as they went around the jumps. Wandi was on top form. He loves nothing better than jumping, big smile and swishy tail and they got a clear. Onto the show which we were a bit apprehensive about because we have had problems getting Wandi to stand still—in particular if the Judge is a Lady with a nice big hat and flowery skirt—but we were lucky this time, the Lady Judge had trousers on and Wandi stood perfectly still and they were placed 3rd (the only Fell in the class).

On Saturday afternoon we were in the Ridden M&M: Highlands, Fells and Dales which was an Olympia qualifier and serious business. We had just entered this class for fun and experience as Wandi is a late developer and of finer bone structure. In this class we had the pleasure of meeting and riding next to Greenholme Warbler who actually won the class and apart from that it was so nice to see so many Fells in the class—and I think the Fells took the majority of the rosettes in that class too.

Day 2: Sunday 1pm, was the M&M Working Hunter Pony over 13 and under 15 hands and it was not a nice day at all; it was so foggy you could hardly see the end of your own nose. The warm up was outside and the indoor arena was packed with spectators. All the ponies were getting a bit excited and spooked by the noises, I am not sure but I don't think they could see what was going on in there as it was so foggy outside and the floodlit indoor arena sort of blinded you a bit when you first entered the hall. To add to the excitement we knew that quite a

few of Fenella's friends from the Yard would be watching including her Instructor so they really wanted to make a good impression and show that all the hard work has paid off. I think there were 21 entered in the class and again Wandi was the only Fell so it took a while before they all got through the jumping and the showing. And when they did they were placed 4th.

I am such a proud Mother and groom of them both and in particular as we have not had much show practice this year. We went to the show with no expectations but to enjoy ourselves and so to get placed in 2 out of 3 classes exceeded our expectations and made up for not being able to go on the Pleasure Ride this year.

Wandi had probably the biggest award he could wish for that weekend; he got out of that fly rug that he has worn since March and the very first thing he did when we got home that Sunday afternoon and he was released into the field was to have a real good roll in the mud!

Vibeke Walsh





Scottish Area Support Group

A Stud visit and Stock Judging Event was held on 16th September. Alan & Moira from Towford Fell pony stud kindly organised this event. With over 80 folk from all across Scotland plus a few from northern England it was a well-supported and informative meet up. There was a good range of ponies from Towford, Bracklinn and Nicholwalls Fell Pony Studs. Ian Smith (FPS Judge) went through what to look for and then at the end of our judging pointed out what we had missed.



Photos by Janis Morgan

A Pentland Hills Pleasure Ride took place on 29th September. The event was organised as joint ride with the Central Scotland Highland Pony Club, and there were 6 Fell ponies, several Highlands and a few Icelandic and Welsh ponies. The ride covered just over 10 miles. Afterwards there was a great lunch. Another ride is being organised for 2013.



Photos by Janis Morgan

A Visit to the World Horse Welfare stables at Aboyne was held on 30th September. This is the only Scottish rehabilitation centre run by the well-known charity. It has recently undergone an impressive facelift and was officially opened

by the charity's president HRH The Princess Royal on 19 September 2012. Our group was made very welcome and we enjoyed a tasty lunch overlooking the River Dee, before viewing the super stable facilities, lecture/conference room, display areas, viewing gallery and a small shop. These will be a great boost to the charity allowing year round activities.

For those that follow our group on Facebook we have had members submit snow photos of their Scottish Fells. Below is a lovely one of Leona Jade Clark and her pony Bruin (sire Lownthwaite Gary dam Gemma II).



Membership Fee - It was decided at the AGM in April 2012 to have a group membership fee starting in 2013. This would be £5 annually paid to the secretary. This is entirely a voluntary thing making members eligible to vote at the Scottish Area AGM and or to become Scottish Area committee members. The idea of this donation is to cover general costs of the group.

EVENTS 2013

Sun 24 March - Spring Meeting & AGM @ Allanbank Hotel, Greenloaning FK15 0LX. Lunch / AGM / Speaker from Harbro - All welcome.

Sun 21 April - Northern Area - Conservation Grazing RSPB Visit & Meal, LIMITED SPACES.

Sun 9 June - Northern Area - Pleasure Ride & Picnic - Forest ride + Eat and chat.

Sun 30 June - NPS Scotland - Stud Visit / Stock Judging - Bracklinn Fell Pony Stud

Other events dates to be confirmed

September - Central Area - Pentland Ride

September - Northern Area - Stud Visit - Cobalt Fell Pony Stud, Invernesshire

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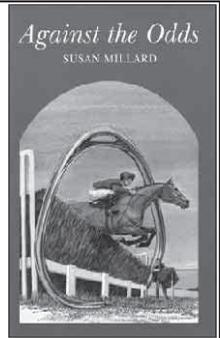
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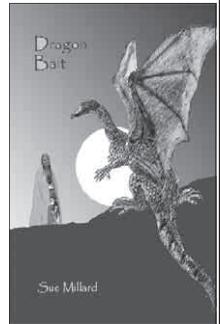


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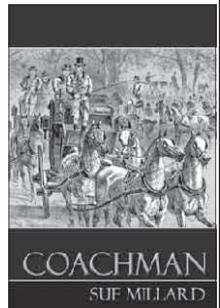
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North East Area Support Group

As I sit down to write this report (21-01-2013) we have a good covering of snow and have experienced freezing temperature throughout the last week, so I'm hoping that the seasons are trying to correct their timing for 2013. Early in January I printed and sent out 168 newsletters but the ever increasing cost of postage means this will be the last time that the North East Area Support Group can afford to do this. The newsletter will be emailed to those members who contact me with their email address, otherwise it will be displayed on the FPS Website in the North East Area Support Group section. If you require a printed paper copy, then you must send me a SAE.

Many of our events were seriously affected by the unseasonal weather during 2012 with some events postponed while others had to be cancelled altogether. The Hexham Native Horse & Pony Show and summer picnic was one of the casualties as well as the Fell Performance Trials, both of which would normally have been held at Linnel Wood, near Hexham.

On a more positive note, the postponed Fell & Highland Pony Camp had a marvellous weekend early in September when the sun shone and summer temperatures were appreciated.

Our final event of the year, our autumn pleasure ride, was also blessed with glorious sunshine and a calm day which was perfect for enjoying the views over Durham City, including Durham Cathedral.



Fells and Highlands receiving tuition at the Pony Camp.

A full list of events for 2013 is displayed on the FPS Website on the North East Area Support Group page. Appropriate information sheets and application forms will be available to download against each event as they become available. Last year's new event, the in-hand showing clinic, is being continued by a ridden showing clinic in 2013.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended or helped at one or more of our events during 2012. Please come and join in the fun during 2013.

