

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

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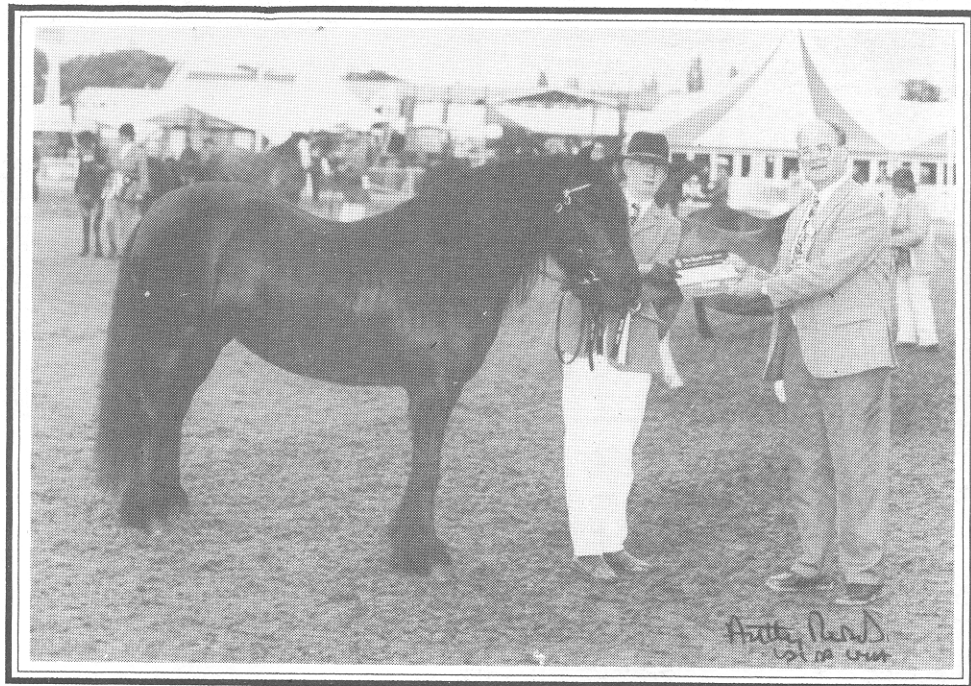


Photo: Anthony Reynolds

Miss D Chadwick's Hedgethorpe Bluebell FP2506
at The Royal Show 1997
being presented with
**The Breeders Supreme Championship for the Breeder of
the Best UK Bred Youngstock Pony**

Diana, Princess of Wales



Photo: Coventry Evening Telegraph

A day few will forget, when Diana, Princess of Wales visited the Society's stand at the Royal Show in 1988, where she met Sheila Hardy, Jim Wykes and Dalemain Good King Henry, pictured above, together with Liz Ball and Jim & Frances Bell, the team which has manned the stand for several years. She was the first member of the Royal Family to make an official visit to the Society's stand away from the main avenues of large exhibitors at this most prestigious show.

She was presented with a gift from the Society by Alison Hardy and graciously accepted to sign the Visitors' Book, which was an honour few expected. She expressed an enjoyment of horse riding for pleasure, when time allowed her, and her warmth of personality and genuine interest in those she met came across very clearly to all. Her memory, however, will live on.

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To Retire 2002: Mrs E A Ball, Miss M G Longsdon,
Mr J Bell, Mr R B Sutcliffe.

Chairman's Notes

It is with great regret that we all heard of the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales. I am sure all the members of the Fell Pony Society will join with me in sending all our sympathy to her family, and especially to Prince William and Prince Harry. The Royal Family has always shown great interest in and support of our breed, which was so well fulfilled when Princess Diana visited our stand at the Royal Show in July 1988. She signed our visitors' book and charmed those of us who were privileged to meet her, with her ready interest and radiant personality, which will be so missed by all who knew the Princess.

I am no longer involved in showing ponies, but I still talk to many of our members to whom showing is an interesting, informative, hard-working relaxation. It is a chance to meet friends and have a day away from work; not a rest, but a change. There are grumbles that days are being spoilt by unnecessary abuse, involving both exhibitors and judges. Why? What is the point of showing if you are not prepared to take the judge's opinion on the day? They don't all fancy the same type of pony. It would be a dull world if they did, so please don't take it out on someone who has been lucky enough to beat you for once!

Judges are not always blameless; some make unnecessary remarks to exhibitors, unsolicited. Least said, soonest mended, unless asked for considered opinion outside the ring, after the judging. It is also asking for trouble to accept to judge at more than three shows in one area in the same season.

Please let us go back to the good old days when showing was fun and helped us to produce a good pony in good form, better than anyone else's - sometimes!

