

## BHS PONY PILGRIMAGE 1998

### Mary Longsdon

The BHS Native Pony Pilgrimage was organised to promote our British ponies and to publicize the importance of maintaining and expanding our network of bridleways to ensure safe, off-road riding.

The Fells made an early start in May, which coincided with some of the hotter weather, and had a great send off from the Stallion Show at Dalemain. This was led by Mr Potter's mare (pictured) and followed by four ridden and two driven ponies. The route continued to the Fat Lamb Inn at Ravenstonedale where were were joined by representatives of the other Northern breeds. Then they travelled over the hills and down through Lancashire to meet with the Connemaras in Derbyshire, here they rode round the Longendale reservoirs in the last of the brilliant sunshine. Continuing on, they joined the Midshires way and through Leicestershire to the finish at Southam, near the Royal Showground.

Our breed was particularly suited to this type of trek and made a very good account of themselves, as indeed did the intrepid riders and drivers! In all 34 members took part, on different sections, including several who joined up with the routes in the South. Mrs Joanna Ventham of Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex covered approximately 200 miles on a two week trek with her 8 year old gelding Underwoods Adam. They are **all** to be congratulated and on raising £1,240 in sponsorship, so putting our Society at the top of the league. This was partly due to Mrs Judy Hill of Bitteswell, Leicestershire who took the prize for the individual gaining the most sponsorship, with £442.

The Grand Finale took the form of a Pageant at the Royal Show. The main ring bulging with 80 Mountain & Moorland ponies in traditional costume, was a spectacular sight and reminded us how privileged we are to have such a heritage of beautiful ponies.

My very grateful thanks to all who took part and helped in so many ways, and especially to Betty Walker and Sheila Hardy.

*Thanks are also due to Mary for all her hard work on this project. SMW.*





**The Finale of the BHS Pony Pilgrimage at the Royal Show in July**

## **RARE BREEDS SURVIVAL TRUST SUPPORT**

The Society gratefully acknowledges the contribution of £500 recently received from the RBST. The money has been raised through its Horseshoe Appeal in support of rare and minority native breeds of horse and pony. The Appeal was launched in 1997 by HRH The Princess Royal, and it will continue until the millenium year.

### **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!**

There have been a number of comments received this year about the Society's public image at shows. It seems our style of presentation is long overdue for a re-vamp if we are to attract enquiries, and we want to be proud of our appearance. In order to design and produce a suitable set of laminated display boards with a mixture of text and photographs, a sort out of the Society's accumulating archive material will also be required. We would welcome offers of help from anyone with time to spare - whether you have had experience of cataloguing archives, are familiar with desk top publishing and have access to a suitable PC, laminator etc., or just fancy being involved. Please contact Peter Boustead at 33 Meadowside, Lancaster, LA1 3AQ or telephone 01524 383665.

### **HELP NEEDED WITH SALES STAND**

Stalwarts of the sales stand, Peter & Pauline Forsman, are being forced to miss the annual auction and general meeting on 23 and 24 October because of a trip to America. They must be devastated... So this leaves a difficult but not impossible gap to fill, with extra help required at both the events. If you are free to lend a hand on either of the days, please contact Molly Laing (013873 76272) who will explain what is required.

### **1998 ANNUAL BREED SHOW**

In an unprecedented move this year's Breed Show was cancelled the night before because of torrential rain in the Penrith area which left the show field under water. Mr & Mrs Helme, who kindly allow the Society to have the show on their land at Brougham, were hopeful that the ground would drain adequately by the following day and waited until evening hoping to see an improvement. However, with the weather being so unpredictable, they finally felt they had no choice but to cancel the date in the hope that a later date in August might be possible. By the time the decision was known and the long rounds of telephone calls began, some competitors had already left and couldn't be contacted. The Show Secretary, Dawn Ford, discovered to her cost how badly the field was affected when she drove onto the track in the late afternoon of Friday, to have her lorry sink. Fortunately she didn't even try the grass which was much softer.