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Midlands East Area Support Group

Fell, Dales, Highland and Friends Show 2013

11 May 2013 starting at 10am

To be held on the Sandringham Estate by kind permission of HM The Queen.

There will be in-hand and ridden showing classes, dressage and WHP for the Fells, Supreme Champion and new this year Champion of Champions. We are hoping to have Equifest qualifiers this year.

The Fell classes will be judged by Mrs Jenny Crane.

The schedule, entry form and directions will be posted on the FPS web site as soon as they are ready, on www.horsedates.co.uk and on various Fell pony pages on Facebook.

Any enquiries, please ring Jean Bateson on 01485 543230 or 07969084120



South West Area Support Group

Dorset Fell Show, Sunday 5th May 2013 at Hurn Bridge Equestrian Centre near Hurn Airport, Dorset BH23 6AD. Please contact Sharron Camp, email sharron@dorsetfellshow.co.uk or visit the website <http://www.dorsetfellshow.co.uk/>

Training Day, Sunday 26th May 2013 start 10.30am.

Training day with N.P.S & Fell Pony judge Mr Peter Boustead.

The day will begin with a slide show to demonstrate the Fell pony characteristics that a judge looks for in an In Hand Fell pony class. Then after a light lunch we will put our new found skills to the test & judge five Fell ponies. Peter will then explain how he would place the ponies & answer questions about the ponies we have just judged.

The training day will start at Fifehead Neville Village hall near Sturminster Newton, Dorset. For more information or to book your place please contact Michael Goddard 079642 09243. If anyone has a pony that can be used on the day please contact Michael.

Cornish Fell Pony Show, Sunday 2nd June, to be held at Polgoda Riding Centre, Goonhavern, nr Truro, Cornwall. Please contact Debbie Walters 075313 00548.

For more information please contact Michael Goddard 079642 09243.



Midlands West Area Support Group

In the last issue of the Fell Pony Society Magazine we reported on our events for the first half of 2012. These events were followed by the annual luncheon held on Sunday 21st October at the Sudbury home of Hugh and Elizabeth Marshall. The guest speaker was Ruth Dalton, a field officer from the Rare Breeds Survival Trust who gave a very interesting talk about the Trust and its invaluable work. Ruth finished her talk with special reference to the Fell Pony. There were excellent entries in our annual Fell Photo show, Pudding Competition and Caption Competition. Mary Longsdon and Jane Glass kindly brought the Fell Pony Society merchandise stand along with them. The annual Group Activity and Performance Awards were also presented. Well done to Debbie Roberts-Jones and Wolds Black Grouse who were overall winners and received the Eileen Davies perpetual Fell Pony trophy. The new Happy Hackers section was well supported for its first year. Many thanks to Alyson Hurcomb for organising the awards. Once again we were very grateful to Hugh and Elizabeth Marshall for their kind hospitality and for hosting this popular event at their lovely home.

On Saturday November 7th the group, in conjunction with Midlands East Support Group, were delighted to welcome Derek Knottenbelt OBE, BVM&S, DVMS, DipECEIM, MRCVS to the William Shrewsbury County Primary School, Burton-On-Trent. Professor Knottenbelt gave an inspirational talk which featured issues such as Foal Immunodeficiency Syndrome, Equine Metabolic Syndrome and parasites was both enthralling and illuminating. He paid great testament to the heritage of the Fell Pony and their important involvement in British history. Both support groups were indebted to him for presenting his talk which had meant a round trip from his home in Glasgow.



Professor Knottenbelt and committee members (l to r Joan Dorman, Anne Shuker, Diane Key, Mary Longsdon) at the November 7th talk

Rounding off the year, Debbie Roberts-Jones organised a social evening comprising a 'mini' Christmas meal on December 7th at the Dragon Hotel in Montgomery. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The group held its annual open meeting on 14th November at the Ashbourne home of Keith and Joan Dorman where another season of events were planned for 2013, details of some of these are as follows. Contact telephone numbers are included for anyone wishing to find out more.

Sunday 7th April 2013 - New for 2013 - Inaugural Spring Show at Maesbury Field, Near Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8JJ. The group are pleased to announce this new event and would like to thank Mr E Roberts-Jones for allowing us to hold the show on his farm. There will be a full section of Fell Pony classes both ridden and in hand to be judged by Mr Michael Goddard of Bewcastle Fell Ponies. There will also be classes for Fell Friends (ponies and horses) to be judged by Mrs D.M. Key. There is opportunity for Midlands West members to qualify for the Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter Area Challenge (final to be held at the Southern Fell Pony Society Breed Show). A schedule with full details, closing dates etc will be out shortly and will be available to download with entry form from www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk Alternatively please contact Debbie Roberts-Jones 01691 652843. All are welcome.

Sunday May 5th 2013 - Pleasure Ride on Cannock Chase. Sandra Newcombe has kindly offered to organise a ride across Cannock Chase. Rosettes for all riders. We really do need more ponies to take part in this annual event. If you are a Fell Pony owner who has a friend who would like to accompany you with a non Fell please invite them along. Riders should have their own insurance. The ride will leave at 12.30 prompt. Could you please let Sandra know if you would like to take part or for more details please telephone 07947 708081.

Sunday June 16th 2013 - Fell, Dales and Highland Pony Show at Bakewell Show Ground. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Jenny Crane will be judging the Fell Pony section. For schedules and more details please contact Mary Longsdon on 01629 640709 The Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1NN. Schedules will be available to download from our web site nearer to the event.

Date to Be Arranged - 'The LEG IT' Midlands West Trotting Races (plus Adult & Children's Gymkhana) at The Yews Farm, Seighford, Stafford ST18 9PQ by kind permission of Mr and Mrs F C Waterfall. A great fun day for us and our ponies! For more information please telephone Diane Key 01785 822723 or email diane@fellpony.me.uk.

Date To Be Arranged - Annual Luncheon at the home of Hugh and Elizabeth Marshall at Merefield, Oaks Green, Sudbury, (Near Uttoxeter), Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5HX with guest speaker, Fell Pony Photo Show, Pudding Competition, Caption Competition and Fell Pony Society merchandise for sale. If you would like to attend this highly popular event please telephone Elizabeth Marshall on 01283 585358 one week before as places are limited.

Other events are in the process of being planned. Please note at the time of publication we have yet to confirm all of these dates and venues. Some of these events may be subject to change but our group newsletter or web site will confirm further details. For more information and details about these and the group, please visit www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk

If you would like to join the Midlands West Fell Pony Society Support Group please contact Mr & Mrs K R Dorman at Ash Tree Farm, Spend Lane, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AR. Telephone number 01335 350301. A membership form is available to download from our web site. Please send a £4 cheque made payable to the Midlands West Fell Pony Society Support Group with your name and address and if applicable email address details. If you would like a receipt please include a SAE.

