

Prince
Olympia Qualifier: Lunesdale Henry
Ridden by J Robinson

Top Left: Champion Ridden Pony Darrenvale Rebecca ridden by K Brook

WINDERMERE SHOW 1999

Class One Geld Mare	1st	Lunesdale Henrietta
	2nd	Greenholme Kitty
	3rd	Townend Betony
Class Two Gelding	1st	Kerbeck Fire Prince
	2nd	Townend Septimus
	3rd	Townend Taggart
Class Three Veteran	1st	Townend Lucy IV
	2nd	Jossgreen
	3rd	Rambling Belladonna
Class Four Brood Mare	1st	Tarnbeck Sheba
	2nd	Heltondale Lill III
	3rd	Brackenbank Mayblossom
Class Five Foal	1st	Brackenbank Sefton
	2nd	Tarnbeck Shade
	3rd	Inglegarth Radiant
Class Six Yearling	1st	Farleton Forrest
	2nd	Inglegarth Celebrity
	3rd	Wellbrow Jacko
Class Seven Two Year Old	1st	Brackenbank Romany
	2nd	North Lodge Chestnut
	3rd	Greenholme Percy
Class Eight Three Year Old	1st	Hedgethorpe Blackthorn
	2nd	Salisbury Hannah
	3rd	Marlingdyke Mo'cridd
Class Nine Ridden Mare	1st	Sleddale Red Rose
	2nd	Lunesdale Rosebud
	3rd	Townend Betony
Class Ten Ridden Gelding	1st	Townend Septimus
	2nd	Sleddale David
	3rd	Lunesdale Prince Henry
Class Eleven Pairs	1st	Townend Septimus
		Townend Lucy IV
	2nd	Sleddale David
Class Twelve Trotting Race	1st	Kerbeck Fire Prince
	2nd	Esther Maree of Inglegarth
	3rd	Inglegarth Celebration
	4th	Rambling Belladonna
		Lunesdale Prince Henry

Inhand Champion:Lunesdale Henrietta

Reserve: Tarnbeck Sheba

Ridden Champion:Sleddale Red Rose

Reserve: Townend Septimus

Overall Champion: Lunesdale Henrietta

Best Veteran: Townend Lucy IV

THE ROYAL SHOW

A big thank you to Sheila Hardy and family and friends, Jim and Frances Bell and friends who all contribute to the stand at the Royal Show. This year Alison Hardy had produced some very attractive visual displays, and Sheila had ordered some new sales items for the stand, they proved very popular. Frances and Jim once again provided sustenance for stewards, judges, helpers and visitors, and all out of their own pocket. This is a tremendous contribution and in terms of time, effort and money. The week was hot and glorious, the ponies all looked wonderful and there was only one blot on the horizon, and that was a sneak thief stealing the takings for the first three days of the show. There had been a group of thieves operating at the show, and unfortunately the FPS were victims. The Office received a letter from the Warwickshire Police Force stating that there were several thefts that week, and that unfortunately due to the circumstances and large crowds there it would be impossible to solve the crime. The Society historically has not been covered for loss of goods at shows, this has now been amended, added vigilance together with a system of sales assistants wearing bum bags rather than having money in tins will add to the tighter security in the future.

Results from the Royal Show 1999

Class 1 Stallion, Mare or Gelding

1st Lunesdale Henrietta Mr & Mrs A W Morland

Class 2 Colt Filly or Gelding

1st Severnvale Hector Miss D Chadwick

Class 3 Colt, Filly or Gelding born 1998/99

1st Severnvale Sadie Mr G Guy

Champion	Lunesdale Henrietta
Reserve Champion	Severnvale Sadie
Junior Champion	Severnvale Sadie
Reserve Junior Champion	Severnvale Hector