Liz Ball

Secretary's Letter

The year has been dominated by two major hindrances to the breed, namely the Foal Syndrome and EU law introducing compulsory equine passports for all registered horses and ponies born after 1 January 1998.

The Society is extremely fortunate to have the support and expertise of Dr Derek Knottenbelt and his team from Liverpool University Veterinary College at Leahurst researching the evidence of foal mortality, the results and full implications of which are as yet unknown, despite mounting speculation. Whatever they are, we will be able to take comfort in the fact that we have available to us one of the world's leading authorities in the field, and whatever he can do to help us safeguard the breed in future he will surely do.

However, the replacement of existing registration certificates with passports for registered ponies is a greater threat to the future of the breed, as it affects all ponies, if breeders chose not to register their foals as a result. All the Native Pony Breed Societies and the NPS are agreed that the legislation, which is being justified on grounds of encouraging free trade between EU Member States, as it stands is discriminatory as any unregistered equine born in this country after 1 January is not required in law to have a passport. In most European countries, all horses and ponies are required to have passports, and enforcement does happen - if stopped on the way to a show and the passport is not produced on demand, it means going back home.

Breed Societies rightly fear the dissemination of their stud books, which in our own case goes back to 1898. This would be a catastrophe in terms of our National Heritage and must not be allowed to happen.

The consultation exercise with interested parties by MAFF continues and the final Approved Order will be released on 22 December, within 2 weeks of the New Year. There is still a long way to go before the real cost of this exercise to the Society will be known, in terms of computer programming, additional equipment, new stationery and production costs. However, the intention is to comply whilst minimising expenditure, which is in everyone's interests. Revised registration application forms and guidance notes for completion will be needed in due course. Members will be advised as soon as information is available.

Finally, some of you will already have seen the new, limited edition figurine of the Fell Pony Stallion produced by Anne Butler on display at events over the summer. It has been well researched and reaction from Fell enthusiasts has been very good to date. Anne Butler has kindly offered to pay a commission to the Society for each figurine ordered through it, in return for publicity. To the buyer the price is the same regardless of where the order is placed, and delivery is direct to you from the company. So, please, if you wish to order one, do so through me so you can support the Society in its work at the same time. Thank you.

Sally Wood

Obituaries

Sarge Noble, who has died aged 73, was involved with Fell ponies all his life.

He and his late brother Thomas kept one of the last semi-feral herd of ponies in Britain. They also bred Galloway cattle and Rough Fell sheep, using their Fell ponies for shepherding.

William Sargeant Noble, known as Sarge, was born on May 23 1923 at Moora Hill Farm, in the valley below Keld Head in Heltondale, Penrith. The Nobles had bred ponies in Cumbria for 200 years, and first registered the stud, prefix Heltondale, in the 1930s. Sarge's father Thomas died in 1949. In 1961 Sarge, his brother and his mother Annie moved to the adjoining High House, Butterwick, retaining the land at both places.

The combined land totalled only 100 acres, but with it went grazing rights for sheep, cattle and horses over a vast area of common land. This stretched from Ullswater and Windermere in the west to embrace Haweswater, Kentmere and Sleddale Fell, and Askham and Brampton Commons.

Here Noble's ponies lived on the fell in winter and summer alike. A mare which had not been rounded up for some time might appear accompanied not only by a foal at foot, but also by a yearling and possibly even a two-year-old.

This natural regime was ordered by Noble mainly through the stallions he selected. Most were home-bred, one exception being the outstanding stallion Tebay Campbell Ton Victor. Otherwise new blood was introduced by the occasional filly that Noble really liked - in which case he was not one to be put off by the price. All

Heltondale stock was marked with a punch hole in the right ear, and straight dock cut across the tip of the tail.

Although Noble increased pony numbers, he regarded them originally as a hobby, with cattle and Rough Fell sheep providing the bread and butter. The Galloway cows were run with a Whitebred Shorthorn to produce very saleable Blue-Grey.

Heltondale Fell ponies were rounded up each autumn for the Wigton horse sales. Sarge and Thomas gathering horses made a remarkable sight: they were master riders over some of the roughest country imaginable, and their ponies were as keen as mustard to behave like sheepdogs as they rounded up the stragglers.

Until the 1950s it was not customary to winter-feed stock on the fells. When the sheep farmers began to feed hay, the ponies stole it. To avoid this, and to help neighbourly relations, the Nobles started feeding the ponies with hay at roughly the same time each day.

