

having 2 sweet peas named after her - 'Sylvia Mary' and 'Dalemain'.

Sylvia wrote many gardening articles for the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald and these are soon to be published in her book 'Northern Tapestry', this also includes some of her attractive poetry and succeeds a previous book she wrote titled 'Between Two Gardens', which gives some idea of her very active life between her two homes.

Mrs Margaret Washington

Our thanks to Mrs Washington, Mrs McCosh's sister, and our deepest sympathies to her and the McCosh family. Sylvia McCosh will be remembered not least for her valued contribution to the Fell Pony Society, including her involvement in the revival of the breed during the post-war years. She was always ready with words of praise and support, obviously a result of her own life-long experiences and commitments. In memory of Sylvia McCosh, the Council have donated, on behalf of the Society, £100 to the Dacre Church Organ Fund, a campaign very close to Mrs McCosh's heart.



THE END OF RYDAL

When we joined The Fell Pony Society in 1983, the Spring Performance Trial was described to me as the ultimate test of a Fell Pony within the confines of organised Society events. I knew of several Fells which competed regularly and successfully against other breeds at Pony Club, in Riding Clubs and other "open" competitions, but nowhere other than Rydal had I seen 30 Fells performing what many regard as modern disciplines perhaps not suited to the breed. Believing that the versatility of the Fell was a large part of its attraction, we became regular competitors at Rydal. The location seemed ideal; good parking space, flat areas for dressage and show-jumping, and a testing, hilly cross-country course with magnificent views.

This year we had a possible 30 entries for the first time since my involvement in the organisation of the event. Eleven people coming for the first time, all the rosettes bought and arrangements made - and for competitors, holidays booked, dressage tests learned, transport and accommodation for ponies and riders arranged. With entries from Dumfries to Leicester, Workington to Newcastle, it was to be our best year yet!

It was with much surprise and regret therefore, that I received the news, 3 days before the event, that Rydal could not be used again. The farm was in the process of changing hands.

My main concern was that a year without a Spring Performance Trial would make it difficult to build up entries again. We determined to run the event at a different venue within a fortnight. Amid all the disappointment for competitors and organisers alike, I was heartened by the telephone calls I received. The Society should be proud to have members who were prepared to build courses on their own land in an attempt to preserve the event. The offer of help from Mr and Mrs Charlton at Linnel Wood, Hexham, proved irresistible however - an established course, used by the local pony club, which could be tailored to meet our needs. Apart from their time and work on the course itself, their provision of stabling and general hospitality, Bob and Sarah returned from holiday for the weekend in question and coped with a family bereavement too. They are keen to hold future events at Hexham, so perhaps the end of Rydal will lead to the trial becoming known as "Linnel Wood". Certainly we will be hard pressed to find a better course.

Details of the event follow:

SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIAL

The event was held for the first time at Linnel Wood, Hexham by kind permission of Mr & Mrs R B Charlton. Twenty-two competitors tackled an excellent course - 2 non-competitively. There were 15 jumps, 12 with a smaller alternative, a water hazard and timed gate to be negotiated.

<u>Overall Result</u>	<u>Rider</u>
1st Frizington Duke	Miss C Dodd
2nd Barncross Royal	Miss L Jordan
3rd Heskett Topper	Miss E Coleman (Owner Mrs S Myers)
4th Gibside Sally	Miss G Gibson
5th Bowderdale Jess	Miss S Forsman
6th Heltondale Bonnie Jean	Miss N Rae (Owner Mr R McCaw)

Dressage

1st Frizington Duke	
2nd Barncross Royal	
3rd Brae Lees Dawn	Mrs A Lees
4th Tebay Just William	Mrs R Barlow
5th Heskett Topper	
6th Summit Harrier	Ms A Armstrong

Cross Country

1st Frizington Duke
2nd Heskett Topper
3rd Barncross Royal
4th Gibside Sally
5th Heltondale Bonnie Jean
6th Bowderdale Jess

The Trial is preceded by the N.P.S. Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Championship Qualifier and this was won by Mr P Forsman's 20 year old Bowderdale Jess, ridden by his daughter Suzanne. Jess is a regular competitor and her good looks and enthusiasm for jumping have not diminished with the years.

