



FPS-MESG Newsletter – Spring 2010

“The Mane Thing”

At last we are seeing signs of Spring and warmer weather – which is about time for people, ponies and grass! We have a great season to look forward to with plenty of activities to suit everyone from fun shows to socials. I must draw your attention to a couple of activities which you might find of interest. For a few years now Christine Poole has run a series of shows at Gotham – these are a great opportunity for the young, nervous or new to showing! The whole atmosphere is low-key and the emphasis is on fun. This year Christine is also putting on trotting classes together with handy pony and games. She will also be organising a dressage class in future. Please support these shows if you are local to Christine as she puts such a lot of hard work and care into the events.

A new development is the Inter-Area In-hand Championship, which will take place at the FPS Southern Show on 12th September 2010 – see below for details on how you can qualify for this championship at either the Spring or Sandringham shows – a lovely cup and £50 prize money is on offer to the winner! Good luck.

Please support our area shows at Slapton and Sandringham – Georgina and Lisa put in a great deal of effort on your behalf to organise these shows. I have had constant contact by e-mail from Georgina this week as she is beavering away to get the Slapton catalogue off to the printers – she is like a swan – much activity going on below the water line and graceful above the water line!

On October 2nd the FPS will be holding a clinic in our area at Moreton Morrell College – this will require a lot of manpower to help on the day – if you are free on this day and would be willing to give up a few hours of time to man the car park or help steward please let me know by e-mailing Denise.Bumford@btconnect.com – all offers gratefully received!

When I look back on what I did with Hamish in 2009 it was the fantastic 3 days I had in the Brecon Beacons with Kate Merry and Penny that I enjoyed the most – we covered 60 miles in 3 days and learnt a great deal about ourselves, map reading on pony back and the peculiarities of the Welsh weather – but most of all we had great fun. Therefore if any members would like to take part in a weekend riding on the beach in Lincs or other such activity please e-mail me and we will make it happen!

I have recently taken over again as area co-ordinator from Judy Hill. I would like to thank Judy on your behalf for all the hard work she has put into developing MESG over the years and wish her all the best in the extensive travels she has planned with her husband now that they have fully retired.

Please remember to renew your MESG membership for 2010 and to enter the MESG Performance Points competition – membership and points entry forms can be downloaded from www.fellspringshow.com - look under the MESG forms and information tab – if you require a hard copy of these forms please send an SAE to address at end of the newsletter. The more members we have receiving their newsletter by e-mail the more trees and money we will save to spend on other activities – so please fill in your e-mail address on the membership form.

I wish you a great season with your ponies and whatever you do with them have fun!

Denise Bumford

Diary Dates

Sunday 18th April 2010 – Spring Show, Bury Farm, Slapton LU7 9BT – showing, dressage and WHP classes for registered Fells, including first MESHG qualifier for new Inter Area In-hand Championship. See www.fellspringshow.com or contact Georgina on 07796 685992. Entries closed on 1 April; limited number of classes allow entries on the day.

Friday 23rd April 2010 – MESHG Social Supper, Fairways Restaurant, Six Hill Golf Club. Tickets £15 per head. Social and supper – reserve your place by ringing Jane Glass on 01509 880261. The social dinners will start again in October.

Sunday 25th April 2010 – FPS-MESHG 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.

Saturday 15th May 2010 – Sandringham Show, Sandringham Estate, Norfolk – Classes for Fells, Dales and Fell-friends, including the second and final MESHG qualifier for new Inter-Area In-hand Championship. Schedule available to download from www.fellspringshow.com or contact Lisa on 01485 541097.

Saturday 12th June – Aylestone Native Pony Show, Leics. NPS, P(UK), NPS/Top Spec dressage qualifying classes and also unaffiliated and fun classes. Schedule from Mrs IK meadows, JLB Stables, Mill Lane, Blaby, Leics, LE8 5SH. Tel 0116-278-7486.