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

Group Leader: Anne Shuker Tel: 01629 822098

Secretary: Diane Key Tel: 01785 822723



South East Area Support Group

The South East Fell Pony Society Support Group has undergone re-organisation and is looking for support and ideas for events to be held across the South East Area for 2013. It is now being run by Jules Jordan (Geordans Fell Ponies) and Tina O'Donnell (Bluecaps Farm Fell Ponies).

Contact details can be found through our Facebook page "Fell Pony Support Group - South East" or via email - fellponysocietysegroup@gmail.com or through the Areas page on the Fell Pony Society website. We are also organising a dedicated website for the Group.

We already have one event being organised by Catherine Fuller and Caroline Guppy to be held on 25th August 2013, details of which can be found on the FPS website 'Events' page and their Facebook page. This is the Fell Performance and Trials show August 25th 2013 (*see next page*). This show has something for everyone and gives all a chance to try something different and new with your Fells.

We would like to hold a social event so that we can all meet and get to know each other as well. We have been delighted at the response to our Facebook page so far and have lots of encouraging emails and interest in joining the group.

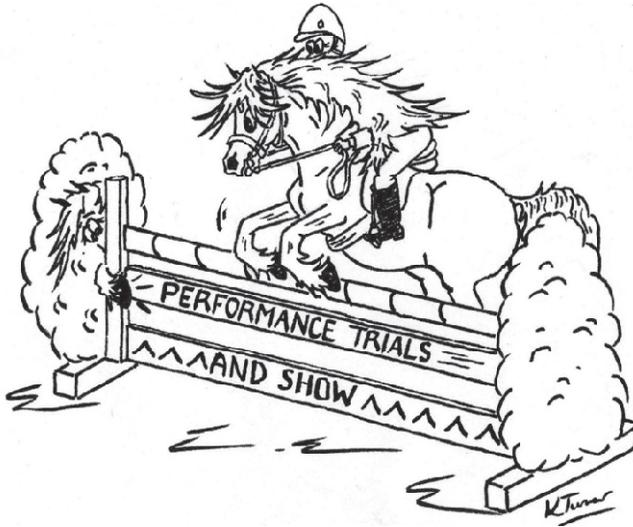
We will be in contact with as many South East Members/owners as we can over the next few weeks—via post or email or phone—and we hope we can run this group successfully to ensure its future.

But please remember that we need you—South East Fell pony owners—to support us in order for it to work.

Jules Jordan and Tina O'Donnell



South East Area Support Group Show



After being continually asked by Michael Goddard to hold a Performance Show, Caroline Guppy and I decided to hold a show giving everyone a chance to try new things with their Fells. The day will start with the Performance Trials, then Pony Club Games, finishing with an afternoon of showing and working hunter pony classes. The show is for everyone and we have tried to cater for everyone's different needs, to the level that lead rein ponies can have a go at the Show Jumping or walk and trot dressage tests. This is about having a go and having fun. There will be special rosettes for all sidesaddle riders.

We have t-shirts and a buffet lunch for all helpers, rosettes to every pony entered and to add to the interest there will be £100 for the Champion Pony who scores the most points through the day and £50 to the reserve.

This show is for YOU. Our judge is Alison Morton who has very kindly given her day to the show.

You will be able to pick and mix what you do regarding the trials, from walk and trot to novice dressage. The jumping will be from mini to 2'6" - 2'9". There will be people to give advice and help. Our venue is Pachesham Equestrian Centre at Junction 9 off the M25. (Google to see what this venue has to offer.)

For those who are interested we have a Facebook page and our web page is being designed. Please contact either Michael Goddard; Caroline Guppy, e-mail caroline.guppy@talktalk.net; or me, Catherine Fuller, e-mail bad-bertie@hotmail.co.uk



Overseas Branch—FPSNA

The Fell Pony Society of North America, Inc. 2012 Branch Report

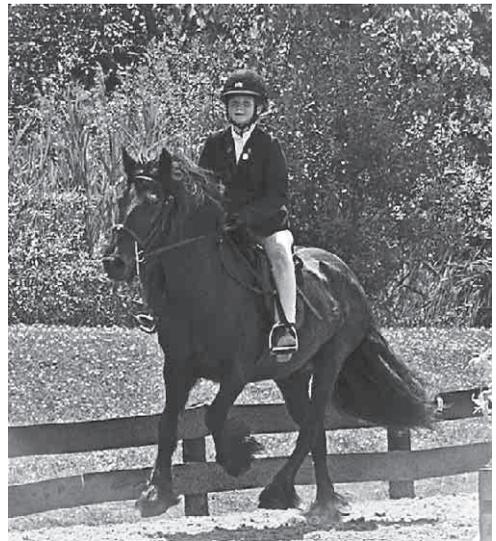


FPSNA Performance Premium & Awards Open Driving winner Laurehighland Duke owned by Peggy Shuford and driven by Nicole Cable

Members of the Fell Pony Society of North America, Inc. (FPSNA) were very active with their Fell Ponies in 2012. FPSNA promotional exhibits included the **Michigan Horse Council International Stallion Exhibition and Trade Show**, featuring North Country Farm's Lunesdale Mercury shown in harness. Vermont Firefly Farm also helped to educate the public about the breed (and its versatility) with the help of Laurehighland Crackerjack and Laurehighland English Rose at Vermont's Everything Equine 2012. They featured demonstrations in driving and vaulting, as well as Crackerjack playing with his giant ball. In addition, DreamHayven Farm's Littletree Bodini and Lunesdale White Heather returned for another season at the **Bristol Renaissance Faire in Wisconsin**. And finally, the **Equine Affaire in West Springfield, Massachusetts** once again attracted Fell enthusiasts from throughout the region. Five ponies attended and participated in the demo, as well as barn and/or breed exhibits, including Stonecreek Lily, Stonecreek Black Pearl, ApplebyFair Maximus, Brackenbank Romany's Prince and

Hinter. The ponies were shown under saddle, in harness, and in hand. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of our members to promote the breed.

The **FPSNA Performance Premium & Awards Program 2012** once again served as North American Fell Pony Championships, in which most if not all Fell owners in North America can realistically participate (despite great distances between us.) if they wish via competitions held across North America. 14 ponies were enrolled for the 2012 competition. Ponies successfully earned points in our Performance Division through a variety of competitions - ridden (flat, hunter, etc.), dressage, gymkhana, etc., including both open and Mountain & Moorland events. We also had entries in our Handy Pony Division, earning points both as ambassadors and working ponies. We are pleased to announce the 2012 Supreme Champion is Laurehighland Pearl, owned by Ann Riveiro and ridden by her niece, Cara Hartigan. Reserve Supreme Champion



Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley's Lunesdale Rock Rose ridden by Janelle Earley

The 2012 Supreme Champion in the FPSNA Performance Premium & Awards—Laurelhighland Pearl, owned by Ann Riveiro and ridden by her niece, Cara Hartigan.