Telephone lines were red hot from Friday night through to the following Wednesday morning when the Chairman reluctantly conceded that to re-schedule the biggest show of the year within a couple of weeks of its first date, during peak holiday season when every weekend is booked up with

shows, was proving to be impossible. The Qualifier Class was then re-scheduled to NPS Area 4 Harrogate North Yorks Show on 30th August. There was a lot of work involved in advising judges, competitors, suppliers and helpers and a big thank you is due to those people who gave their time to achieve this. The only winner at the end of the day was BT whose profits must have risen considerably.

Margaret Murray, who organises the Breed Show, found herself handicapped by a leg in plaster due to a kick a few days before the show was due to take place. Thanks are due to Sue Wardle who got more than she bargained for; having been staying at Margaret's for a few days rest & riding she stepped into Margaret's shoes and made the usual last minutes arrangements in readiness for the show. Never mind, the experience will no doubt come in handy!

The greatest disappointment must have been for the people who had travelled from other parts of Europe just to see the show. There were a number of dismayed faces at the show field gate on Saturday, seeing the field empty, because by then the surface had drained and superficially it looked fine.

This year's show was sponsored by members, breeders and some local businesses. A number of members had generously given financial support and it would seem easiest all round if these could be carried forward to next year's show. Not all the classes were, however, sponsored and there are still some spaces for anyone who would like to offer sponsorship for the 30th Annual Breed Show in 1999. The cost per class is £25 and anyone who would like to contribute can do so by sending a cheque (payable to the FPS) to the Secretary.

For anyone interested, copies of the show programme can be obtained either at the Autumn General Meeting on 24th October or by sending an A4 sae to the Secretary.

## **FELL PONY 2000**

### **Annual Report Summary**

It has been twelve months now since the small "Action group" came into existence and some seven months since it obtained charitable status. This period has seen "Fell Pony 2000" become firmly established as a catalyst and a focus for action in resolving the Immuno-Compromising problem in the Fell Pony. Setting out with simple objectives and a small band of supporters it has realised the prospect of achieving, in fact exceeding, its objectives. It has gathered the goodwill and support of a growing number of people, far wider than the confines of the Fell Pony Society membership, even though within this latter group there is still not a 100% commitment to the need or approach of the charity's work.

The charity has been fortunate in its choice of Patron, Lt Col Sir John Miller, a distinguished man who is keen to be involved and is active in support of the charity. The sponsor, Dr D C Knottenbelt of the University of Liverpool

Large Animal Hospital, who has been tireless in his support, has given his services at no cost to the charity and not without a significant impact on his own time. Indeed, this has been a common trait of all those actively involved in the support of the charity and the associated research work.

The Fell Pony is most fortunate in attracting the contribution of so many people and so many eminent specialists who are world leaders in their field, both here and abroad. They are coming on board to help find the answers to what has become known as the "Fell Foal Syndrome".

Communication and involvement have been the cornerstones of the charity's approach over the last year. All Fell Pony Society members including the group of target breeders have either been invited to a presentation given in person by Dr Knottenbelt at one of various venues up and down the country, or have, or will be, given access to a video recording of one of these events. Everyone in the Fell Pony Society has been given the same information 'from the horse's mouth' and misinformation on the subject has been marginalised.

All pony breeders have had explained to them how they can contribute directly to the research effort. There has, however, been some evidence of reluctance even though the financial impacts of such contributions have been minimised through small grants from the charity and the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the very generous voluntary support of both practicing and non-practicing veterinary surgeons.

All the general members of the Society have been requested to raise money on behalf of the charity and support has been given by the charity, in the form of posters, publicity, display materials, rosettes etc to many initiatives, which have been selflessly managed by these members. The charity has also received significant independent donations and grants, some of which have been for specific projects eg. the blood sampling programme - Horserace Betting Levy Board, the "Fell Pony Dilemma" video - private donor, and so on. To date the income for the charity and direct donations to the University on our behalf are in excess of £15,000 and appears to be heading for its target of £25,000 by the year end.

Public awareness of the Fell Pony's problems has been aided by several press and media articles including TV news and country affairs programmes, horse magazine and country journals, and local and national newspapers. Welcome though this publicity has been, it has been difficult in some cases to control the journalistic accuracy and/or the sensationalistic approach, irrespective of the volumes of literature and video materials offered in support of their articles. This latter type of journalism does not altogether help our cause within the Fell Pony community as it allows contra support to flourish justified with spurious information.