As winter approaches, fell farmers become as concerned about the weather as any ship's master. "The ponies have come down," Noble would note as the herd appeared over the skyline; later winter would break with a vengeance, on the northern fells. Gales, blizzards, driving rain, mists and frosts alternated, but the thick coats and long manes and tails of the ponies helped them to withstand any weather.

Their grazing area was hunted by the Ullswater Foxhounds, principally mountain country which must be hunted on foot; it adjoins John Peel's pack, the Blencathra to the west. Noble was interested in the hounds as controllers of lamb-worrying foxes, and had all the fell man's enthusiasm for hunt suppers and dances.

His ponies were mainly blacks or browns, with just a few greys or bays, yet he knew every one, even those he had sold as foals years before. A fellow breeder bought a 10-year-old stallion to save him from the meat man. Noble immediately pointed out that the registration papers were incorrect - he had recognised him as one he had bred but not seen since his foal days.

His own ponies were smaller than the modern show type, average 13 or 13.1 hands. Yet they have considerably influenced other winning studs; at last year's Royal Show five winning Fells contained Heltondale blood. Heltondale Crown was sold to Holland to become champion pony, all breeds, at a big show.

In the early days many of his strain crossed the Pennines to work in drift mines along the north-east coast. Little outside blood had been brought into the Fells since Tudor times - apart from some Galloway ponies and a few other regional breeds brought home to the north by raiding parties.

Every day during foaling time Noble would ride the mountains. He knew which part was favoured by any particular mare, and if one was missing would always know where to look.

When the Second World War ended, the Fell Pony Society embarked on a breeding scheme on 100 acres of well fenced and watered land, with a large number of mares and one selected stallion.

In 1948 Heltondale Roamer was used; he had been on the fells above Heltondale (1,000 feet) during the terrible winter of 1947, proving the hardiness of the Fell breed. After selling 100 ponies in 1995, Noble kept a few for showing. He

remained a cornerstone of the breed. A quiet and completely dedicated stockman, he went out of his way to help if asked. He said that if he had the chance to live his life over he would want it to be exactly the same.

He was for many years on the judges panel, and was well known by Fell pony breeders throughout Britain, Holland and Germany having exported several Heltondale stock to the Continent.

He married, in 1970, Greta Preston.

Acknowledgements: Edward Hart and The Daily Telegraph 26.5.97.

May I, through the Fell Pony Newsletter, say thank you to all members both at home and overseas who came and sent their condolences after Sarge's sudden death. Also a million thanks to those who helped and offered to help. You were all so kind and helped me through a difficult time.

Sarge went up Heltondale to feed his ponies on the fell - and didn't come home. I believe he is now with Peggy Crossland in the Fell Pony Heavenly Home. Remembering you all with affection,

Greta Noble

William Joseph Vaughan of Cleeve, Bristol, sadly passed away on 3rd July following illness. He was 85 years old and had worked with horses and ponies all his life.

He drove a horse-drawn fire tender in the Second World War, was picked to be the official carriage driver to the Pearly Kings and Queens of London, and taught all his family to drive. He was closely linked with Windsor Horse Show and often met members of the Royal Family there. Amongst all of his horses and ponies, his favourite was his Fell, Paddy.

His family fulfilled his dying wish which was for a Victorian horse-drawn funeral hearse to carry his coffin from his home to the village church. Our sympathies go to his wife, Audrey, daughter Jessica and grandchildren Josephine and Michael.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

RESULTS OF COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1997

At the Society's AGM on 22 March, 8 candidates stood for election to Council, of which 3 were retiring members seeking re-election; there were 4 vacancies. The retiring members were re-elected and were namely Mrs E A Ball, Miss M G Longsdon and Mr R B Sutcliffe. Mr J Bell was the successful new appointment who has filled the fourth vacancy. Mrs M C M Laing was re-appointed as President for a further year's term.

At the first Council meeting of the new Council held on 13 May 1997, in accordance with paragraph 9.2 of the Society's Memorandum & Articles of Association, Mrs E A Ball was voted in as Chairman and Mr B M Allen as Vice-Chairman, both of which were re-appointments and unopposed.

Nominations for the 1998 election at the Spring AGM must be forwarded in writing to the Secretary on or by 1st January 1998 and must be signed by two Full or Honorary Members. Family Members and Junior Members are not eligible to nominate candidates or to vote.

HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD GRANT 1997/98 (redistributed by the National Pony Society)

As expected, this year's grant was down from £3,500 in 1996/97 to £3,220, a reduction of 8%. As income continues to fall, the Board has undertaken a review of how their resources can most effectively be used in the short term. To this end, grant aid to Native Breed Societies not recognised by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust will be phased out in two years' time, those breeds being recognised and retained being the Dales, Exmoor and Fell. No increase in grant is likely over the next two years and what happens thereafter is not known.