Barry Allen

On behalf of the Council, the competitors and spectators, who have enjoyed and benefited from our Spring Performance Trial, I would like to thank Barry & Cath Allen and family for their dedicated work in ensuring this Trial continues and our appreciation of their valued contribution, in not only this event but in the Windermere Show and Autumn Trials.

R.H.P.B.

WINDERMERE FESTIVAL FELL PONY SHOW

The event was held on 7th July 1991, at the Lake District National Park Centre, Brockhole. Judges were Mrs G F S Newall and Mr M Allen.

Brood Mare, 4 yrs & over	Mr J Bell's Barbondale Petal
Foal	Mr J Bell
Yearling	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Petal
Two year old filly or gelding	Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
Three yr old filly or gelding	Mr M Sheridan's Townend Thunder
Geld Mare, 4 yrs & over	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
Gelding, 4 yrs & over	Miss R Ward's Jossgreen
Riding Class	Mr B Allen's Tarnbeck Princess (Rider Miss J Williamson)
Champion	Mr J Bell's Barbondale Petal
Reserve	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Petal
Working Hunter	Mr B Allen's Tarnbeck Princess
Handy Pony	Mr B Allen's Tarnbeck Princess
Showjumping	Mr P Forsman's Bowderdale Jess
Trotting Race	Mr B Allen's Tarnbeck Princess
Junior Points Winner	Miss Ruth Ward with Jossgreen
Senior Points Winner	Miss Judith Williamson with Tarnbeck Princess

BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW

Held at Barningham Park, Richmond, on Saturday 13 July 1991, by kind permission of Sir Anthony Milbank. Judge: Mr T Denham, Darlington. Results are appended:

Mares, 4 yrs & over	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
Geldings, 4 yrs & over	Mrs G Underwood's Sleddale David
Brood mare, foal at foot	Mr G Coatsworth's Rackwood Dewdrop
Colt or Filly foal	Ms S Hartley's Wintonbeck Bob
Yearling Filly	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Petal
Yearling Colt	Mrs P Sutcliffe's Darrenvale Jason
2 yr old filly or gelding	Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
3 yr old filly or gelding	Mr A Morland's Lunesdale Kim
Best turned out pony & rider	Miss Dodd's Townend Honour
Traditional Riding Class	Miss B Bell's Redhouse Dusty
Ridden	Miss S Davies' Scarhead Popsy
Pony not won prize in any of previous classes	Mr D Eltringham's Southwick Beauty
Driving	Mr J Marston's Dene Claudius
Champion	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Petal
Reserve Champion	Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady

Barningham Show Buffet Supper Dance, will be held on Friday, 1st November 1991 at the Morrith Arms Hotel, Greta Bridge, (just off the A66 at the Barningham turn off).

Dancing to 'Singalong', tickets at £7.50 are available from Mrs N Earnshaw - 0833 21261 or Mrs M Wilson - 06998 638

LOWTHER FELL PONY CLASSES

Held on Saturday, 10 August 1991, by kind invitation of Lowther Horse Driving Trials and Country Fair, there were record number of entries forward for the three classes.
Judge: Miss J V Brindley.

Mare or Gelding, 4 yrs +	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl
Special for best Brood mare	Mr J Bell's Barbondale Petal
Special for Best Foal	Mr W Potter's Greenholme Tracey
Yearling, 2 or 3 yr old	Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
Special for Best Yearling	Miss C Dodd's Kerbeck Night Sonnet
Special for Best 2 yr old	Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
Special for Best 3 yr old	Mr T Capstick's Murthwaite Maydew
Ridden Mare or Gelding	Mrs G Underwood's Sledale David
Champion	Mr J Bell's Border Black Lady
Reserve Champion	Mr J Bell's Waverhead Pearl

AUTUMN PERFORMANCE TRIAL

Held on Sunday, 15 September at Blawith, near Ulverston by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs R Baxter. Nine competitors took part at this year's event, which comprises of a number of natural obstacles, with no compulsory jumps, followed by a 2 hour pleasure ride on the surrounding fells.

It would be wonderful if we could encourage more people to take part in this 'fun' day event.