A REPORT ON THE ROYAL SHOW 1999

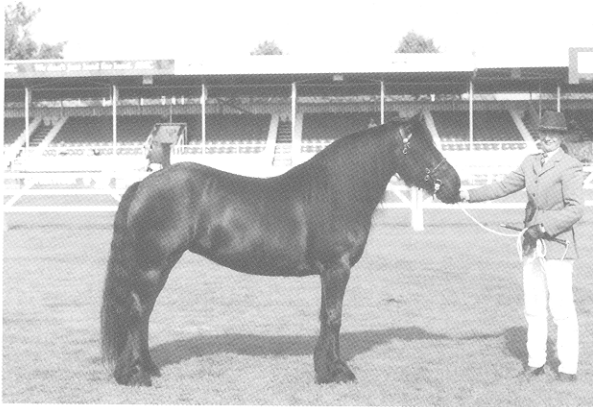
by Carol Morland

Anyone who has ever shown at the Royal show will understand when I say that it is unique and special and the atmosphere amongst the Fell Pony competitors camped in the lorry park is absolutely fantastic. This year was no exception and the amazing weather ensured that the Bar-B-Ques were sizzling, and the bottles of wine and Fell Pony tales were shared until late into Wednesday evening.

Thursday morning dawned even hotter and those feeling the “worse for wear” were not admitting to it, as ponies were prepared for an early start. The Fells were well represented by every pony immaculately turned out, and with their coats glittering in the sunshine presenting a marvellous spectacle for our equally well turned out judge, Mrs C Robinson, and for those spectators who got there early enough.

The Fell Pony stand appeared to have a steady flow of customers, and the only blot on an otherwise perfect day was the fact that the Police “diversion” signs on the way home seemed to peter out leaving quite a few of us hot and tired in the middle of nowhere! Still, we shall all probably do it again next year!

ROYAL SHOW CHAMPION LUNESDALE HENRIETTA
shown by Miss Deborah Chadwick



SOUTHERN BREED SHOW REPORT

by Liz Whiteley

The eleventh Southern show of the Society was held on Sunday 12th September by kind permission of Sir John Miller, who spent a large part of the day at the show. The weather was kind to us this year, contributing to the enjoyment of the day. Judges Russel Sutcliffe, Francis Awde, Christine Morton, Beverley Hodgson and Sue Helps had a busy day but finished in good time. We are extremely grateful to them for their hard work, and their cheery disposition meant that everyone went home with a smile on their faces. On a personal note, I would like to thank the army of helpers and the sponsors without whom the show could not continue. In particular thanks to Mary Longsdon for her guidance and detailed notes to help me through, and to Angela Einnon who has catered for judges, stewards and helpers every year so far. This is her last year, she threatens us, and certainly we shall miss her expert culinary skills. But you'll still continue to produce the schedule, catalogue results.....won't you Angela? To all you competitors, let me tell you that it's easier on that side of the ropes than this side!!!

Results:

Class 1 Stallions

1st Greenhead Alfred 2nd Bewcastle Blue Moon

Class 2 Mares 4-8 years

1st Greenholme Kitty 2nd Meres Jodie 3rd Rosmarth Raindrop

Class 3 Mares 9+

1st Townend Lucy IV 2nd Border Black Lady 3rd Drybarrows Fancy

Class 4 Brood Mares

1st Gaisgill Jewel 2nd Bannerdale Dainty 3rd Meres Juliette

Class 5 Foals

1st Severnvale Rosie 2nd Severnvale Rachel 3rd Hesworth Topaz

Class 6 Geldings 4 - 8

1st Wolds Black Grouse 2nd Townend Hamish II 3rd Underwoods Em-
porer

Class 7 Geldings 9+

1st Townend Septimus 2nd Hades Hill Raven 3rd Bolton Abbey Magic

Class 8 Yearlings

1st Severnvale Sadie 2nd Underwoods Iolanthe 3rd Tighwood Model

Class 9 Two Year Olds

1st Shirdleyhill Tara 2nd Townend Carly 3rd Wolds
Turnstone

Class 10 Three Year Olds

1st Townend Bonny 2nd Wolds Phalathrope 3rd Packway Ptarmigan

Class 11 Veterans

1st Townend Lucy IV 2nd Heltondale Beauty VIII 3rd Guards Robert

Class 12 Pairs

1st Townend Lucy IV 2nd Underwoods Emperor 3rd Meres Julie-Anne

SOUTHERN BREED SHOW RESULTS Continued:

Class 13 Stallions

1st Bewcastle Blue Moon

Class 14 Mares

1st Townend Lucy IV

2nd Rosmarth Raindrop

3rd Meres Jodie

Class 15 Geldings 4 - 8

1st Townend Hamish

2nd Underwoods Emperor

Class 16 Geldings 9+

1st Townend Septimus

2nd Bolton Abbey Magic

3rd Drybarrows Sandy II

Class 17 Novice Mares

1st Rosmarth Raindrop

2nd Rosemere Heidi

3rd Underwood Fortune

Class 18 Novice Geldings

1st Underwoods Emperor

2nd Heltondale Lofty III

3rd Wolds Black Grouse

Class 19 Children Led

1st Rosemere Heidi

2nd Heltondale Beauty VIII

3rd Shepparton Rayina

Class 20 Children 6 - 12

1st Rosmarth Hannah

2nd Lune Valley David

3rd Heltondale Beauty VIII

Class 21 Children 13 - 16

1st Rosemere Heidi

2nd Townend Hamish II

Class 22 Ridden Veteran

1st Townend Lucy IV

2nd Guards Robert

3rd Heltondale Magic V

Class 23 Ridden Pairs

1st Rosemere Emma Louise
Rosemere Hannah

2nd Underwoods Emperor
Underwoods Fortune

3rd Rosmarth Raindrop
Shepparton Rayina

Class 24 Novice WHP

1st Rosmarth Raindrop

2nd Rosemere Emma Louise

3rd Heltondale Magic V

Class 25 Intermediate WHP

1st Eagland Dainty

2nd Guards Robert

3rd Lune Valley David

Class 26 Open WHP

1st Lune Valley David

2nd Guards Robert

3rd Eagland Dainty

Class 27 Driving

1st Kerbeck Night Mystique

2nd Admergill Alexander

3rd Hades Hill Fay

Class 28 Cones Driving

1st Admergill Alexander

2nd Kerbeck Night Mystique

3rd Hades Hill Fay

Class 29 Handy Pony

1st Admergill Alexander

2nd Rosmarth Raindrop

3rd Bolton Abbey Magic

Class 30 Fancy Dress

1st Heltondale Lofty III

Class 31 Child Handler

1st Wolds Black Grouse

2nd Wolds Turnstone

3rd Heltondale Magic V

Class 32 Two Generations

1st Rosmarth Raindrop

2nd Underwoods Emperor

3rd Guards Robert

CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Southern Breed Show)

Youngstock Champion: Townend Bonny
Childrens Champion: Rosemere Heidi
WHP Champion: Eagland Dainty
In Hand Champion: Townend Bonny
Ridden Champion: Underwood Fortune
IH Best Mare: Townend Lucy IV

Reserve: Shirdleyhill Tara
Reserve: Townend Hamish
Reserve: Lune Valley David
Reserve: Shirdleyhill Tara
Reserve: Townend Septimus
Best Brown or Bay: Rosemere Heidi

Southern Fell Pony Champion: Townend Bonny **Reserve: Underwoods Fortune**



Champion Fell
Pony
Townend Bonny



Judges &
Champions
R Sutcliffe
Underwoods
Emperor
Mrs F Awde
Mrs P Kell
Mrs C Morton
Townend Bonny



Reserve Champion
Underwoods
Emperor

SHOW RESULTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER OF 1999

The following shows have returned marked catalogues to the office, and so therefore winners are listed. There are obviously many shows who do not return their results, so if you have done particularly well and would like a mention, just send in the marked catalogue and the winners will be mentioned, sorry there is not enough space to print all the placings.

Bucks County Show - Large Mountain & Moorland Breeds

1st Lunesdale Harrier - Mr & Mrs J Windsor-Luck

Cumberland County Show

Fell Mare: 1st Waverhead Magic III - Mr J Bell

Fell Foal: Restar Marie - Mr & Mrs J Langcake

Fell Mare or Gelding: Waverhead Pearl II - Mr J Bell

Fell Filly or Gelding Yearling: Waverhead Glencora - Mr J Bell

Fell Filly or Gelding Two Year Old: Brackenbank Romany - Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