The grant money this Society receives is vital to fund Premiums, subsidise stallion licensing and pay for blood typing, for example, which are amongst the defined expenditure criteria laid down by the HBLB. The Society has limited working capital at its disposal, despite some recent increases in fees, and the grant would be a great loss if it should be discontinued.

NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY

At the AGM news of the NPS's move to reduce the number of Native Breed Society representatives eligible to attend Council meetings to two in total, as opposed to one per Society as occurs currently, was greeted with dismay and concern by all. It was the meeting's wish that individual members, as well as the Secretary on behalf of the FPS, must write to the NPS to voice opposition to the proposed changes which will relegate the position of the Native Breed Societies. After consulting with other Native Breed Societies, a joint letter was sent by the Secretary under the name of this Society, the Shetland Studbook Society and the New Forest Pony & Cattle Breeding Society. Other Breed Societies have written independently.

A meeting of NPS representatives due to take place in June was cancelled at short notice and a new date is awaited. However, any changes which the NPS is seeking to bring in will be voted on at their AGM. Unless members attend that meeting, they will not have the opportunity to influence the final decision. The Council of this Society therefore urges any NPS members to attend the AGM if at all possible.

FREE BLOOD-TYPING KITS

20 kits were allocated this year from grant money, as is customary, for use on senior licensed stallions, dams of senior licensed stallions and approved breeding mares; they may also be used on the dams of foals which are recognised to have died the symptoms associated with the Foal Syndrome. Contact the Secretary if you wish to apply for one.

"AT HOME" PREMIUM AWARDS

Only licensed and blood typed stallions siring more than 6 foals registered in the year following the stallion's participation in the "At Home" Premium Class at the Stallion & Colt Show will be considered eligible for a premium. The highest scoring 6 stallions will be awarded the £50 premium, funded from the HBLB grant.

CHANGE TO EXPORT REQUIREMENTS

Due to increasing numbers of ponies being exported, particularly into Europe, problems of ponies turning up with the wrong papers, or having been separated from their papers, have reached intolerable levels. It is particularly cases where several ponies, invariably black and without distinguishing marks, are being exported together, often by dealers, that the confusion occurs. The Society requires all registered ponies other than geldings to be blood typed prior to export, which is invaluable in verifying any parentage queries, however, to the eventual purchaser it is not an instant check against any accompanying documentation.

It has therefore been agreed that microchipping during the pre-export veterinary examination, as well as blood typing, must be carried out so instant verification at delivery, shows, etc. can be done. The cost of microchipping, approximately £25.00, should be borne by the purchaser and the microchip number must be advised to the Secretary so it can be included in the Society's computer record and on the registration certificate.

BLOOD TYPING OF FOALS AT REGISTRATION

On 27 August 1996 the Council voted by 10 votes to 2 with 6 abstentions on a proposal put forward by the Chairman that "All foals be identified on the mother, by any method", with the proviso that this be in motion by 1998.

At each Council meeting the subject of identification arises, and it was discussed at the Spring AGM once again. However, the fact remains that as Council has failed to reach agreement on adopting any particular method of compulsory identification to be incorporated with the registration requirements of foals, the deadlock continues. It now seems that until the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food (MAFF) brings out clear cut guidance on the issue of Equine Passports in line with Commission Decision 93/623/EEC, which reaches its due date on 1 January 1998, the matter will not be furthered.

Many members who voted in favour of blood typing have expressed anger at what is seen as the Council's failure to carry out the wish of the majority of its membership, clouding the issue with the subject of Passports, the latter being an external requirement imposed by Europe. Those Council Members who do support blood typing have been trying hard to resolve the difficulties within the Council for some time.

At the meeting on 13 May 1997 the Chairman proposed a vote that the Society start to encourage breeders to blood type foals on a voluntary basis at registration. Blood samples can be converted to DNA in future if need be. The Society is committed to blood typing which gives any new owner a guarantee of what he or she is buying, and is the surest way of securing your animal's identity for life. Additionally, the bank of data accumulating at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket could hold the key to the past, the present and the future of this ancient and much loved breed, which, worryingly, is now widely known to be suffering from

the Foal Syndrome, which has major implications for the whole future of the breed, like it or not.

The Society cannot afford to subsidise the cost of blood typing of foals; the kits it sells through the Secretary are sold at cost price. It can only encourage breeders to act responsibly and to follow voluntarily what they wanted introduced when they took the vote. The breeders and owners of today are only temporary custodians of this part of our National Heritage, the Fell Pony; it is our responsibility to ensure future generations can enjoy what may be taken for granted today. If you want to buy a kit, please send £40 to the Secretary who will send one out to you.

