



FPS-MESG Newsletter – Summer 2008

“Forelock”

Mid Season!

I trust you have enjoyed yourselves so far, and still have activities to look forward to?

I'd like to thank all competitors who completed the Sandringham Show questionnaire. All points will be taken on board when planning the 2009 show. The show committee would love some extra help, either practical on the day or PC/entries/catalogue help at home (distance no object!). If interested please contact Judy on 01455 552534 or Lisa on 01485 541097 for a chat. Sponsors are also welcome; two already forward!

I went to the EANPS Summer Show, we had two very senior, well thought of judges yet the Fell entries were disappointing; even our cousins the Dales had fuller classes!!

MESG have a get together at the Risborough Show on July 20, organised by Oxfordshire Rep Lorna Brooks (01844 350404 or 07710 282382, e-mail lorna@fullersflowers.co.uk). Do support this show if you can, either with or without ponies, and encourage Lorna to continue or improve on the idea for 2009.

Any members with cameras don't forget the FPS 2010 Calendar. Please send me pictures to go in the Autumn Competition. And don't forget that entries for the FPS Southern Show close on August 1st!

*Judy A Hill
MESG Co-ordinator*

Diary dates

Saturday 19th July 2008 – Lazy Acres Summer Showing Qualifiers, Lazy Acres Stables, Frankton Lane, Stretton on Dunsmore, Nr Rugby, Warks – Plenty of classes and qualifiers, and best Fell pony rosettes in M&M large breeds in-hand and ridden, and M&M WHP. See www.lazyacresstables.com or call 07711 582 406 for information. Please come and support this show and there might be more Fell shows at this venue!

Sunday 20th July 2008 – Risborough Horse Show, Bucks – Come along and meet other Fell owners, with or without your pony. Contact Lorna Brooks 01844 350404 or 07710 282382, e-mail lorna@fullersflowers.co.uk.

Saturday 26th July 2008 - Trailblazers Showing at Stoneleigh– see www.trailblazersshowing.com for details of these showing championships for amateurs. Last chance to qualify for this year is on 26th July, with the finals taking place at Stoneleigh that weekend as well. Trailblazers also run dressage and show jumping competitions, and if any MESG members take part please let us know how you do!

Sunday 27th July 2008 – FPS-MESG Fun Show, Lambley Show Field, Gotham, Nottingham – Classes ranging from the traditional show classes to trotting, handy pony and games. Contact Christine Poole on 0115 984 4729 or 07817 442293 for schedule & entry form or see the MESG page of the FPS website.

Sunday 7th September 2008 – FPS-MESG Ride & Picnic, Gotham, Nottingham. Contact Christine Poole on 0115 984 4729 or 07817 442293 for more details.

Sunday 14th September 2008 – FPS Southern Show. ENTRIES CLOSE 1st AUGUST. Held at Berkshire College of Agriculture near Maidenhead. The college is easily accessible and is situated on the A404 between J8/9 of the M4 and J4 of the M40. This is a super venue, with lovely level fields and good facilities. See FPS website for schedule and entry form. **Sadie Densham is organising a get together with supper the night before the show for any Fell people staying in the area – call Sadie on 01869 340343 for info – places will be limited so book early.**

Saturday 1st November 2008 – FPS-Midlands West Support Group Illustrated Talk, William Shrewsbury County Primary School, Burton-on-Trent. Vyv Wood-Gee will be presenting an illustrated talk of her epic journey with her daughter from John O'Groats to Lands End on their two versatile Fell ponies. The talk begins at 13.30. Admission by ticket only. £5 per ticket including tea and biscuits. Buffet lunch also available from 12.30 for £3/person. Tickets available from Mary Longsdon, Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1NN (tel 01629 640709).



Members' Ads

For Loan – Video & TV plus Megaphone

The MESHG have a combination TV/video/DVD player for loan to promotional stands at shows and small social get togethers. A megaphone is also available for clinics and small shows. This equipment is available for MESHG members and friends to borrow for other events. A returnable deposit is required, and a donation to funds is welcome. Contact Judy on 01455 552534.