- for the 2nd year in a row - went to Lunesdale Rock Rose, owned by Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley and handled/ridden by 10-year-old Miss Janelle Earley (Laurel Highland Farm).

Laurelhighland Pearl also won the Born in North America High Point Performance Championship, in addition to other awards. Please see the following for all the results and our North American Fell Ponies of the Year. Congratulations to all.

2012 FPSNA Performance Premium & Awards Program Results

Pony Name **Points** **Placing** **Owner/Rider and/or Handler/Breeder**
(for Born in NA Award)

A. 1. 1. Open Ridden

BroughHill Hadrian's Wall 20 1 Rene' Bender/ Rene' Bender

A. 1. 3. Junior Ridden

Laurelhighland Pearl	2190	1	Ann Riveiro/Cara Hartigan
Laurelhighland Sapphire	930	2	Lauren Earley/Lauren Earley
Lunesdale Rock Rose	920	3	Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley/Janelle Earley
Lunesdale Rock Rose	390	4	Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley/Terryanne Barbour

A. 2. 4. Three-Year-Old In-Hand

Laurelhighland Oliver 210 1 Rene' Bender/ Rene' Bender

A. 2. 5. Four-Year-Old and Over In-Hand

Laurelhighland Sapphire 290	1	Lauren Earley/Lauren Earley
Lunesdale Rock Rose 260	2	Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley/Janelle Earley/ Terryanne Barbour
BroughHill Hadrian's Wall 110	3	Rene' Bender/Rene' Bender

A. 3. 1. Open Dressage

Laurelhighland Victor	860	1	Lisa Lindholm/Lisa Lindholm
Stonecreek Lily	800	2	Anita Castricone/Cailin Sanford

A. 3. 2. Junior Dressage

Lunesdale Rock Rose	110	1	Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley/Janelle Earley
Laurelhighland Sapphire	80	2	Lauren Earley/Lauren Earley

A. 4. 1. Open Driving

Laurelhighland Duke 1475 1 Peggy Shuford/Nicole Cable

5.1.1. Grand Champion Ridden Performance Pony

Laurelhighland Pearl 2190 1 Ann Riveiro/Cara Hartigan

5.1.2. Reserve Grand Champion Ridden Performance Pony

Lunesdale Rock Rose 1520 2 Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley/Janelle Earley

5.2.2. Reserve Grand Champion Performance Pony In Harness

6.1.1. Overall Grand Champion Performance Pony (Ridden &/or In Harness)

Laurelhighland Pearl 2190 1 Ann Riveiro/Cara Hartigan

6.1.1. Overall Reserve Grand Champion Performance Pony (Ridden &/or In Harness)

Lunesdale Rock Rose 1520 2 Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley/Janelle Earley

6.4.1. Supreme Champion (Overall Champion In-Hand and Performance Pony)

Laurelhighland Pearl 2190 1 Ann Riveiro/Cara Hartigan

6.4.2. Reserve Supreme Champion (Overall Reserve Champion In-Hand and Performance Pony)

Lunesdale Rock Rose 1520 2 Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley/Janelle Earley

7.1. Mare Progeny Performance Premium

Inglegarth Radiant 8760 1 Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley

7.2. Stallion Progeny Performance Premium

Waverhead Model IV 8760 1 Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley

8.0. Born in North America - High Point Performance Champion (award for both owner and breeder)

Laurelhighland Pearl 2190 1 Ann Riveiro/Drs. ET & MJ Gould-Earley

B.1. Ambassador Pony

Stonecreek Lily 100 1 Anita Castricone/Anita Castricone

BroughHill Hadrian's Wall 60 2 Rene' Bender/Rene' Bender

B.2. Working Pony

Newfarm Apple Blossom 220 1 Elise Miller/ Elise Miller

In addition, the **USDF All-Breeds Awards Program for Fell Ponies** was once again sponsored by FPSNA. Winners for 2012:



Stonecreek Lily owned by Anita Castricone and ridden by Cailin Sanford.

All Breeds Champion for Open/ Training Level: Stonecreek Lily with a median score of 67.800%, owned by Anita Castricone and ridden by Cailin Sanford.

All Breeds Reserve Champion for Open/ Training Level: Laurelhighland Blossom with a median score of 66.250%, owned by Maureen Walsh and ridden by Jessica Viveiros O'Donnell.

All Breeds Champion for Open/ First Level: is Laurelhighland Blossom with a median score of 62.777%, owned by Maureen Walsh and ridden by Jessica Viveiros

O'Donnell. (Blossom competed at two levels, Open/Training Level and Open/First Level which is why she won two awards.)

A number of other ponies are successfully competing with their Fell Ponies in dressage in North America, including Hinter who is currently competing at Fourth Level (equivalent to BDS Advanced.) We are very proud of all the ponies doing so well.

Furthermore, several Mountain & Moorland competitions, with judges from the UK or elsewhere in Europe, were sponsored by FPSNA. These included the Pacific Coast Classic in California and the Northeastern Welsh Pony Association Show in New York, with the relevant (Fell) results below.

NEWPA Results - June 30, 2012 - Saugerties, New York; Judge Kathy Sheil (UK)

Open Mountain & Moorland 3 & Over Judge: Sheil (UK)

3 LUNSDALE ROCK ROSE - MJ GOULD-EARLEY/TERRYANNE BARBOUR

4 LAURELHIGHLAND SAPPHIRE - LAUREN EARLEY/LAUREN EARLEY

Traditional Ridden Open Mountain & Moorland, Judge: Haynes

1 LAURELHIGHLAND PEARL - ANN RIVEIRO/CARA HARTIGAN

2 LUNSDALE ROCK ROSE - MJ GOULD-EARLEY/TERRYANNE BARBOUR

3 LAURELHIGHLAND SAPPHIRE - LAUREN EARLEY/NELL BARBOUR

Open Ridden Mountain & Moorland, Judge: Haynes

1 LUNSDALE ROCK ROSE - MJ GOULD-EARLEY/ TERRYANNE BARBOUR

2 LAURELHIGHLAND SAPPHIRE - LAUREN EARLEY/LAUREN EARLEY

3 LAURELHIGHLAND PEARL - ANN RIVEIRO/CARA HARTIGAN

The ponies also successfully competed in a variety of very tough open classes at this show, mostly against Welsh ponies, flat, over fences, and in hand.