Sunday 20th June 2010 – Fell & Connemara Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture, Burchett's Green, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 6QR – In-hand, ridden & novice WHP classes for Fells only; open dressage (including NPS/TopSpec qualifiers) and other showing classes – highest placed Fell rosettes in all open classes. Schedule available to download from www.fellspringshow.com or contact Georgina on 07796 685992.

Sunday 20th June 2010 – FPS-MWSSG - Fell, Dales & Highland Show, Bakewell. For schedule send SAE to Miss Mary Longsdon MBE, The Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1NN.

Sunday 25th July 2010 – FPS-MESHG 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.

Sunday 25 July & Sunday 15 August, 2010 – Native Pony Dressage Days, Seer Green, Bucks – Separate sections for registered & unreg natives & part bred, best Fell rosettes & NPS/TopSpec qualifiers – see www.nativeponydressgae.com for details or contact Georgina on 07796 685992.

Sunday 12th September 2010 – FPS Southern Show. Crown Farm, Ascott-under-Wychwood – includes the final of the new Inter Area In-hand Championship. For all details see www.fellsouthernshow.com

Sunday 26th September 2010 – FPS-MESHG 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.

Saturday 2nd October 2010 – FPS Showing Clinic, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire – details to follow.

New Inter-Area In-Hand Championship

The Fell Pony Society is launching a New Inter-Area Championship for the best Fell Pony (in-hand). The championship final will take place at the end of the Southern Show, which is on 12 September at Crown Farm, Ascott under Wychwood, Oxon. The winner will receive the Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy presented by Miss Mary Longsdon MBE and prize money of £50. The reserve will receive prize money of £25. Each Area Support Group is entitled to put forward two ponies for the final.

The Midlands East Support Group will be running a mini in-hand championship at both the Spring and Sandringham Shows (see diary dates section) in order to select its qualifying ponies (one from each show). The highest placed eligible pony from each in-hand class will automatically qualify for the mini-championship, and the winner of the mini-championship will be entitled to go forward to the championship final at the Southern Show in September. In order to qualify for the MESHG mini-championship ponies must be owned and exhibited by current, fully paid-up MESHG members who reside, and whose ponies must be kept, in the MESHG area (Beds, Bucks, Cambs, Essex, Herts, Leics, Lincs, Norfolk, Northants, Notts, Oxon, Rutland, Suffolk).



Fancy dress entrants at the Christmas Show!

Fell and Friends Christmas Show 2009, Cannan Farm – RESULTS

The turnout for this show was very good despite the cold weather. Jean Andrews judged all classes and she said how nice it was to see people enjoying themselves. Jean was head girl with the Toulsons for many years and has shown at all the top shows and she said she thoroughly enjoyed herself. The highlight of the day was the arrival of Santa Claus with presents for all competitors including the judge!