At Stud – “Oscar-Joe” FP50968C* - Black Fell Station approx 13hh

Sire – Heltondale Roy III, Dam – Greenholme Nora (Going back to Murthwaite Victor/Tebay Campbell Ton Victor etc). O-J has an amazing temperament together with super looks and movement. He is very easy to handle around other horses in and out of the stable. Shown and won in hand at county level. Mares can be covered in hand or run out with him. Stud fee £150 (nfr 1st Oct terms). Tel 01604 740487 or 07799 081563, e-mail grangefarmstb@aol.com

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FPS-MESHG Sandringham Show & Sponsored Ride & Drive, May 17 & 18, 2008

The show took place on a cool, but dry Saturday in May, at West Newton, Norfolk, by kind permission of our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen. There were serious Registered Fell Pony classes. Our NPS/FPS judge, Mrs Sarah Prior-Parry, felt the overall standard was high, with some new faces that haven't managed the long drive to our big shows in Cumbria or the South of England. The "Fell Friends" classes were open to all other horses and ponies that live with or ride out with Fells, and enjoy the activities we arrange. There were also mixed classes for fancy dress, child handler etc. One competitor brought three ponies from Oxfordshire, a three hour journey each way; others were from Norfolk and adjoining counties.

We were pleased to have the support of the ILPH who offered special rosettes for the highest placed 'correct weight'/'Best working condition' pony in each show class. Also thanks to Feedmark, Spillers, Dodson & Horrell and Joules who offered vouchers as prizes.

A social supper was held on Saturday evening at a local hotel, with good company and good food! Sunday dawned bright with a little breeze, ideal for the sponsored ride and drive around the estate, which had a very good turnout of over 120 entries. A similar format, at the same venue, will be planned for 2009. Everybody is welcome



and details will be available nearer the time from lisa@lisadunger.wanadoo.co.uk and judy@gileshill.plus.com (for the show) and holtabode@btinternet.com (for the ride).

Show Results:

Class 1A Reg Fell youngstock (0-3 years): 1st Bybeck Hercules (K.G. Coe), 2nd Townend Charm II (M. Chapman), 3rd Lownthwaite Cashmere (A Coe), 4th Lownthwaite Helios (P Hendry) **Class 1B 'Fell Friend' youngstock (0-3 years):** 1st Galaela Golden Gabrielle (K Lamyman) **Class 2A Reg Fell (4 – 14 yrs):** 1st Shirdleyhill Tara (C Brooks), 2nd Ludworth Viking Silver (N Ash), 3rd Drybarrows Boxer (L Bingham), 4th Tighewood Model (C Lawrence), 5th Ludworth Morning Star (K Duncan), 6th Northlodge Dill (B Jex) **Class 2B 'Fell Friend' (4 – 14 yrs):** 1st Daisy (A Brooks), 2nd Pip (M Carr), 3rd Tir Naog (D Hodges) **Class 3A Veteran Reg Fell (15yrs and over):** 1st Heltondale Charlie (K Wood) **Class 3B Veteran 'Fell Friend' (15yrs and over):** 1st James (M Rostron) **Class 4 Child Handler (in-hand open):** 1st Daisy, 2nd Drybarrows Boxer, 3rd Persephone (E Aske), 4th Pip **Class 5 Best Turned Out (in-hand open):** 1st Tir Naog, 2nd Ludworth Viking Silver, 3rd Drybarrows Boxer, 4th Tighewood Model, 5th Ludworth Morning Star, 6th Heltondale Charlie. **Class 6 Best Turned Out (ridden open):** 1st Ludworth Morning Star, 2nd Tighewood Model, 3rd Tir Naog, 4th Persephone, 5th Heltondale Charlie, 6th Northlodge Dill **Class 7A Reg Fell Ridden (4yrs and over):** 1st Shirdleyhill Tara, 2nd Ludworth Morning Star, 3rd Tighewood Model, 4th Heltondale Charlie **Class 7B 'Fell Friends' Ridden (4yrs and over):** 1st Tir Naog, 2nd James **Class 8 Child Rider 16yrs and under (open):** 1st Daisy, 2nd Persephone **Class 9 Family mount most suited to rider:** 1st Persephone, 2nd Tir Naog **Class 10 Fancy Dress (open):** 1st Group 'Shrek' N Ash, K Duncan and Ludworth Viking Silver; 1st Individual 'Clown' E Aske and Persephone **Champion Reg Fell:** Shirdleyhill Tara (Rider/handler Christina Brooks, owner Judy A Hill) **Reserve Champion Fell:** Ludworth Viking Silver (Owner/handler Nichola Ash) **Champion 'Fell Friend':** Daisy (Rider/handler Alice Brooks, owner Lorna Brooks) **Reserve Champion 'Fell Friend':** Persephone (Owner/rider Emily Aske)