Additional credibility has been achieved from the request received from Her Majesty The Queen to host a pony breeder's meeting in Windsor Castle. This was undoubtedly the high spot of the first year's work of the

charity and it has boosted the confidence to see the work through to the eventual resolution of the problem.

The charity has seen a concerted research effort this year and it is confident that it will progress to a satisfactory solution in the not too distant future. After all, with the best minds in the veterinary (and human) medical world applied to this issue, how can it fail? The charity's task is to continue to support the research efforts in every possible way.

Materially the charity has enjoyed good financial support and this has been prudently used. The principle is to make all the innovative ventures as near as possible self-financing. So far it has managed to achieve this, including the production of this, the Fell Pony 2000 annual report. The cost charged to the accounts of operating the charity has been kept well below the mean for charity operations at less than 7% of income. The charity has been able to take advantage, during its first year of operation, of donations in kind for most of its administrative equipment, materials and expenses, a large part of the burden of which has been carried by the trustees themselves. Had the latter been charged to the charity, the cost of operations would still have been less than 20% of income, well within the charity norms.

The charity donations and those forwarded directly to the university on our behalf in support of their research totals £7,650 so far this year and it expects the balance of its donations will be given by the year end.

The charity looks forward to the challenges of its year two programme which will obviously include fundraising with a similar target of £25,000 as in 1998 and a blood sampling programme for newborn foals and adult ponies. This latter programme will include contributions from the foreign Fell pony clusters in Germany, The Netherlands and the USA. However, the main focus will be the structuring of contingency actions ie the eradication breeding programme in advance of a test for "carrier" ponies of the recessive gene.

This element of the two year programme is designed to involve ALL interests in the Fell Pony Society and others. The objective is to consult with as large a part of the Society membership as possible and to produce a considered proposal(s) with comments to the Fell Pony Society Council for their acceptance and for subsequent ratification by the general membership.

The charity is now getting to the heart of the real issues that the Fell Pony Society must confront and ones that the charity believes that it has, through its first year learning curve, enables itself to accomplish.



**A. Johnson (Mrs) - Chairman**  
**D. Brunt (Mr) - Secretary**  
**D.A. Brunt (Mrs) - Treasurer**

## **Immunological & Haematological Studies on Fell Ponies in 1998**

**Dr S D Carter, Dr S C Bell, Ms C Savidge,  
Veterinary Immunology, University of Liverpool**

Further to the initial reports on immunodeficiency in Fell ponies, a programme of work was instigated to investigate immune function in foals born in 1998. From the Fell Pony 2000 database, we obtained the addresses of all the veterinary surgeons attending Fell ponies and they were very helpful in assisting in this project by providing blood samples for analysis in our laboratories. A mare and foal based at the Veterinary Faculty served as sentinels. As at 12th August, we had tested 83 Fell ponies for various immunological markers. These have come from all areas where Fell ponies are kept and are considered a good representative sample of the population. Of the 83, foals were the vast majority (81) and only 2 mares were sampled. 5 sick Fell ponies were investigated - one was sampled post mortem and the blood could not be used because it had clotted. Post mortem studies were made on foals euthenased at Leahurst. 2 foals had been sampled at 1 hour and 24 hours after birth. Samples have also been sent to Cambridge University where Dr M Holmes is performing different assays.

A programme of laboratory tests has been established to investigate immunological and haematological analysis and this has been performed at Liverpool Veterinary Immunology laboratories and some analysis of bone marrow work was performed at the Christie Hospital, Manchester by experts in human bone marrow studies. All results are on a comprehensive database maintained at Liverpool

To date we have identified some immunological abnormalities which will become more meaningful once more sick ponies are sampled (sick ponies do not become apparent for several weeks and we hope to see more in the next few months). The abnormalities are reflected in the foal's ability to respond to infection challenge and are also seen in the ability of bone marrow to make mature blood cells.

A major grant application has been made to fund this research for a further 3 years, with a view to identifying the defect and pin-pointing any genetic component to this problem. The outcome of the application should be announced at the end of October.

I would like to thank all the owners, breeders, veterinary surgeons, the Fell Pony Society and, particularly, Fell Pony 2000 for making this study possible so that we may try to eradicate this most important clinical problem in Fell ponies.