Pacific Coast Classic Results -- (September 2012 -- Elk Grove, California; (Note: only relevant Fell results shown below); Judge Mr. Zoet (Netherlands)

M&M 3 under:

1 LAURELHIGHLAND OLIVER - RENE' BENDER/ANTONIO MARTINEZ

3 FELLEGGEND BRAMWELL'S TRISTAN - NICOLE VAILLANCOURT/NICOLE VAILLANCOURT

5 FELLEGGEND REMBRANDT - ELAINE DUNSON/ELAINE DUNSON

M&M 4 over:

3 BROUGHHILL HADRIAN'S WALL - RENE' BENDER/ANTONIO MARTINEZ

M&M Best of (Fell) Breed:

1 LAURELHIGHLAND OLIVER - RENE' BENDER/ANTONIO MARTINEZ

2 BROUGHHILL HADRIAN'S WALL - RENE' BENDER/ RENE' BENDER

NPS America M&M Championship

2 LAURELHIGHLAND OLIVER - RENE' BENDER/ ANTONIO MARTINEZ

M&M Ridden:

6 BROUGHHILL HADRIAN'S WALL - RENE' BENDER/RENE' BENDER

Mountain & Moorland High Point

5 LAURELHIGHLAND OLIVER - RENE' BENDER/ANTONIO MARTINEZ

Finally, FPSNA was also pleased to publish in 2012 the 11th volume (11th year.) of The Fell Pony Express, FPSNA's biannual news magazine. We are looking forward to another productive year in 2013.

Best Wishes, The FPSNA Council www.fpsna.org



Overseas Branch—News from Denmark

2012 was unusually wet here, and all the mud and rain put a damper on activities of ponies and people. Ponies and people are looking forward to the weather change, hoping it will bring less precipitation, and more dry conditions. We have also seen the effects of the global financial crisis, and it has sadly forced us to cancel our annual Danish Fell Pony show, due to insufficient numbers of ponies signing up for the weekend.

Fortunately, our involvement in the Danish Mountain and Moorland club has supplied our members with great opportunities to show their ponies, and our ponies have done very well at these shows: Best performer and Supreme Performance Champion; Foalsyke Bertha May. Best in Show and Senior Champion; Lowlands Erin.

In spite of all the financial hardship, spirits and engagement in the work for Fell ponies are still very high. The breeders still breed, and new people join us every month. We are working on a new and improved web page, and we keep on working for our annual show in 2013, as well as supporting and expanding our involvement in the Danish M&M Club. The Fell Pony fits the Scandinavian habitat and mindset, has been taken to heart by the Danes and is here for good.

A big thank you goes to the Fell Pony Society for the 90th anniversary week. It was, as always, a very pleasant and educational visit for us.

We wish you all well, and we are looking forward to a drier and better 2013.

Casper Fink

Chairman

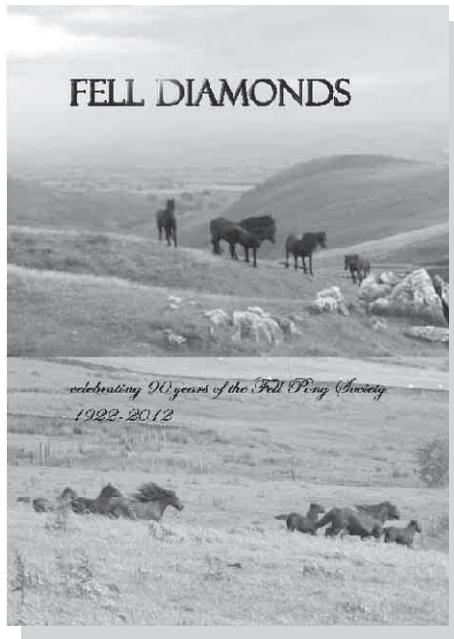
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90th Anniversary International Convention 2012

Although 2012 is over, and some of you will be thinking ‘thank goodness’, there has been a great deal of work going on, since last August, to record information about all of the events and activities of the 90th anniversary week as well as judging the writing competition and collating the stud details sent in by the FPS breeders. A new publication called ‘Fell Diamonds: celebrating 90 years of the Fell Pony Society’ has been very carefully put together and will be ready for you to buy at the AGM at the end of March priced at £5 per copy. The profit from the sale of this book will be used to promote the Fell pony and provide training courses for those who wish to develop their handling, riding and driving skills during the next decade.

Eileen Walker



*Our Anniversary book, Fell Diamonds:
celebrating 90 years of the Fell Pony Society 1922–2012
£5.00 & £2.00 P&P*



FELL DIAMONDS Writing Competition—Results

Adult Poetry

- 1 Carole Morland, I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud
- 2= Yvonne Watson, Dawn Horse
- 2= Yvonne Watson, Carrock Fell
- 3 Victoria Parker, My Diamond in the Rough

Adult Prose

- 1 Anne Fishburn, Jack of Diamonds
- 2 Faith Spence, Fell Diamonds
- 3 Tom Bender, The Scent of Tea and Pipe Smoke
- C Tina Munday, Wild at Heart

Junior Poetry

- 1 Roisin Watson, age 9, Drift

Junior Prose

- 1 Lily Whyman, age 7, Fell Diamonds
- 2= Ruby Whyman, age 5, Fell Diamonds
- 2= Louise Mayhew, age 14, Horse and Rider

Judges' report

The Prose sections were judged by Jackie Moffatt, columnist for Cumbria Life magazine and author of “The Funny Farm” and “Sheepwrecked.” The Poetry sections were judged by Sue Millard, FPS Editor, poet and author of “Hoofprints in Eden,” “One Fell Swoop” and “Coachman.”

There was a total of 40 entries, which was very pleasing. All the classes were blind-judged with writers' names blanked out, so it was very strange to find after judging that out of the first six entries to arrive, five either won or were placed. Evidently the really dedicated writers pitch in and get on with it.

What we looked for in all sections were stories or scenes described so well that we could forget the nuts and bolts and trust the writers to carry us into their “Fell Diamonds” world.

We were impressed with the quality of the writing, especially in the **adult Prose section**, where some entries were more poetical than some of the verse. There wasn't one of the 15 that was unpublishable. The winners not only got their message across effectively but had very distinctive voices and ideas.

We read a wide range of interpretations of the title "Fell Diamonds." Some writers went for the factual approach, some went for made-up stories and many used humour, but they all wrote with strong understanding of Fell pony nature.

In the **adult Poetry section** we had 21 entries, by far the biggest class. (During the early part of the entry period it had even looked as though we might receive nothing but poems for the competition.)

We were hoping to find a little gem in here—coal compressed into a diamond, or wine distilled into a perfect spirit. Many entries attempted rhymed and metrical verse which is extremely difficult to do well. Of these, the winning entry stood out for its amusing narrative, its regular, conversational metre and well-managed rhymes which supported the story rather than being added just because they fitted.

The two equal-second placed poems were free verse, and they were so well written that we could not put any of the other poems above them. It was no surprise to find they were by the same writer. If either of them had touched on the Diamonds theme as well as "Fells", it would probably have won.