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Fell & Friends Christmas Show at Canaan Farm, Notts, on 16 December 2007

The winners from this very popular but very cold show before Christmas were:

Class 1 3yrs & under: 1st Rysgate Nutkin (R Bush) 2nd Ella (Woodward) **Class 2a Open in-hand Fells:** 1st Wolds Phalarope (D Atkin), 2nd Wolds Swift (J Anderson), 3rd Greenhams British Queen (Z Reid) **Class 2b Open in-hand 'Fell Friends':** 1st Ella (Woodward), 2nd Bon Jovi (B O'Kelly), 3rd Palla Bellview (J Mercer) **Class 3 Pairs in-hand:** 1st Fred's Promise & Meadow Valley Free Spirit (N & J Plumb), 2nd Rysgate Nutkin & Blackthorn Phantom (R & R Bush), 3rd Dunkey Hoopoe & Ella (V Grundy & Woodward) **Class 4 Child handler:** 1st Princess of Darkness (N Sunderland), 2nd Meadow Valley Free Spirit (J Plumb), 3rd Blackthorn Phantom (S Jones) **Class 5a Open Ridden Fells:** 1st Meadow Valley Free Spirit, 2nd Wolds Swift, 3rd Wolds Phalarope **Class 5b Open Ridden 'Fell Friends':** 1st Jim (H Owen), 2nd Pernod (R Jarvis), 3rd Palla Bellview **Class 6 Ridden Pairs:** 1st Wolds Woodlark (C&L Walker) & Greenhams British Queen, 2nd Wolds Swift & Wolds Phalarope, 3rd Aramis (W Smith) & Braithwaite Dinky (R Brown) **Class 7 Best Turned Out:** 1st Jim, 2nd Pallas Bellview, 3rd Dunkey Hoopoe **Class 8 Working Hunter:** 1st Meadow Valley Free Spirit, 2nd Wolds Phalarope, 3rd Princess of Darkness **Class 9 Fancy Dress:** 1st Starlight Express (S Johnson), 2nd Braithwaite Dinky, 3rd Meadow Valley Free Spirit **Class 10 Family Pony:** 1st Meadow Valley Free Spirit, 2nd Princess of Darkness, 3rd Wolds Woodlark

Hamish qualifies for the Horse of the Year Show!

Denise Bumford's Townend Hamish II qualified for the Horse of the Year Show when he won his class at Hickstead on 27th June. Hamish was ridden and produced by Jo Bates. We wish Hamish all the best for HOYS and look forward to reporting his progress in future newsletters.

Have any other MESH members qualified their ponies for any championships? Please let us know and we'd love to feature you in the newsletter!

Dressage success for FPS members in the South

MESH member Georgina Blair qualified both her ponies, Clandon Gabriella and Heltondale Ruby III, for the inaugural NPS Southern Counties Dressage Championships at the prestigious Addington Manor Equestrian Centre in April. It was a super day, with lots of natives taking part, but only the two Fells – it would be great to see more Fells there next year!



This year Emma hopes to qualify her Fell Stennerskeugh Frances II for the Petplan Championships and has a young Fell pony at home, Greenholme Stacey, who is already showing a talent for dressage.



Greenholme Stacey

Success for MESG junior member in Pony Club Care Competition

On Wednesday 26th March the Pony Club Area 7 Horse and Pony Care Competition took place at Far Coton in Leicestershire.

The Competition involves teams of three Pony Club members that are asked to show their ability to look after, in safety and with confidence, the welfare of the horse, demonstrating their practical and theoretical knowledge of equine husbandry as required by Pony Club tests. The Junior teams are made up of members that are 13 years and under on 1st January, with at least one member to be 11 years and under on 1st January.

MESG Member Anastasia Meadows at 10 years old headed up the third and very young Atherstone Pony Club Team in their first year at the competition. Together with team mates Eleanor Evans (9yrs) and Megan Ellingworth (9yrs) they came an incredible 6th out of 18 teams. The other Atherstone Teams came 1st and 2nd making it a fantastic day rewarding all the members for their hard work training over the last four months.

Anna is keen to carry on training with the teams as they prepare to go to the Pony Club Championships in August and to have another go next year!

Please send all your news for the next newsletter to Georgina Blair at clandongabriella@fsmail.net