In Hand - Best Turned Out: 1st Melissa Cumberland, Gibside Hannah Grace; 2nd Karen Duncan, Ludworth Viking Silver; 3rd Hannah Statham, Wolds Wheatear; 4th Jackie Siddy, Tia; 5th Michelle Church, Wolds Nightingale; 6th Lynne Chamberlain, Malie; 7th Nichola Ash, Ludworth Morning Star; **Open Fell Friends:** 1st Tia; 2nd Di Woodward, Fraggie; 3rd Rebecca Church, Little Legacy; 4th Rachael Bush, Fred; 5th Anastasia Meadows, Hillin Daniel
Fell: 1st Zoe Styles, Greenholme British Queen; 2nd Ludworth Morning Star; 3rd Wolds Wheatear; 4th Ludworth Viking Silver; 5th Gibside Hannah Grace; 6th Sarah McCarthy, Wolds Capercaillie; 7th Wolds Nightingale; 8th Jodie Chettle, Meadowvalley Twilight; 9th Anastasia Meadows, Aylestone the Merrie Monk; **Pairs:** 1st Christine Poole, Shula and Wolds Wheatear; 2nd Fraggie and Fred; 3rd Meadowvalley Twilight and Wolds Capercaillie; 4th Ludworth Morning Star and Gibside Hannah Grace; **Child handler:** 1st Anastasia Meadows, Aylestone the Merrie Monk; 2nd Hannah Statham, Wolds Wheatear; 3rd Aimee Bryans, Fred; 4th Jo Carrington, Ludworth Viking Silver; 5th Amy Shaw, Shula; 6th Sarah McCarthy, Wolds Capercaillie; **Fancy Dress:** 1st Karen Duncan and Nichola Ash, Ludworth Viking Silver; 2nd Jenna Plumb and Joel Cairns, Meadowvalley FreeSpirit; 3rd Sharnay Fountain, Dalefoot Billy Boy; 4th Melissa Cumberland, Gibside Hannah Grace; 5th Amy Shaw, Shula; 6th Isabel and Anastasia Meadows, Aylestone the Merrie Monk and Hillin Daniel; 7th Kiera Carrington, Ludworth Morning Star; **Ridden - Best Turned Out:** 1st Emma Bailey, Quenelle; 2nd Ludworth Morning Star; 3rd Gibside Hannah Grace; 4th Ludworth Viking Silver; 5th Lucy Hill, Ronnie; 6th Christine Poole, Shula; 7th Wolds Wheatear; 8th Meadowvalley Twilight; 9th Wolds Capercaillie; **Lead Rein:** 1st Emily Hill, Ronnie; 2nd Aimee Bryans, Fred; **Family Pony:** 1st Ammie Smith and Jackie Siddy, Midnight Magic; 2nd Isabel and Anastasia Meadows, Aylestone the Merrie Monk; 3rd Rachael Bush and Aimee Bryans, Fred; 4th Jodie Chettle and Hannah Statham, Wolds Capercaillie; 5th Christine Poole and Amy Shaw, Shula; 6th Melissa Cumberland and Nichola Ash, Ludworth Morning Star **Fell Friends:** 1st Ammie Smith, Midnight Magic; 2nd Hayley Sankey, Prinni; 3rd Ann Lee, Mac; 4th Emma Bailey, Quenelle; 5th Rebecca Church, Little Legacy; 6th Anastasia Meadows, Hillin Daniel; **Fell:** 1st Jenna Plumb, Meadowvalley FreeSpirit; 2nd Ludworth Viking Silver; 3rd Greenholme British Queen; 4th Isabel Meadows, Aylestone the Merrie Monk; 5th Dalefoot Billy Boy; 6th Meadowvalley Twilight; 7th Wolds Capercaillie; 8th Gibside Hannah Grace; **Pairs** 1st Meadowvalley Twilight and Wolds Capercaillie; 2nd Isabel Meadows, Aylestone the Merrie Monk and Anastasia Meadows, Hillin Daniel; 3rd Wolds Wheatear and Meadowvalley Twilight; 4th Ammie Smith, Midnight Magic and Rebecca Church, Little Legacy; 5th Christine Poole, Shula and Wolds Wheatear; 6th Ludworth Viking Silver and Gibside Hannah Grace

Performance Award Results 2009

The performance awards supper was well attended and a great evening was had by all in February. We had record entries and super rosettes were given, which has encouraged quite a few people to comment how they want to take part in 2010. As you can see from the results Anna Meadows swept the board and she should be congratulated for all her hard work! This young rider is an inspiration!