We only had one entry in the **junior Poetry section**, which is curious given that we had so many adult poems; our Fell pony poets must start late in life. This was a cleverly presented and well written piece and a worthy winner.

In the **junior Prose section**, we took age into account, so younger writers came out equal with an older one who told a good story but whose spelling and grammar needed more care.

We were able to award some equal prize money and a Commended prize within our competition budget, and all winners receive a cheque (1st £20, 2nd £10, 3rd £5), and a copy of the Anniversary Book FELL DIAMONDS in which the winning and placed entries are published.

Well done all of you and thank you for entering!

Jackie Moffatt (prose judge)

Sue Millard (poetry judge)

You can read the winning and placed entries in the Anniversary Book FELL DIAMONDS, available from the FPS Merchandise stall at the AGM or from the FPS Office.



Mrs J Crane's Fell stallion Murthwaite Windrush having his first attempt at some cross-country jumping with Hayley Reynolds.



Miss Alison Morton and Lownthwaite Fingerprint at Equifest 2012



Results of the 2014 FPS Calendar Competition

We had a bumper entry of photographs so the judges had a hard task. Thanks to all of you who sent in photos and thanks too to the judges who were members of the South West Support Group. Two calendars will be on their way to the judges after the Spring AGM. Every selected photograph qualifies for a free calendar and the overall winner, Joanne Bennett, and the runner-up, Helen Miller, will receive a £10 and a £5 FPS voucher respectively

Cover picture	Joanne Bennett	Lancs.		
January	Tom James Photography		July	Louise Massey Cumbria
February	Jen Bernard	Cumbria	August	Gemineye Photography
March	Mick Hawley	Cumbria	September	Milly Richards, East Sussex
April	Helen Miller	Tees-side	October	Joanne Bennet Lancs.
May	Fell Pony Society Archives		November	Patricia Clark Scotland
June	Georgina Blair	Bucks.	December	Margaret Wilson Cumbria

Congratulations to all. Calendars should be available at the Spring AGM and thereafter. So now we look forward to entries for the 2015 calendar. As before landscape format images (i.e. wider than high) are preferred to portrait format although we still accept good portrait images. Either digital or hard copy 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 them in.

The closing date for submission of entries for the 2015 calendar is October 14th 2013. If hard copy prints are submitted they should be accompanied by a SAE if you would like then to be returned.

Digital images can be sent to the following e-mail: ProfBarbaraBrown@aol.com or alternatively CDs and photographic prints can be mailed to:

Barbara Dunne, West Briscoe, Baldersdale, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham DL12 9UP, U.K. Tel 01833 650059

Mysteries of the FPS Archive



Above: This photograph of a Fell driving turnout was probably taken at a British Driving Society Meet at Lowther Horse Driving Trials in the 1980s. Clues to the venue are the wooden ring-fence, the obstacle cone in the arena beyond the pony's back, and the policeman in shirt-sleeves near the announcer's caravan. Discussion on a driving forum has suggested that the pretty carriage may be a C-spring road cart, which is either American or a copy of an American vehicle. Since that is unusual, it may help in identifying the pony, driver and passenger.

Top Right: Sarge and Thomas Noble with—presumably—a Heltondale gelding. Probably at Keld Head, Heltondale, and possibly taken by Helen Dobie. Can anyone date the photo, name the pony or confirm the location?

Bottom Right: The word "Warnock" and date 1992 are written on the back of this photograph. Who are the people and ponies and what was the event?

If you can help, please contact Barbara Dunne (see Calendar article on previous page), or the Editor or the FPS Office.





Townend Banner 1977—2012

This stalwart of a Fell pony, bred by the late Mr. Eddie Wilson, died quietly in his field on Jubilee Monday, aged 35 years old. I have known Banner for almost 30 of those years. I rode him quite awhile before I owned him and when his owner, Sue Bottom, said to me one day, ‘He is happy with you - we would like to give him to you’ then I gratefully accepted. That must be over 18 years ago and Banner was well into ‘middle age’ then.

He was always the plodder with me but I became aware of Pleasure Rides and took him, apprehensively on my part, on such a ride organized by North Lancs. Bridleways Society. Plodder? I could not stop him!

That was the start of a ‘new life’ for both of us and this ‘life’ encompassed many Pleasure rides, including one year being the oldest pony to complete at Tebay; riding holidays over the Fells; the Mary Towneley Loop, and in Scotland; and, Banner’s highlight—galloping across Morecambe Bay on several occasions, the last being when he was 28 years old.



He loved that. I just dare not take him any more in case he had a heart attack out there with the excitement.

He has been a wonderful pony. He has taken me places I would never have dreamed of and he has taught me most of what I know about ponies, Fells in particular. He has also given me such a love of Fells in general. In fact he has shaped my life since I met him. A real stalwart with a true stickability and determination. Thank you, Banner.

Barbara Hartley

Reminder from the FPS Office: deceased ponies

We know how hard it is to lose a pony, but by law the owner should return the pony’s passport to the Society for cancellation. It can then be returned to you if you wish to keep it.



Wildhoeve Boy FP50598C* 1996—2012

Saturday night, March 24 1996; the birth of the 4th foal of the Wildhoeve stud. The first impression is still with us; a good looking colt foal, lots of bone and looking around the world, a bit arrogant. At that time we didn't know that he would grow up as an important stallion of our Fell Pony stud. He has an impressive list; in 1998 youngstock champion at breed show, 2003 champion over all at stallion show and 2004 reserve champion. In 2005 champion at the overseas branch stallion show in Belgium. 2006 in Great Britain he was second in veteran class and 5th overall. Champion again at the stallion show 2007. With 61 descendants he has made a big contribution to the Dutch Fell Pony population; 8 first premium mares and foal champions. But he left also his footprints abroad with licensed sons in Denmark, Germany, Switzerland and even in Great Britain. We lose in Boy not just a stallion but we lose the corner-stone of our Fell Pony stud. Wildhoeve Boy died October 25 2012.

Legends don't die they live on in our memory.

The Ottink family



Heltondale Crown 1990—2012

When I think of Crown I think of the first time I heard there were not only Black and Brown Fell Ponies but also Grey. Then we saw a picture of him and decided we wanted him. In May 1996 I travelled to Cumbria to visit the Stallion Show and after that we collected Crown to take him with us to the Netherlands.

When I saw Crown for the first time it was the wow feeling! Travelling home went very well. Back in Beckum where we live, of course he had to show off a bit. We took Crown with us to the stallion show in the Netherlands and he became the champion. Oh man what a proud feeling that was! In his life Crown went with us to a lot of shows and he was good PR for the Fell Pony. He was always a bit of a macho and was not always easy to handle. He never kept himself very clean, so he always gave us a lot of work, which was not always nice but he was and stayed to be our Crown. He gave a lot of nice foals so there is always a memory. Unfortunately he got sick with a disease and died.