Results are appended:

1st Tarnbeck Maydawn	Judith Williamson	197 pts
2nd Fleur	Mrs J Stone	194 pts
3rd Tarnbeck Sheba	Judith Williamson	190 pts
4th Tarnbeck Princess	Mrs Cath Allen	184 pts
5th Hundow Lakeland Rose	Mr V Burton, Rider Judith Williamson	183 pts
6th Linnel Frolic	Mr Chris Newman	180 pts
Best Senior	Mr Chris Newman	
Best Junior Scarhead Poppy	Miss V Davies	

STUD LIST Please send an s.a.e. if you would like an up to date list of registered Fell stallions at stud. Available from the Secretary, address at front of newsletter.

PLEASURE RIDE

This year, it was decided to hold the Pleasure Ride the day after the Breed Show, in the hope that more of our members, particularly those who have to travel so far, would be able to participate.

It was good to see that this new idea had worked and a total of 22 Fell Ponies and riders took part, on a splendid trek over the fells.

We left from Mr & Mrs Noble's yard at Helton, ably led by Christine Thompson (Drybarrows ponies) up 'Loadpott Hill', with a 20 minute break on the summit at 'Lowther Stables'. As we set off back down the other side of the fell, we had glorious views of Ullswater lake and Pooley Bridge, as they appeared through the cloud and we stepped down into a sun-filled valley as we rode back via Askham Fell.

On our descent, we came across groups of fell walkers, who had obviously been intrigued by the unusual sight, as a cavalcade of ponies and riders broke the skyline and rode down towards them.

We all arrived back in hearty style and were glad of the welcome refreshments laid on by the Thompson family and Mrs Noble.

It was a highly recommendable and enjoyable day, certainly one of those days to remember.

Last but not least, many thanks to the Thompson's, Noble's and Mrs Glenis Cockbain for making the day possible and such a success.

R.H.P.B.

FROM OUR SALES OFFICER

We have had a very busy year. I seem to sell many different things nowadays. The coloured tee-shirts have been very popular, at £5 each, white ones at £4.50.

As the postal rates have increased, when ordering items via mail order, would you please add a bit more on for post. I try and send off orders within a few days of receiving them. If I am not at home when you telephone, please tell my husband or Jenny your name.

We have Christmas Cards this year, of two black ponies looking into a crib - 20p each.

When writing for information about ponies for sale, please send an s.a.e.

*Many of you already send an s.a.e. when writing to either Rachel or myself and it is very much appreciated.

BREED SHOW: Many thanks to all the exhibitors, who send an s.a.e. with their Breed Show entries.

Also, to the people who very kindly donate prizes for our raffles at the A.G.M.'s, Stallion and Breed Shows. It is much appreciated - please keep it up! Molly Laing.

FREEZE BRANDED PONIES

Further to a request in the Spring newsletter, asking for any owners who had their ponies branded, to write with their details to the Secretary, there has been an excellent response to this, and please keep sending them in.



FOGGY GILL PRIM, FOALD 1982. WINNER OF BROOD MARE WITH FILLY FOAL AND SUPREME CHAMPION, 1991 BREED SHOW, PENRITH.

SOUTHERN SHOW - Mary Longsdon.

We were fortunate to have another glorious day for the show and we were very grateful to our judges Mrs Newall and Mr Boustead for undertaking the long journey south. Also, many thanks to our show committee, especially Angela and Paul Einon for their enormous help in making the show the success it was. Col. Sir John Miller, who came to view the proceedings in the afternoon, not only kindly agreed to present the Championship Trophy but has also generously invited us to hold the show next year, at his home at Shotover Park.

SOUTHERN SHOW The Society's third southern show was held on Sunday, 8th September at Horsepath, nr Oxford. The Judges were Mr P Boustead, Preston - in-hand; Mrs A Newall, North-umberland - ridden. The results are appended:

IN-HAND

Stallions	Mr J Cherry's Heltondale Del-Boy
Mares 4-8 years	Mrs C Ross-Thompson's Sleddale Starie
Mares 9 years +	Mrs C Norton's Sleddale Beauty XXVII
Geldings 4-6 years	Mes. Hancock & Johnson's Tebay Silver
Geldings 7 years +	Mr J Knight's High Heath Korky
Yearlings	Mr A Morland's Lunesdale Mountain Mist
Three year olds	Mrs A Blake's Brackenbank Hero
Veteran	Mrs A Eionon's Lowmoat Firefly
Pairs	Guards Jonathan/Guards Robert
Champion	Sleddale Beauty XXVII
Reserve Champion	Lunesdale Mountain Mist
<u>RIDDEN</u>	
Stallion	Heltondale Del-Boy
Gelding	Tebay Silver
Mares	Miss J Glass' Wolds Lapwing
Novice	Tebay Silver
Junior 10 yrs & under	Mrs L Norris' Sleddale Rosemary
Junior 11-16 years	Miss L Flitney's Guards Robert
Junior 6 years & under	Mrs A Garcia's Kerbeck Royal Fire
Veteran	Mrs A Rawley's Abbey Bandit
Pairs	Sleddale Rosemary/Heltondale Doll
Ridden Champion	Tebay Silver
Reserve Champion	Wolds Lapwing
Driving	Mrs D Billings' Fly-by-Night
W.H.P.	Mrs L Norris' Barrovian Gemini
Fancy Dress	Mrs L Norris' Barrovian Gemini
Supreme Champion	Sleddale Beauty XXVII
Reserve Champion	Tebay Silver
Breeder's Cup	Mr Harrison
Turnout Cup	Heltondale Del-Boy
Points Trophy	Wolds Lapwing

ROYAL SHOW 1991

Judge's Notes by Alan Tabelin

It was a great privilege to judge this year's Fell Pony

classes at the Royal Show and I thought I would make a few observations not only for the possible interest of the exhibitors but also for members who may have their own ideas as to the standards required.

It can never be stated often enough or emphasised too firmly that no matter how experienced the eyes appraising the entries it is, at the end of the day, a personal opinion. Always bearing in mind that it is essential the pony standing at the head of the line, whatever the breed, shall represent the best type of pony being judged whether Fell or any other breed of Mountain and Moorland. It must embody the best qualities and be true to type.

In the senior class at this year's Royal, I was much impressed with "Sleddale Rosemary". It had all the distinctive qualities of the "Sleddale" ponies. I could have found fault, but for me it typified the Fell and I preferred it, on the day, to the other ponies in a strong entry. It may just be my feeling but I find the "Sleddale" very representative of an old-fashioned type of pony, and I like it - but everything else has to be there as well to make it a winner, and for judges the key phrase must always beon the day this is my choice. At another show, on another day, a totally different pony may appeal.

In the second class, for those foaled in 1988 or 1989, "Border Black Lady" stood out and though a youngster, I could not ignore it for the championship. I must confess that we get so used to seeing Mr Bell bringing forward "Waverhead" ponies of super quality that I was surprised to learn that this was not of his breeding. But he undoubtedly has a great eye, born of experience, for this is an outstanding example of a Fell filly and as the "Horse & Hound" correspondent wrote, there was an encouraging entry. Sadly though not for the yearlings, where only two came forward.

As the years go by, it is encouraging to see the Fell Pony remaining true to type. It speaks much for the harmony between north and south and the generosity of breeders in the North that more and more good quality ponies are travelling further afield. I remember judging at the Royal Windsor a few years ago, when H.M. The Queen was among the spectators and she was delighted with the quality of the entry. That is why the Fell Pony Society is in such good heart. Long may it remain so.

Alan Tabin

CALGARTH BROWN JACK

Those of you who received your autumn 1990 newsletter, will remember Calgarth Brown Jack's (Jock) photograph on the front cover. Unfortunately, he died on the day of this year's breed show aged 23 years. The following was read at the Breed Show:

"Today we have one pony missing from the show who has attended every breed show since we began in 1969. Calgarth Brown Jack was put down this morning after giving a life of service, first as a riding pony, then as a driving pony, competing in the very first Lowther - and winning a case of whisky for the cones. He continued with success teaching his owner and breeder Ann Varley, how to drive and compete. He was by Glenwelt from Heltondale Daisy. Never known for his good looks, having a far from beautiful head and being rather long he was however, known for his performance and he won many classes under saddle and in harness at the breed show and agricultural shows in Cumberland & Westmorland.

Jock then took on a new career, as a mainstay of the Eden R.D.A. group. He lived with Eve Pattinson and was used extensively as both a driving and riding pony. He has met Royalty on several occasions and took these special days with the same laid back approach to life.