FOAL MORTALITY RESEARCH

Over the summer there have been increased numbers of reports of sickly and dead foals from breeders who realise their foals may have succumbed to Syndrome-related symptoms. This increase does not necessarily reflect an increase in incidence; it may be largely as a result of the wider knowledge amongst breeders, owners and vets with regard to the problem. However, few *live*, sick foals were able to reach Leahurst in time, the problem of distance largely being to blame. Some foals have been taken to Penrith and Edinburgh for examination. Dr Derek Knottenbelt has received many calls from concerned breeders and has been much heartened by the willingness of members to help him in his research. However, despite rumours circulating about the possible causes of the Syndrome, Dr Knottenbelt has yet to announce whether the breed is suffering from a serious problem for certain, and if so, what he knows that condition to be. This is important to bear in mind when rumour is rife.

Dr Knottenbelt has started direct talks with vets in practice to urge them to be aware of who their clients with Fell Ponies are so that any indication of any unusual problems during or after foaling can be referred immediately to him. He needs information and co-operation from as many people as possible. He also needs funding, although to date his work has been done without charge.

Members are starting to come forward with offers to help and, in particular, to raise money for the research. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, rather than Dr Knottenbelt, who will be glad to hear from you.

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Mr M Allen	-	01539 726273	Mr A W Morland	-	015396 24615
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Mr J Bell	-	016974 78644	Mrs A A D Newall	-	01434 672218
Mr P Boustead	-	01524 383665	Mr W S Potter	-	01931 716267
Mr R B Charlton	-	01434 673262	Mrs C H Robinson	-	01946 862439
Mr P L Forsman	-	01768 890372	Mr R B Sutcliffe	-	01254 776389
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Mr T H Harrison	-	01931 716653	Miss B W Walker	-	017687 77202
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NEWS ITEMS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JOINT MEASUREMENT BOARD & THE BRITISH HORSE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT

On 1st January 1997 the JMB started issuing a new passport style height certificate as an initial step towards the aim of creating the "one horse - one passport" ideal. The document is bound in a special spine which cannot be removed without breaking it, but which can be rebound if additional pages or amendments are required to be inserted or replaced. It does not, however, contain pedigree details, only the name of sire and dam. Some Breed Societies are already producing registration details in a format to be incorporated into this style of document.

Additionally, old style JMB height certificates can be re-issued in the new format at a cost of £10, however, as the FPS is still waiting for final guidance from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food regarding the passports for Registered Native Ponies, this Society's existing style of Registration Certificate remains in force and will therefore remain separate from the height certificate for the time being.

STUDY DAY AT MILTON KEYNES EVENTING CENTRE

12 OCTOBER 1997

An opportunity for those who were unable to attend the 1996 Open Day and for new members to learn more about the art of successful showing in Mountain & Moorland and breed classes. There will be mock in hand and ridden classes judged by Mr David Lee and Mrs Margaret Murray respectively using members' ponies. This is your chance to ask questions about turnout, tack, presentation, and how to catch the judge's eye.

Starts 10.30 am - until 3.30 pm. Tickets: £5 (adults), £2.50 (children). Send your cheque or PO payable to The Fell Pony Society to Miss M G Longsdon, Eaglets, Little Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1NN. Don't forget an SAE.

Please note: Seating is restricted at this venue. Please bring a deck chair if you can.

ANNUAL SHOW & SALE OF REGISTERED FELL PONIES

17 OCTOBER 1997

As in previous years, Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's plc will hold the Annual Show and Sale of Registered Fell Ponies at Penrith Auction Mart, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DN (Tel: 01768 862323). Mr Jeff Hunter of Tebay will judge the pre-sale show. All entries must be registered with the Society prior to entry into the auction. The closing date for entries this year is 26 September, a week later than last year. Please help administration by not waiting until the last minute to get your ponies registered, and make sure you send the correct fee with the stallion service slip and fully completed registration application. Entry forms will automatically be sent to last year's vendors by Penrith Farmers' & Kidd's.

The Auction Mart is located just off Junction 40 of the M6 (take A66 Keswick exit off roundabout onto dual carriageway, at next roundabout double back towards Penrith, the Mart entrance is on the left shortly before you hit the Junction 40 roundabout again). Sale catalogues (£1.50 inc. p&p) will be available from the Auctioneers only.