Crown boy you left us but we will always remember you.

Henk Marsman.



Wellbrow Jake 2000—2012

We are still shocked and saddened to have lost our Jakey. We bought him, along with Jimmy and Target, from Michelle and Andrew's Wellbrow stud, in 2002. Together with Danny, they formed our team of Peers Clough Packhorses.

Over the years they have provided riders with pleasure, confidence, and the unique experience of riding a Fell on the fells.

We could say so many things about Jakey, but I was very touched by an e mail I received from a lady who had ridden him once, which sums it up perfectly.

"I came 'on spec' for a hack in that beautiful week we had in March. You put me on Jake and I was hugely impressed with him as a representative of the breed. He was so lovely and steady but not boring or sluggish; he also 'did' the gates with me so expertly—on his part—that it really put a smile on my face. He stood beautifully rock-like, not spooking at some joggers. Loved everything about him, including the turbo powered canter!

"After the ride I fed him a couple of mints and loved the sparkle in his eye as he enjoyed them. I am so sorry he has gone, and I only met him the once—so you must miss him very much."

We certainly do, but have now welcomed Wellbrow Bangle and Wellbrow Casper to the team.

Chris, Cia and Suzy, Peers Clough Packhorses



Wellbrow Jake with Hannah Cocklin, one of the Peers Clough Pony Pals.



FPS Bursary Winners

2011 - Heather Mawrey and Wansfell Tobias

Heather Mawrey and Wansfell Tobias (sire Heltondale Ted, dam Wansfell Tanya) were awarded the FPS Bursary for 2011. Heather decided that she would use the award to take a series of 12 lessons with Vicki Brown who is based near Northallerton, N Yorkshire. Vicki's Mother is Margaret Raines; and Vicki used to show Margaret's Fell ponies very successfully under saddle; qualifying for Olympia three times and taking 5th place with Townend Patrick in 1989.

Heather says that had it not been for the Bursary she would not have had the luxury of taking the lessons, as, like most of us she has many other calls on her finances. Heather found the lessons extremely helpful and said that she really saw an improvement in her pony, Wansfell Tobias's, way of going. She also became much more motivated herself and was up early each day, schooling Tobias before work. The evidence came at the FPS Breed Show in August 2012, where Tobias took the in hand gelding championship and was 5th, and the first gelding, in the male open ridden class behind four top class show stallions. Well done to Heather and Tobias!

Heather urges others not to be shy and to enter the Bursary competition in 2013, as it is such a great opportunity to get the individual assistance that can make all the difference to the performance of pony and rider.

2012 - Courtney Read and Carrock Stormbreaker

The 2012 Bursary has been awarded to 19 year old Courtney Read, a student from Leyland near Preston. Courtney's pony Carrock Stormbreaker (Teddy) is a 6 year old gelding whom Courtney bought from the Crane family as a two year old colt. Teddy was bred by the Cockbains out of Townend Sugar by Towerview Spirit of Joy.

Courtney and Teddy had a very successful in hand career before Courtney backed him as a four year old. They had a very successful first season under saddle qualifying for NCPA pony of the year show, Equifest and NPS Spring festival for 2011 where they won the Underwood's young rider of the year 16-21 year old section and received lots of excellent feedback from judges and spectators. They were also the highest placed home produced in the Pure Novice M&M class against seasoned campaigners.

In 2011 Courtney and Teddy started competing in working hunter, and it soon became apparent that jumping was Teddy's forte; Courtney reports that people were often shocked by the scope and ability of her small chunky pony. Their greatest achievement that season was winning the BSPS heritage novice M&M working hunter at Aintree show where they also took the championship. By the end of the season they had qualified for the NPS summer champs in WHP and flat classes. They also had a very good day at the Westmorland county show winning



their in hand class; taking 3rd in the ridden Fells and 2nd in the BSPS WHP class against tough competition.

During 2012 Courtney and Teddy have entered RIHS and HOYS working hunter qualifiers; qualified for the NPS area 25 M&M working hunter championships at NPS Summer champs; and the North West Working hunter championships. They also attended the Holcombe Hunt show where they won their working hunter classes and got through to the championship in the evening performance.

During the winter they will be out hunting with the Holcombe and generally keeping fit and busy. Courtney says that she will continue to have WH training from Pam Prickett and that she hopes to use the Bursary to have some lessons with Tracey Millward and to attend some showing clinics to polish up her ringcraft.

Good Luck to Courtney and Teddy, excellent Ambassadors for the Fell pony breed. I'm sure we will be seeing a lot more of them in the future.

Details of how to apply for the 2013 Bursary will be on the FPS website in the New Year.



Castle Hill ponies win HOYS Leading Breeders Guide Award

The Castle Hill Stud, based at Horbury, Wakefield near Leeds, is the recipient of the inaugural Horse of the Year Show Leading Breeders Guide Fell Breeder of the Year Award.

The award, which was presented at a reception at HOYS, is to recognise the contribution of Breeders and is given to the Breeder whose ponies gain the most points in HOYS ridden qualification classes throughout the year. The award went to the late Don Crow and was accepted by his daughter Claire.

Claire said that she was absolutely delighted and overwhelmed to accept the award on behalf of her Dad. She felt that he would have been looking down on her as she received the award for him. She feels sure that Fell pony breeders



Photo: The Event Photographer

Castle Hill Raven ridden by Hayley Reynolds: five times HOYS finalist, three times Olympia finalist where he has been best of breed and placed 3rd in 2012; three times RIHS finalist.



Castle Hill Rose, in-hand Supreme Fell Champion at the 2006 Summer Breed Show, being awarded her rosette by the late Mrs Ailie Newall.

would be pleased to see Don's achievements acknowledged and that they would agree that the award could not have gone to a nicer person.

Don had a particular talent for spotting foals with excellent breeding potential and purchasing them to introduce fresh blood; Claire hopes to follow in his footsteps.

Claire would also like to congratulate the owners and riders of the Castle Hill ponies who amassed the points and have performed consistently well throughout the year, and hopes that they will continue their success in the 2013 season.



Greenholme Duke at the British Dressage National Championships

Qualifying for the BD National Championships with Duke was an amazing experience and one that I will never forget. When competing at the Regionals I would have been pleased to be in the top 10, so to come 2nd was for me, awesome. I suppose I didn't realise what competing at the summer nationals meant until I had qualified. I had people I did not even know shaking my hand congratulating us. It was a great feeling I can tell you.