He has given pleasure to so many, many people throughout. However, he has had a wonderful life and although he will be sadly missed by many, his name will be long remembered in The Fell Pony Society.

Ann Varley

TARNBECK MAYQUEEN - From Gwen Williamson, Tarn Beck Stud.

On the 21st May 1989, Tarnbeck Mayqueen known to most people as "Queenie" had a very bad foaling. The foal was breach and was dead before the vet's delivery.

The vet. gave little hope of any recovery for Queenie but she never gave in, after weeks and months of nursing by family and friends, she gradually improved. I am pleased to say, she has made a marvellous recovery and except for a stiff hind leg, she is back to her old self. Queenie is 15 years old now and enjoying her retirement. She will never have another foal, so it is nice to see her offspring doing well in the show ring.

Tarnbeck Major has had a very successful show season and Maydew and Maydawn have won many prizes at the Cumbrian shows. The Williamson family would like to thank every one who have asked after Queenie. It is so nice that we still have her and that the quality of her life is so good.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 26.10.91 - F.P.S. Autumn General Meeting, Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith, at 1.00 pm
- 30.10.91 - Show & Sale of Registered Fell Ponies, Hopes Auction, Wigton. Enquiries to Hopes Tel: 06973 42202
- 1.11.91 - Barningham Show Buffet Supper Dance. Contact: Mrs N Earnshaw, 0833 21261 or Mrs M Wilson 06998 638
- 30.12.91 - Midlands Hairy Pony Club Christmas Show. Enquiries to Miss J Glass Tel: 0509 880261
9. 5.92 - Provisional date for Stallion & Colt Show.
- June '92 - Spring Performance Trial, Linnel Wood, Hexham. Enquiries to Barry Allen Tel: 0229 774528.
- July '92 - Windermere Festival Fell Pony Show. Enquiries to Barry Allen Tel: 0229 774528.
1. 8.92 - F.P.S. Breed Show, Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith. Enquiries to Mrs M Laing Tel: 03873 76272.
7. 8.92 - Lowther Fell Pony Classes, Lowther Driving Trials, Penrith. Enquiries to Rachel Bell Tel: 03873.76251.

FOR SALE "Wintonbeck Bob". Black colt by Tarnmoor Prince. Foaled May 1991. 1st Barningham, 3rd Breed Show, 1st Darlington. Contact Sara Hartley Tel: 0609 776782 (N. Yorks).

FOR LOAN 14.1 hh Fell gelding, dark brown, 4 years old. Recently broken in. To experienced kind home. Please tel: 0491 681293 (Oxfordshire).

PART OWNERSHIP/LOAN "Packway Falcon", dark brown yearling colt, out of one of the late Miss Peggy Crossland's best brood mares, "Packway Kestrel" (Sp.Ch.Southern Show 1990) by "Waverhead Black Magic". Falcon's first 'outing' was at the Southern Show 1990, where he was greatly admired by the judges. At the Royal 1991, he was placed first. I am looking for someone who would either part own him with me, or who would like him on loan, to show him and have him at stud. Please contact: Mrs Christine Rear, Pintree Cottage, Newlands Lane, Stoke Row, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire. Tel 0491 681293.

LIMITED EDITION PRINT by Coniston artist Rachel Arnett, of the Fell Pony "Tarnbeck Mayqueen". Available by mail order for £3.00 + 50p p&p, write to: Rachel Arnett, 1 Devonshire Terrace, CONISTON, Cumbria, LA21 8HG.

AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING

The Autumn General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 26 October 1991, at Lowther Parish Hall, Hackthorpe, Penrith at 1.00 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Secretary's Report.
5. Reports of delegates and sub-committees.
6. Future events.
7. Member's suggestions.
8. Dates of Spring Meetings.
9. Any other business.

Mrs Rachel Bell
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.



THE FLYING FELLOWS - (left to right) Emma Grundy on the stallion Townend Robin, Emma Grundy on Heltondale Beauty VIII, Russell Sutcliffe on the stallion Whitburn Major Tom and Lynn Flitney on Guards Robert, competing in the Fitzwilliam Team jumping at Peterborough - holding their own against larger, leggier breeds.