**Dr Stuart C Carter**



### **Her Majesty The Queen**

at Windsor Castle on 2nd May 1998 with (left to right) Lt. Col. Sir John Miller, Patron of Fell Pony 2000, Mr Dennis Brunt, Mrs Dineen Brunt, Mrs Angela Johnson, Prof. Don Kelly, Dr Stuart Carter, Dr Derek Knottenbelt and Mrs Brenda Wilkinson.



## A Personal Recollection of an Invitation to Windsor

**Dineen Brunt**

We received a phone call from our Patron, Sir John Miller, asking us if it would be possible to hold a breeder's meeting in Windsor at which The Queen could attend.

After a discussion with the academics from Liverpool it was agreed that 2nd May would be the first available date when both Her Majesty and the Team would be free. This being a Saturday, and all other suitable accommodation being fully booked, Her Majesty offered the facilities of Windsor Castle itself

Taking advantage of one of Dennis' business trips to London, he and I went across to meet with Sir John and Major Davison, the Windsor Castle Superintendent, to discuss the arrangements for our meeting. We were taken to Major Davison's office, a large and pleasant room in an off-limits part of the Castle to explain our intentions and requirements. Here we had explained to us the security requirements of an event such as this would require and it became clear to us that as 'private guests of The Queen' we would be given privileged access and parking facilities within the inner courtyard of the Castle itself.

From here we progressed in our cars past the milling visitors through the Castle grounds into the inner courtyard and eventually to the door to the Undercroft, the venue for our presentation. Major Davidson explained that the Undercroft was below the hall, into which the burning debris had fallen during the Windsor Castle fire and, as a result, had been completely ruined. I had just recently seen a documentary programme on television about the Windsor restoration and it was obvious that the Windsor staff were very proud of the work that had been carried out which, if the Undercroft was anything to judge it by, they had every reason to be so.

We described the format of the usual breeder's meeting and it was agreed that this meeting should be the same. This would include tea and biscuits when everyone could meet and discuss matters informally. The Castle offered to provide these refreshments. The only thing omitted was the arrangements for the raffle but we didn't feel that this was the place for a money-raising exercise....

After returning home, the full team swung into action with Angela on the telephone, Dineen organising the logistics and Dennis, as usual, tapping away on the keyboard. We were excited and nervous as we prepared for the meeting. Quite a few e-mails and phone calls were exchanged between us and the Liverpool team to ensure that all eventualities had been considered and planned.

Dennis borrowed a Renault Espace for the trip, as quite a few would be setting out from Todmorden and as the number of vehicles was asked to be limited. All the seats were occupied and there was no room for the screen,

onto which the slides were to be shown, except on the roof. It was a jolly band which set out on this adventure and we all enjoyed a picnic on Runnymede which put us in a frame of mind for what was for us going to be quite a momentous day.

We reached Windsor and went straight to the Undercroft where everything had been arranged for us beautifully, even down a screen for the slide projection - so much for the Espace roof top 'passenger' in polythene wrapping!

We were so busy seeing that everyone was ready with calmed nerves and had not forgotten anything that the time flew and it was time to let the guests take their seats and for us to line up to be presented to The Queen.

There was just enough time to practice the curtesy and to go over the correct greeting when footsteps were heard outside the door and there was Her Majesty coming into the room. I managed the curtesy without falling over and the next thing we went through into the meeting. Dennis was very nervous as he had to chair the meeting and then escort The Queen in to take tea and to introduce Her to the charity trustees and the invited Fell pony breeders, the latter task being the most difficult as he only knew some of them by voice!

Tea was very elegantly served and far superior to that at other meetings. It was a memorable climax to a hard round of meetings and one which we shall all remember with the greatest of pleasure, for it was good to see that everyone who attended this meeting had one thing in common: the love of and concern for the Fell pony and, after all, that is what we are about...