SOCIAL LUNCHEON WITH GUEST SPEAKER

On Saturday, 15 November there will be a social lunch at the Crown Hotel, Eamont Bridge, Penrith at 12.30 for 1.00 pm. The guest speaker will be Mrs Jean McAulay, who has kindly agreed to talk about her experiences with Fell Ponies including Linnel Rogerly who belonged to Miss Hogg. Mrs McAulay is Ian Stark's mother-in-law. The Society's annual raffle will be drawn (please return all your counterfoils in good time) and you will also be able to pick up some Christmas cards, including the new design for 1997, and presents from a selection of sales gifts. Tickets cost £9.50 for a three course lunch followed by coffee. Numbers are limited so don't delay in sending your cheque payable to the Society to Mrs Laing or the Secretary.

NISSAN WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES 1998 IRELAND

5 - 16 AUGUST 1998

Punchestown and the Wicklow Hills are the venues for this major event where the world's best can be seen in action. Some 200,000 spectators are expected to attend so if you're contemplating going, book your tickets early! The official travel agent is Equestrian Travellers Club, 115 Ebury Street, London, SW1Q 9QU. Contact them on telephone: 0171 823 5437, fax: 0171 259 0319, email: WEG@etcfab.com.

ROYAL PAGEANT OF THE HORSE

Sadly this event was cancelled due to the weather at almost the last minute, after months of preparation by the organisers. It was a disappointing but understandable decision to have to make in the circumstances. Otwen & Lizzie Briant, and Jane Glass had kindly agreed to take ponies to the parade and to represent the breed.

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## STALLION & COLT SHOW 1997

There was a good turn out at the beautiful Dalemain, home of the McCosh family, on 10th May for this event, which was judged by Mr Arthur Earnshaw from Barningham. As always, the Society is most grateful to have the use of the grounds for this event. The entrants in the early classes were the lucky ones as a thunder storm broke later and succeeded in driving some of the spectators homeward rather earlier than they had planned. However, this inconvenience didn't deter the keen competition, the results of which are as follows.

### **Class 1 - Registered Yearling Colt (19 entries)**

- 1st CASTLE HILL LAD FP50559C - Mr D Crow
- 2nd SEVERVALE HECTOR FP50598C - Mr G Guy
- 3rd LUNSDALE ARTHUR FP50629C - Mr & Mrs A W Morland

### **Class 2 - Registered Two Year Old Colts (9 entries)**

- 1st HOLLFREY VICTOR FP50356C\* - Miss M D Ford
- 2nd BRACKLINN CHARLIE BOY FP50346C\* - Mr I Smith

- 3rd INGLEGARTH APOLLO FP50467C - Mrs B A Hodgson  
**Class 3 - Registered & Licensed Stallions 3 & 4 Years Old (10 entries)**  
 1st HELTONDALE BELLMAN V FP50289C\* - Mr D Crow  
 2nd HELTONDALE BRACK V FP50170C\* - Mr P G Turnbull  
 3rd MURTHWAITE BEN FP50128C\* - Miss J Glass  
**Class 4 - Registered Stallions 5 Years Old & Over (20 entries)**  
 1st DARRENVALE JASON FP742C\* - Mr & Mrs R B Sutcliffe  
 2nd LINNEL REYNARD FP708C\* - Mr & Mrs R B Charlton  
 3rd LUNESDALE MOUNTAIN MIST FP716C - Mr & Mrs A W Morland  
**Class 7 Registered Stallions 4 Years and Over under Saddle (9 entries)**  
 1st DARRENVALE JASON FP742C\*  
 2nd LINNEL REYNARD FP708C\*  
 3rd HELTONDALE ROB II FP754C\* - Mr D Eltringham  
**Class 8 Registered Stallions or Geldings 4 Years and Over in Harness (3 entries)**  
 1st DENE CLAUDIUS 6451G - Mr J M Marston  
 2nd EDEN VIEW MOONSTROLLER G993 - Miss J Brindley  
**Class 9 Stallion or Gelding with Best Set of Feet Shod (10 entries)**  
 1st DRYBARROWS JEFF FP50048C\* - Mr E M Wilson  
 2nd LINNEL REYNARD FP708C\*  
 3rd TOWNEND BARNABY II FP289C\* - Mr J Tighe  
**Youngstock Champion** HOLLFREY VICTOR  
**Res Youngstock** CASTLE HILL LAD  
**Supreme Champion** HELTONDALE BELLMAN V  
**Res Supreme Champion** DARRENVALE JASON

## SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS AT LINNEL WOOD

The success of this event continues to grow with good entry levels again this year. There were 25 Novice and 6 Open Class entries in all. The winning combination involves the setting, Linnel Wood, home of the Charlton family, their kind hospitality, a lot of preparatory work by Cath & Barry Allen and a friendly atmosphere. It should also involve a plentiful supply of volunteers to fence judge for part or all of the day, however, this proved to be the most concerning area as some volunteers failed to show this year. A review of arrangements will be made for the event to continue successfully in future.

