



The Fell Pony Society

North East Area Group

Registered Charity, Number 1104945

Happy New Year!

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2019 and hope that you find our list of events of interest to you. We have some new ideas for you to try, especially our North East Awards Scheme, which was introduced in the spring of 2018. Full details of each event and an application forms will be emailed to you all as soon as they become available, provided I have an up to date email address for you. It is your responsibility to send your email address to me at eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk. Details will also appear on the FPS website (www.fellponysociety.org.uk) in the Area Support Groups section and on the North East Fell Pony Support Group facebook page.

Forthcoming Events 2019

February - Sunday 3rd Sunday Lunch Social at the spectacular **Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgfield**. We moved to this venue last year and really enjoyed the occasion so we are going back again. We hope you will all come and share your passion for Fell ponies at a friendly, informal event which is your chance to chat to fellow enthusiasts and to let us know what you would like to do during 2019.

March - Sunday 10th Native Pony Dressage competition at East Durham College – Houghall Campus. All classes are open to registered pure bred mountain and moorland ponies. Classes at Introductory, Preliminary and Novice levels. Schedule will be available very soon.

April – Saturday 27th 'Preparing for Showing' Study Day at Park House Farm, Baldersdale with FPS Judge Peter Boustead and a group of mature Fell ponies and their handlers. This promises to be an informative and entertaining day for all.

May – Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th Hairy Pony Camp, Linnel Wood, Hexham
Joint Fell & Highland pony camp organised by the Highland Pony Enthusiasts Club & North East FPS Group. Email hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk or telephone Chris on 07787124413 for more information.

May – Sunday 19th Native Pony Festival, Crescent Farm, Throckley, Newcastle NE15 9RE
In-hand classes for all native breeds. Ridden and WHP classes. Schedule will be available mid March.

June – Sunday 16th Durham County Show is being revived. Venue for the first year is Holmside Hall Equestrian Centre. We have agreed to sponsor Fell Pony classes so please try and support this show. County Durham needs to have a County Show to fill the gap between the Royal Highland Show and the Great Yorkshire Show. Please support if you can.

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

September – Sunday 29th Native Pony Performance Trials at a new venue – to be confirmed. The Charlton family are having a very special family wedding during September so we need to consider a new venue to hold this event. Plans are very much in their infancy so please be patient and we will let you know more as soon as we have something positive to tell you. It will be a one day event open to all registered native ponies with a separate class just for Fell ponies. It will include dressage, show jumping and cross country.

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