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*A pleasure ride in the Kirkby Lonsdale area on Sunday 17th May 1998 raised £363.00 (including donations) for Fell Pony 2000, with 57 riders taking part. Times of setting off were staggered so that congestion on bridleways was kept to a minimum. The ride was approximately 12 miles long over bridleways and quiet country lanes with lovely views over to Barbondale and the Middleton Fells.*

*We are hoping to organise another similar ride (if our nerves can stand it!) for Fell Pony 2000 on the same weekend next year - 16th May 1999. We hope that more Fell ponies will be able to support this event as only two came along this year!!*

*Many thanks to Mike Allen, Rachel Wilson, Ian Dixon and my husband for help with parking, route manning, checking in and out, and, most importantly, taking the money!*

*For details of the 1999 ride please call tel: 01729 860 378 (Beth Slater).*

## **FOAL MORTALITY**

**B. Allen**

Why has the Society not issued a list of "carrier" stallions?

A question being asked with increasing frequency. Well, there are several reasons.

Firstly there is the important consideration of confidentiality. Secondly, although most experts seem to accept that the problem is genetic, I have yet to hear someone confirm this. A genetic problem requires a test to identify a carrier, and we still await this. A list would also send out completely the wrong message as far as I am concerned. "Don't use these stallions!". The gene pool is narrow enough already.

Obviously we will need to develop a breeding programme but this will be as a result of consultation with experts in the field, rather than a "knee jerk" reaction.

My opinion is that we would need to continue breeding to replace stallions. It is far too early to geld and lose good breeding lines. You do not get a syndrome foal if the mare is not a carrier too. As soon as a test is developed, it will be equally important to look at the mares.

If your mare has lost a foal, you should not use a stallion which is known to have produced syndrome foals. And the easiest way to find out is to ask the stallion's owner.

### **THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE ORGANISED FUND-RAISING EVENTS FOR THE APPEAL**

To all members who have already held fund-raising events or are planning something in the near future, a big thank you is due. Ideas have included:

- Quizzes
- Pleasure Rides
- Gymkhanas
- Sponsorships

Good luck to intrepid members entering the Great North Run. We'll be with you in spirit, at least!

### **FELL PONY 2000 T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS**

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Sweatshirts £14.50

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# **RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS RESULTS**

## **STALLION & COLT SHOW 1998**

Dalemain was looking lovely for this year's show on 9th May, a fine, warm and sunny day. The BHS Pony Pilgrimage official start for the breed helped attract a good crowd of spectators who saw a strong entry of quality ponies judged by Mr R Blockley of Bradford. Thanks as always to the McCosh family for kindly hosting this event. Spectators this year also had a bonus in the shape of a vintage car rally which briefly called in to Dalemain for a pitstop, making an interesting diversion!

### **Class 1 - Registered Yearling Colt (16 entries)**

- 1st WAVERHEAD GARY FP50743C - Mr J Bell
- 2nd SLEDDALE EDDIE FP50762C - Mr D Wilkinson
- 3rd CASTLE HILL GLEN FP50749C - Mr D Crow

### **Class 2 - Registered Two Year Old Colts (12 entries)**

- 1st CASTLE HILL LAD FP50559C - Mr D Crow
- 2nd MURTHWAITE BROSS FP50539C\* - Mr T B Capstick
- 3rd LUNESDALE ARTHUR FP50629C - Mr & Mrs A W Morland

### **Class 3 - Registered & Licensed Stallions 3 & 4 Years Old (7 entries)**

- 1st HELTONDALE BELLMAN V FP50289C\* - Mr D Crow
- 2nd BRACKLINN CHARLIE BOY FP50346C\* - Mr I Smith
- 3rd HOLLFREY VICTOR FP50356C\* - Miss M D Ford

### **Class 4 - Registered Stallions 5 Years Old & Over (14 entries)**

- 1st LOWNTHWAITE GARY FP825C\* - Mrs N Lightfoot
- 2nd RACKWOOD PRINCE FP523C\*\* - Mr D Wilkinson & Mrs R D Howe
- 3rd DRYBARROWS JEFF FP50048C\* - Mr E M Wilson

### **Class 6 - Traditional Riding Class (7 entries)**

- 1st DARRENVALE JASON FP742C \*\* - Mr & Mrs R Sutcliffe
- 2nd TOWNEND MIDNIGHT FP50283C\* - Miss C Simpson
- 3rd HELTONDALE ROB II FP754C\* - Mr D Eltringham