### Novice Class

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| <b>Dressage</b>      | Greenfield Candytuft | Mrs Susan Laniado  |
| <b>Cross Country</b> | Barncross Royal      | Miss Jennie Hayton |
| <b>Overall</b>       | Greenfield Candytuft |                    |

### Open

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| <b>Dressage</b>      | Levelways Dark Secret | Miss Beth Ward         |
| <b>Cross Country</b> | Hillhead Lucky Arnold | Miss Kathryn Waugh     |
| <b>Overall</b>       | Hillhead Lucky Arnold |                        |
| <b>Best Newcomer</b> | Greenfield Candytuft  |                        |
| <b>Best Junior</b>   | Abbey Tulip           | Miss Rosemary Bradburn |



**An Organiser's Nightmare: "No matter where they looked, there were no fence judges to be found!".** L to R: Cath and Barry Allen, and host Bob Charlton seek the seemingly impossible at the Spring Performance Trials.

### **BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW**

Held on Saturday, 12 July at Barningham Park, Richmond, by kind permission of Sir Anthony Milbank. The Judges were Miss M G Longsdon and Mr W Buck. Last year's show raised £150 for the North of England Cancer Research Campaign, with a similar amount having been raised at this year's event.

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| Mare 4 - 7 years            | Lunesdale Rebecca           | Mr A W Morland   |
| Mare 8 yrs & over           | Tarnbeck Sheba              | D & G Williamson |
| Gelding 4 yrs & over        | Heltondale Black Diamond II | Mrs P M Watts    |
| Mare & Foal at foot         | Lunesdale Rosie Lee         | Mr J Hunter      |
| Colt or Filly foal          | Pikestone Princess          | Mr J Hunter      |
| Yearling colt or gelding    | Wellbrow Victor             | Mr A Thorpe      |
| Yearling filly              | Waverhead Pearl II          | Mr J Bell        |
| 2 yo colt, filly or gelding | Inglegarth Illustrious      | Mrs B A Hodgson  |
| 3 yo gelding or filly       | Tarnbeck Shadow             | D & G Williamson |
| Veteran - in hand           | Townend Lucy IV             | D & G Williamson |
| Best turned out             | Townend Lucy IV             |                  |
| Trad. ridden - male         | Townend Septimus            | D & G Williamson |
| Trad. ridden - female       | Townend Lucy IV             |                  |
| Riding class                | Dene Dainty Damsel          | Mr R B Charlton  |
| Junior Riding               | Peepings Nutcracker         | Miss R Brunskill |

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| Pairs Riding     | Townend Lucy IV        | Miss H Williamson     |
|                  | Townend Septimus       | Miss J Williamson     |
| Driving          | Dene Claudius          | Mr J B Marston        |
| Young Handler    | Southwick Beauty       | Owner - Mr Eltringham |
| Champion         | Lunesdale Rebecca      | Mr A W Morland        |
| Reserve Champion | Ingelgarth Illustrious | Mrs B A Hodgson       |

### WINDERMERE FELL PONY SHOW

There were record entries this year for the Windermere show, again held at the National Park Centre, Brockhole. Following a week of seriously wet weather, we were fortunate to have a day of glorious sunshine, much enjoyed by a large crowd and accepted with good humour by our hardworking judges Mr R B Charlton and Mr R B Sutcliffe.

Results were:

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| Geld Mare             | Kerbeck Night Melody                                                             | Mrs S Laniado       |
| Gelding               | Townend Septimus                                                                 | Miss J Williamson   |
| Brood Mare            | Tarnbeck Sheba                                                                   | Mr & Mrs Williamson |
| Foal                  | Thrudale Midnight Rambler                                                        | Mrs E Campbell      |
| Yearling              | Hollyhouse Diamond                                                               | Mr B Westmorland    |
| Two Year Old          | North Lodge Ling                                                                 | Mr R W Clegg        |
| Three Year Old        | Tarnbeck Shadow                                                                  | Mr & Mrs Williamson |
| Veteran               | Townend Lucy IV                                                                  | Mr & Mrs Williamson |
| Ridden Mare           | Dene Dainty Damsel                                                               | Mrs A Newall        |
| Ridden Gelding        | Sleddale David                                                                   | Mrs G Underwood     |
| Ridden Pairs          | Kerbeck Night Melody/<br>Greenfield Candytuft                                    | Mrs S Laniado       |
| Novice Working Hunter | Ingelgarth Drummer                                                               | Mrs B Hodgson       |
| Open Working Hunter   | Kerbeck Night Serenade                                                           | Mrs C Robinson      |
| Showjumping           | Kerbeck Solar Fire                                                               | Ms G Wilson         |
| Handy Pony            | Kerbeck Solar Fire                                                               | " "                 |
| Trotting Race         | Ingelgarth Drummer                                                               | Mrs B Hodgson       |
| In Hand Champion      | Tarnbeck Shadow                                                                  | Mr & Mrs Williamson |
| Reserve               | Kerbeck Night Melody                                                             | Mrs S Laniado       |
| Ridden Champion       | Dene Dainty Damsel                                                               | Mrs A Newall        |
| Reserve               | Lunesdale Rosebud                                                                | Mr A W Morland      |
| Overall Champion      | Tarnbeck Shadow                                                                  |                     |
| Junior Points         | Rosemary Bradburn/Abbey Tulip                                                    |                     |
| Senior Points (joint) | Christine Robinson/Kerbeck Night Serenade<br>Beverley Hodgson/Ingelgarth Drummer |                     |
| Veteran Performance   | Jossgreen/Emma Allen                                                             |                     |

For the first time Windermere this year staged a qualifier for the NPS/Bankers Equine Direct Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Pony of the Year Championship. Mr Sutcliffe judged this class and selected Mrs Christine Robinson's Kerbeck Night Serenade to progress to the semi-final at Malvern.

## BREED SHOW 1997

The Breed Show was held on 3 August at Brougham Hall Farm. It was good to be in our usual field again this year, and our grateful thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Helme who continue to lend us their field each year for our show.

This year we had a record number of entries - 209 in total - and despite some competitors not being able to attend on the day, the classes were all well filled. The exception to this was the driving classes, with only two entries each. It is sad to see that, in recent years, this class has become less well supported. Its place in the day's programme ensures prime "viewing time", and indeed in the past a well filled class of driven Fells was a wonderful sight. These things seem to go in cycles, so perhaps at future shows we will again see more interest in these classes.

Considering the very unsettled climate of July, right up until a few days before the weekend, we were lucky to have near perfect weather for the show, making a pleasant day for us all.

This scale of event takes much organising both before and after. It is impossible to thank everyone personally but in particular thanks are due to Frank Dargue for assisting Jim Bell and Dick Bicknall setting up the rings, to Frances Bell and her team of ladies for keeping the officials well fed and watered, to Pauline and Peter Forsman, Dawn Ford, entries secretary, and Pauline Robson who was last seen still sitting in the caravan marking catalogues as the sun was beginning to set!

*Margaret Murray*

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| Mares 4 - 7 years old    | Lunesdale Rebecca           | Mr & Mrs A W Morland       |
| Mares 8 years & over     | Tarnbeck Sheba              | Mr & Mrs D Williamson      |
| Mare with filly foal     | Townend Clover              | Mrs G Cockbain             |
| Filly foal               | Greenholme Petal            | Mr W S Potter              |
| Yearling Filly           | Lunesdale Frances           | Mr & Mrs A W Morland       |
| Two year old filly       | Inlegarth Illustrious       | Mrs B A Hodgson            |
| Three year old filly     | Murthwaite Elley            | Mr & Mrs R B Sutcliffe     |
| Geldings 4 - 7 years     | Heltondale Black Diamond II | Mrs P M Watts              |
| Geldings 8 yrs & over    | Bewcastle Boy Blue          | Miss Longsdon & Mr Goddard |
| Mare with colt foal      | Barbondale Petal            | Mr J Bell                  |
| Colt foal                | Waverhead Gary              | Mr J Bell                  |
| Yearling colt or gelding | Severnvale Hector           | Mr G Guy                   |
| Two year old gelding     | Inlegarth Apollo            | Mrs B A Hodgson            |
| Three year old gelding   | Townend Taggart             | Miss & Mrs Douglas         |
| Ridden geldings - Open   | Townend Septimus            | Miss J Williamson          |
| Ridden mares - Open      | Lunesdale Rosebud           | Mr & Mrs A W Morland       |
| Junior ridden under 12   | Lunesdale Dainty            | Mrs S L Peters             |
|                          |                             | Rider: V Peters            |
| Junior ridden 13-16 yrs  | Heltondale Sovereign        | Mr P Glover                |
|                          |                             | Rider: Miss S Vanden       |
| Ridden Veterans          | Jossgreen                   | Mr & Mrs M Allen           |
|                          |                             | Rider: Miss E Allen        |
| Ridden Novice gelding    | Stennerskeugh Black Flash   | Mrs A Howarth              |