Cass One – Fell Pony In-hand (20 entries)

Rosettes	Exhibitor	Pony Name	Points
1	Anastasia Meadows	Aylestone The Merrie Monk	260
2	Christina Brooks	Shirdleyhill Tara	252
3	Christina Brooks	Linnel Whistler	154
4	Janet & Andy Gibson	Roddlesworth Dot	128
5	Zoe Styles	Greenholme British Queen	120
6	Mrs M E Enser	Hades Hill Faye	95

Class Two – Fell Pony Ridden (12 entries)

Rosettes	Exhibitor	Pony Name	Points
1	Anastasia Meadows	Aylestone The Merrie Monk	306
2	Zoe Styles	Greenholme British Queen	168
3	Chloe Poole	Wolds Lapwing	148
4	Jenna Plumb	Meadowvalley Free Spirit	132
5	Lorraine Towle	Murthwaite Julie	58
6	Jodie Chettle	Meadowvalley Twilight	58

Class Three – Dressage Fell (9 entries)

Rosettes	Exhibitor	Pony Name	Points
1	Anastasia Meadows	Aylestone The Merrie Monk	536
2	Anastasia Meadows	Aylestone Chamelee	162
3	Georgina Blair	Clandon Gabriella	148
4	Inske Allso	Clandon Gabriella II	76
5	Isabel Meadows	Aylestone Chamelee	60
6	Zoe Styles	Greenholme British Queen	60

Class Four – Performance Fell (15 entries)

Rosettes	Exhibitor	Pony Name	Points
1	Anastasia Meadows	Aylestone The Merrie Monk	554
2	Lisa Dunger	Shepparton Tara	528
3	Mrs J Hill/George Dallaway & Elliot Barber	Shepparton Lucy-Victoria	288
4	Kate Merry	Baronshill Briar Rose	231
5	Chloe Poole	Wolds Lapwing	214
6	Jodie Chettle	Meadowvalley Twilight	194

Class Five – Fell Friend In-hand (9 entries)

Rosettes	Exhibitor	Pony Name	Breed/Type	Points
1	Ellen Cutler	Twilight Rain,	Traditional Coloured	538
2	Rachael Bush	Rossmill Freddie B,	Exmoor	324
3	Rachael Bush	Dunsmore Finlaggen,	Exmoor	218
4	Christina Brooks	Uppacott Orvietto,	Dartmoor	178
5	Rachael Bush	Blackthorn Phantom,	Exmoor	132
6	Anastasia Meadows	Hilin Daniel,	Welsh B	106

Class Six – Fell Friend Ridden (13 entries)

Rosettes	Exhibitor	Pony Name	Breed/Type	Points
1	Anastasia Meadows	Hilin Daniel,	Welsh B	1998
2	James Meadows	Tobias,	Riding Pony	1782
3	Sophie Johnson	Starey,	Welsh Pony	782
4	Ellen Cutler	Twilight Rain,	Traditional Coloured	542
5	Vicky Elliott	Sophie		460
6	Rachael Bush	Rossmill Freddie B,	Exmoor	304

Childrens Specials (10 entries)

Rosettes	Exhibitor	Childs Age	Pony Name	Points
1	Anastasia Meadows	14yrs	Hilin Daniel	1998
2	James Meadows	12yrs	Tobias	1782
3	Sophie Johnson	5yrs	Starey	782
4	George Dallaway	14yrs	Shepparton Lucy-Victoria	288
5	Chloe Poole	3yrs	Wolds Lapwing	214
6	Sarah McCarthy	15yrs	Wolds Capercaillie	174

Members' Ads



Castle Hill Prince II FP50543G f. 1996 s. Lunesdale Jerry d. Heltondale Lotty. 13.2 hh Black Fell Gelding. This pony has previously sired many beautiful foals including Llancloudy Gabriel. Sold to me as suitable for nervous novice for hacking but more suited to confident teen/adult as can be a bit spooky. Hacks out alone and in company. Good with farrier. Vaccinations, worming and dentist up to date. Loads and travels well (previous owner used him to accompany youngsters) and has been shown in hand and under saddle with great success. No known vices. Lives out happily with/without company and is currently in his winter woollies! (photos taken in summer). Looking for an experienced, kind, permanent home only please. For further details please contact Jayne Barker 01327 861115 (Northamptonshire).

Deadline for receipt of results, articles for next newsletter – July 1st 2010. Please e-mail to Denise. Bumford@btconnect.com

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