### **Class 7 - Modern Riding Class (7 entries)**

- 1st DARRENVALE JASON
- 2nd TOWNEND MIDNIGHT
- 3rd HELTONDALE ROB II

### **Class 8 - Reg. Stallions or Geldings Four Years & Over in Harness (3 entries)**

- 1st TOWNEND MIDNIGHT
- 2nd HELTONDALE LUCKY TOM FP989C\* - Mrs E Campbell
- 3rd EDENVIEW MOONSTROLLER G993 - Miss J V Brindley

### **Class 9 - Stallion or Gelding with Best Set of Feed Shod (9 entries)**

- 1st TOWNEND MIDNIGHT
- 2nd TOWNEND BARNABY II FP289C\* - Mr J Tighe
- 3rd RACKWOOD PRINCE

**Youngstock Champion**

CASTLE HILL LAD

**Reserve Youngstock**

WAVERHEAD GARY

**Supreme Champion**

LOWNTHWAITE GARY

**Res. Supreme Champion**

CASTLE HILL LAD

## SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS 1998

Linnel Wood again played host to this event on 24th May, thanks to the kind invitation and hospitality of Bob and Sarah Charlton. Several changes were made this year, including a requirement to nominate a fence judge with each entry and re-arranged start times for the cross country section, which speeded up the whole process. Most competitors - and certainly the fence judges - found this to be an improvement. Entries were down on previous years - hopefully not due to the fence judge regulation. Perhaps people would let us know. As usual, Mr Charlton had arranged fine weather for the day.

### **NOVICE**

#### **Dressage**

- 1st ABBEY TULIP FP1919 - Miss Rosemary Bradburn
- 2nd LINNEL CANDYTUFT FP2336 - Mr & Mrs R Charlton, rider Miss V Burn
- 3rd TOWNEND BETONY FP2201 - Mrs Penny Randell

#### **Cross Country**

- 1st SUMMIT MERLIN CHADWICK FP981G - Ms Anne Armstrong-Foxton
- 2nd LINNEL CANDYTUFT
- 3rd ABBEY TULIP

#### **Overall**

- 1st ABBEY TULIP
- 2nd LINNEL CANDYTUFT
- 3rd SUMMIT MERLIN CHADWICK

### **OPEN**

#### **Dressage**

- 1st GUARDS JOSEPH FP533G - Ms Sue Wardle
- 2nd LAZYBANK PRINCESS ROYAL FP1903 - Mrs Carolyn Pannone
- 3rd KERBECK SOLAR FIRE - Ms Gillian Wilson

#### **Cross Country**

- 1st SLEDDALE DAVID FP351G - Ms Georgina Callister
- 2nd FIREQUEST OF KERBECK FP511C - Mrs Christine Robinson
- 3rd KERBECK SOLAR FIRE

#### **Overall**

- 1st KERBECK SOLAR FIRE
- 2nd LAZYBANK PRINCESS ROYAL
- 3rd FIREQUEST OF KERBECK

**Best Junior** Miss Rosemary Bradburn (ABBEY TULIP)

**Best Newcomer** Miss Vicky Burn (LINNEL CANDYTUFT)

## Baileys Horse Feeds/NPS Mountain & Moorland Ridden Qualifier

Following cancellation of the Breed Show, the above class was re-scheduled to take place at NPS Area 4 Great Yorks Show on Sunday, 30 August in Harrogate. Mr P Boustead of Lancaster judged, assisted by steward Mrs M Raines. The class was won by Darrenvale Jason FP742C, owned by Mr & Mrs R Sutcliffe. Lunesdale Rosebud FP1896, shown by Mr & Mrs Metcalfe, owned by Mr A Morland was second, and Townend Cameron FP843G, owned by Mrs J Gomersall and Mrs Thomas came third in a strong class.