So the preparations began with only 4 weeks to go I wanted us to be on top form I was a little nervous of what response I would get because Duke is not the normal "dressage horse" you would expect to be competing at that level, but just thought we had to give it our best shot. So the day arrived, we travelled down the day before to get him settled and to soak up the atmosphere in the work in arenas the night before. The working in was a little daunting to say the least, big talented dressage horses with big names on board coming at us from all angles. I looked around and around but not another hairy pony in sight, just us standing at 14 hands. Duke was tense and not himself as more and more big horses piled into the arena. Quite a lot of competitors were having lessons as their trainers stood on the side lines communicating through ear pieces. We then went for the arena walk which you were allowed to walk only around the outside of the arenas. I think we must have jogged for about 30 minutes before settling into a walk. The pavilion, the seating, the huge flower arrangements, the judges' boxes, the 3 Audi cars and of course the big screen which was about 40 feet in the air at the side of the arena...was quite a lot for Duke to take in. Finally the day of the competition came. We got him ready and set off for the 10 minute



walk to the arena for the tack check, everything ok. There seemed even more horses working in than the previous evening, and still no hairies in sight. The steward called my name, 7 minutes to go, I didn't know what to expect, would he be jogging and all tense or would he be ok? I had no idea. 2 minutes to go, then we were in, under the archway of flowers we went and into the arena. The previous competitor wished me luck (which is another reason I love dressage as I have always had a welcoming feeling from other competitors). We managed to walk a few steps without being too tense and away we went. I don't think I took a breath during the whole test. Phew, big sigh of relief, it was over with not a hiccup up in sight and we left the arena with a big smile. Walking away from the arena I met my friends who had purchased ear pieces which enabled them to listen to the judges opinion, they said the judges really loved Duke and were very complimentary on his way of going especially his canter. On entering one of the judges had said 'Mmmmmmm now how do we judge this?' and another judge said, 'The same as everyone else....' We finished 12th out of 28 which I was delighted with. Since the Nationals we have competed in the Area Festival Pet Plan where we finished 5th, which again I was delighted with, especially as we have gone up to the next section.

Jeanette McGuinness



Westmorland County Show 2012

The Robinson/Metcalf Family from Killington had a terrific day at Westmorland County Show in September. The family took the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the BPS large Mountain & Moorland class for Fells, Dales and Highlands under judge Miss J Furness from Lauder. Anna Metcalfe took first place with Lunesdale Warrior Queen; her Aunt Julie was second with Lunesdale Aurora; and Julie's daughter Alex was third with the stallion Greenholme Clyde. Lunesdale Warrior Queen went on to take the reserve championship in the M&M section. Later in the day Julie rode Aurora to win the Fell ridden and the overall Fell Championship under judge Barbara Bell from Wigton.

Rebecca Morland's prolific winning mare Greenholme Buttercup took the in hand class for ponies four years and above; and the Wilkinson family from Appleby took the yearling and two/three year old classes with Brackenbank Kate and Brackenbank Pearl; full sisters by Lownthwaite Gary out of Brackenbank Sorrel and again prolific winners. Pearl also took the reserve championship.



Birkettbank Sir Alex's hooves don't touch the ground

Sadly the FPS annual sale, which was to have been held at the new auction mart near the M6 at Kendal, could not go ahead, due to circumstances outside the Society's control. However a Mountain & Moorland sale was held at the Penrith auction mart and a number of ponies that would have been sold at the Society's sale were re-routed to Penrith.

Among the potential buyers at the sale was Hannah Toft who travelled all the way from Shrewsbury, Shropshire; setting out at 2 am hoping to find a new addition to her small native (Grinshill) stud. Hannah had lost a two year old Fell colt to an accident a few years ago and although her colt could not be replaced, she felt that the time had come to find another Fell.

When Hannah arrived at the sale her attention was drawn by an impatient little colt with lots of mane and feather and a little bit of fire. Hannah breeds Welsh at home and says that she and her sister tend to go for presence over behaviour. The colt, Birkettbank Sir Alex, was bred and owned by Rob Briggs and is a previous FPS performance premium winner. Hannah loved Sir Alex, or Ferg as he is now known, from the first moment and decided that he was going home to Shrewsbury. Hannah says that Ferg is not like her previous beloved colt, but he reminds her of three ponies that she has lost over the years; and she loves the fact that he represents something from each of them.

Ferg was tucked up in bed on the Friday night and then taken to a show on the Sunday where he qualified for the NCPA pony of the year show. The following week he went out again and qualified for the National Winter Champs; won his class and went reserve champion and got fantastic feedback from the judge.

Hannah plans to show Ferg in hand until he's ready to break, and then he will go on to further his career in ridden showing as a stallion. He will be standing at the Grinshill stud.



The FPS Sales List

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The Sales list has 5 sections:

Section 1—Foals, Yearlings and Two Year Olds.

Section 2—Three and Four Year Olds

Section 3—Five Years and Over

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Section 5—Ponies Wanted

Please forward the completed form together with a cheque payable to 'The Fell Pony Society' to:

FPS Sales List

FPS Office

Ion House

Great Asby

Appleby

Cumbria

CA16 6HD

To advertise Ponies

The application form for listing ponies for sale is available on the FPS web site:

<http://www.fellponysociety.org/forms/SalesListApplicationForm.htm>

A payment of £10 per listing/pony is required. Details will be included and remain on the list for a maximum period of three months.

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Photos may be included in posted listings in the sales list by emailing JPG/JPEG to the FPS Office.

Please let the Office know when a pony is sold and its listing can be removed.

On the Web or in print

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A printed copy is available on receipt of £3 + SAE but remember, it is only a snapshot of the list at the time it is posted out to you.

Enquiries to FPS Office: Tel 01768 353100, address as above.

e-mail: fellponysocietysecretary@hotmail.co.uk



Magazine and Website—guidelines for submission

Text

The Magazine's content has to fit into 100 pages or less. We would like informative articles to be around 1500 words, digital or printed rather than hand-written. If your article will be longer please get in touch and discuss it before sending. Pony news pieces and obituaries should be about 400 words with one good photo. Longer items may be included at the discretion of the Editor if they are relevant and of interest to the Fell Pony Society. Please double-check facts before sending, especially names.

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Please SEND YOUR COPY TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE DEADLINE: 1st September and 1st February. The Magazine must be put together, proof-read and any amendments made before it goes to the printers, and their turnaround also has to be factored in, before the Office can envelope and post the Magazine so you receive your Notice and Agenda three weeks before any FPS General Meeting.

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For the Magazine:

http://www.fellponysociety.org/Newsletters/submissions_magazine.htm

For the Website:

http://www.fellponysociety.org/image_submission_policy.htm



Submitting Photos for the Fell Pony Society web site

Photographs of ponies are included on the FPS web site in the Photo Gallery and on the Sales page.

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Please **DO NOT** submit huge, high resolution image files. Even for the Magazine, images will not need to be much larger than 1Mb. Please note that very large emailed files may clog up the rural broadband to such an extent that I will have to delete the offending messages in order to keep the system

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These guidelines are available from the Society's web site, http://www.fellponysociety.org/image_submission_policy.htm

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