## ROYAL SHOW RESULTS

Miss J V Brindley of Hunsonby, Penrith judged this year and the results were:

### Stallion, Mare or Gelding born in or before 1994

SLEDDALE JEFFREY FP859C - Mrs Jenny Crane

### Filly, Colt or Gelding born in 1995 or 1996

LUNESDALE FRANCES FP2954 - Mr & Mrs A W Morland

### Colt, Filly or Gelding born in 1997 or 1998

SEVERNVALE MOLLY FP3079 - Mr G Guy

### Best Mare 4 Years Old or Over

MERES JODIE FP2618 - Mrs P M Good & Mr T D Good

### Best Foal

Mr G Guy's foal (s: Greenholme Mikado, d: Heltondale Delia III)

### Best Yearling

SEVERNVALE MOLLY FP3079 - Mr G Guy

### Best 2 Year Old & Supreme Champion

LUNESDALE FRANCES

### Breeder of the best UK bred Fell Pony

Mr & Mrs A W Morland - LUNESDALE FRANCES

## LOWTHER FELL PONY CLASSES

Thank you to all those people who supported these classes this year, after the appeal for more entries in the face of declining numbers. The move away from the Main Arena into the Bogside Arena made it much easier for exhibitors and the ring size was very generous. The previous day had seen vehicles having to be drawn on and off the field by tractors, however, by Saturday the ground had improved enough for most people to manage independently. Thanks also to Mr Russell Sutcliffe for judging and by all accounts he enjoyed his first appearance at Lowther.

The Championship was judged in the Main Arena and the trophy was presented by Lt. Col. Sir John Miller, Patron of Fell Pony 2000.

**Class 1 Brood Mare, 4 yrs & over, in hand.**

- 1st Inglegarth Revelation FP2335 - Mrs B A Hodgson  
2nd Barbondate Ruby FP1782 - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson  
Best Foal: Inglegarth Reveller - Mrs B A Hodgson

**Class 2 Mare or Gelding, 4 yrs or over, in hand**

- 1st Lunesdale Rebecca FP2026 - Mr & Mrs A W Morland  
2nd Tarnbeck Sheba FP1628 - Mrs G Williamson  
3rd Townend Septimus FP723G - Miss J Williamson

**Class 3 Yearling Filly, Colt or Gelding**

- 1st Townend Bluebell FP3055 - Mr E M Wilson  
2nd Pikestone Princess FP3084 - Mr J Hunter  
3rd Auckside Holly FP3118 - Miss K Jackson & Mr J B Smith

**Class 4 Two or Three yr. old Filly or Gelding**

- 1st Townend Sugar FP2897 - Mr E M Wilson  
2nd Coppyhill Suzanne FP2681 - Mrs A O'Neill  
3rd Ludworth Mae FP2905 - Mrs L Chamberlain

**Class 5 Mare or Gelding, 4 yrs & over, under saddle**

- 1st Lunesdale Prince Henry FP50248G - Mr P Metcalfe  
2nd Waverhead Petal FP1997 - Miss J Charlton  
3rd Townend Betony FP2201 - Mrs P Randell

**Champion** Lunesdale Rebecca

**Reserve** Townend Sugar

**BARNINGHAM PARK FELL PONY SHOW**

This year saw the 11th show at Barningham Park, near Richmond in July. The organisers billed it as their final show as Arthur & Norma Earnshaw are retiring in 1999. It is an independent show which over the years has raised money for cancer charities as well as providing a friendly and enjoyable unofficial breed show enjoyed by many, who will be sorry to see its demise. Together with the Earnshaws, Eddie & Margaret Wilson and Penny Randell have been the chief organisers over the years who have helped make it a success. This year's show was judged by Mr T C Thompson & Mr R Sutcliffe.

**Registered Mare 4 - 7 Years of Age**

- 1st Inglegarth Celebration - Mrs B A Hodgson  
2nd Moorhouse Rosie - Mr C Mallinson  
3rd Townend Dawn II - Mrs G M Cockbain

**Registered Mare 8 Years of Age & Upwards**

- 1st Tarnbeck Sheba - Mr & Mrs D Williamson  
2nd Carrock Amanda - Mrs G M Cockbain  
3rd Carrock Pollyanna - Mrs G M Cockbain

### **Registered Gelding 4 Years Old & Upwards**

- 1st Tebay Vespa - Mrs A O'Neill
- 2nd Townend Septimus - Miss J Williamson
- 3rd Linnel Robin - Mr & Mrs R B Charlton

### **Registered Mare with Foal at Foot**

- 1st Heltondale Princess IV - Mr D Crow
- 2nd Heltondale Dido II - Mr C D Sanderson
- 3rd Lunesdale Briony - Mr C D Sanderson

### **Colt or Filly Foal from Registered Parents**

- 1st Holling Briony - Mr C D Sanderson
- 2nd Holling Dido - Mr C D Sanderson
- 3rd Brackenbank Nancy - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

### **Registered Yearling Colt or Gelding**

- 1st Wellbrow Hercules - Mr A Thorpe
- 2nd Castle Hill Glen - Mr D Crow

### **Registered Yearling Filly**

- 1st Pikestone Princess - Mr J Hunter
- 2nd Brackenbank Romany - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
- 3rd Holling Queenie - Mr C D Sanderson

### **Registered 2 Year Old Colt, Gelding or Filly**

- 1st Brackenfield Erica - Mrs N Earnshaw
- 2nd Sleddale Wild Rose III - Mr G M Cockbain
- 3rd Castle Hill Prince II - Mr D Crow

### **Registered 3 Year Old Gelding or Filly**

- 1st Inlegarth Apollo - Mrs B A Hodgson
- 2nd Castle Hill Prince - Mr D Crown
- 3rd Clarmount Star - Mr D Eltringham

### **Veteran Registered Pony 16 Years & Upwards In Hand**

- 1st Townend Lucy IV - Mr & Mrs D Williamson
- 2nd Townend Brandy - Mrs N Earnshaw
- 3rd Dene Claudius - Mr J B Marston

### **Best Turned Out Pony & Rider**

- 1st Waverhead Petal - Miss J Charlton
- 2nd Heltondale Black Diamond II - Mrs P M Watts
- 3rd Peepings Nutcracker - Miss R Brunskill

### **Traditional Riding Class for Registered Male Ponies**

- 1st Townend Septimus
- 2nd Dene Claudius
- 3rd Tebay Vespa

### **Traditional Riding Class for Registered Female Ponies**

- 1st Tarnbeck Sheba
- 2nd Lunesdale Rosebud - Mr A W Morland
- 3rd Moorhouse Rosie



## **Riding Class**

- Males** 1st Sleddale David - Ms G M Callister  
2nd Lunesdale Prince Henry - Mr P Metcalfe  
3rd Townend Septimus
- Females** 1st Lunesdale Rosebud - Mr A W Morland  
2nd Waverhead Petal  
3rd Kerbeck Night Serenada - Mrs C H Robinson

## **Junior Riding Class**

- 1st Waverhead Petal  
2nd Townend Ross - Miss J Smith  
3rd Peepings Nutcracker

## **Pairs**

- 1st Townend Lucy IV & Townend Septimus - Williamsons  
2nd Moorhouse Rosie & Hardendale Rosette - C Mallinson & H Baldwick  
3rd Linnel Candytuft & Linnel Robin - Mr & Mrs Charlton & V Burn.

## **Driving Class**

- 1st Dene Claudius  
2nd Edenvie Moonstroller - Miss J V Brindley  
3rd Wintonbeck Bob - S Hartley

## **Registered Pony Shown In Hand By Boy or Girl 16 Years or Under**

- 1st Carrock Pollyanna - James Cockbain  
2nd Peepings Nutcracker  
3rd Townend Ross

**Champion** - Tarnbeck Sheba; **Reserve** - Lunesdale Rosebud.

## **WINDERMERE FELL PONY SHOW**

This show at the National Park Centre, Brockhole, on Sunday 5th July, continues to grow in popularity, with record entries this year. Sarah Muller from Germany was probably the first non-British judge to officiate at a major Fell pony event. Her colleague, judging the ridden classes, was Mr Peter Boustead. Both were to be congratulated for their enthusiasm over a long day with large classes and mixed weather.

Results were:

Geld mare	Townend Bridie	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
Gelding	Sleddale David	Ms G Callister
Brood mare	Tarnbeck Sheba	Mr & Mrs D Williamson
Foal	Greenholme Sasha	Mr W S Potter
Yearling	Brackenbank Romany	Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson
Two Year Old	Townend Sugar	Mr E M Wilson
Three Year Old	Waverhead Rosanna II	Miss S Johnson
Veteran	Townend Lucy IV	Mr & Mrs D Williamson