Ridden Fell Pony 4 years or over: Norfurn Mill - Mr & Mrs M A Moss

Cleveland Show - Fell Ponies

Fell Mare: 1st Heltondale Lill III - Mr J B Smith

Foal: 1st Holling Hazel - Mr C D Sanderson

Yearling: 1st Holling Briony - Mr C D Sanderson

2/3 year old Colt, Filly or Gelding: 1st Ludworth Gale - Mrs P Kell

Geld Mare or Gelding 4 years & upwards: 1st Lunesdale Henrietta - Mr & Mrs Morland

Best Registered Fell Pony - Lunesdale Henrietta

Cockermouth & District Agricultural Society

Brood mare & Foal: 1st Tarnbeck Sheba - D & G Williamson

Colt/Filly Foal: 1st Tarnbeck Shade - D & G Williamson

Yearling: 1st Townend Carly II - G M Cockbain

Champion Tarnbeck Shade - D & G Williamson Res: Townend Carly II

Great Yorkshire Show

Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding: 1st Hollings Briony - Mr C D Sanderson

2/3 year old Colt, Gelding or Filly: 1st Severndale Hector - Miss D Chadwick

Stallion, Mare or Gelding 4 years upwards:

Lunesdale Henrietta - Mr & Mrs A W Morland

Champion Fell Pony - Lunesdale Henrietta Reserve: Severndale Hector

Royal Bath & West

Best Registered Fell owned by a member of the FPS

Lunesdale Black Grouse - Mr & Mrs T G Good

Wharfedale Agricultural Society

Mountain & Moorland Large Breeds, Mare or Gelding

1st Waverhead Rosanna - Mrs V Johnson

Mountain & Moorland Stallion

1st Heltondale Rob II - D Eltringham

NEWS FROM GERMANY

Autumn is coming and so it might be time to have a little look back to the last "German Fell" months.

Firstly the members of the German Fell Pony Society (and the members of the German Dartmoor Society) want to thank Bob Charlton and his family for coming to the Aachen Pony Festival and Bob's judging of the Fell and the Dartmoor classes. We have been honoured by the visit of the families G Guy and W S Potter, who hopefully had a "nice day out" with a look at a strange way to show ponies!

Male Champion of the Fell classes has been Heltondale Black Prince III (reserve: Heltondale Ranger II, the female Championship has gone to th much "decorated" Heltondale Ruby II (reserve: Sleddale Heather Bell)

The main problem of the Fells in Germany is the long distance between them - so we have to show our ponies mostly alone in the area where they live. Heltondale Bracken V living since the end of the last year in northern Germany, has had his first coming out as a driving pony during June and August this year, promoting the Fells by winning the dressage phases of his driving events.

Heltondale Anne living in the north too, is doing everything a pony could be asked. so she is doing dressage at events which are mostly for Warmbloods, it is very rare that she is not placed between the first four in very, very big classes. Heltondale Black Prince and his great-grandson Narnias British Boy have been shown as the mounts of Border Reivers jumping over (small) fires. British Boy has been the first Fell represented in the "new part" of Germany at the Leipzig horse-fair earlier this year. In August we had our first Pleasure Ride organised by the family Dombrowski with the Fells Drybarrow Ivan, Guards Poppy, Heltondale Brownie and Heltondale Bess, Heltondale Ranger II, Restar Tracey and as a guest, an Icelandic pony.

Nine foals are born this year in Germany, mostly colts, so we have around 140 Fells in Germany now. Additionally there must be around 30 to 40 "dealer fells" normally we hear about them only when problems appear. We are glad to say that we could avoid problems on the beaurocratical side of Fell-breeding in Germany till now. The German FPS is working well with Germany studbooks and is an elcted member of the "Pony Breeders Group" of the National Federation since this spring. We and especially the new owners are waiting for some new members of our Fell population: Greenholme and Murthwaite fillies and 2 Lownthwaite colts who will come over to the Continent in the next four weeks. *Barbara Muller*

Time to say goodbye - Being 17 years old now, a grand old gentleman and personality, champion of many shows home and abroad in Europe, a trustworthy pony in every situation and under all circumstances a much loved member of his human family. Heltondale Black

Prince III will retire from the show ring right now. Black Prince will share his show-retirement with his mares and offsprings, and will show the qualities of a well-bred Fell under-saddle and at home, hopefully for many, many years to come.

NEWS FROM HOLLAND

Dear Fellpony Friends,

I want to give you all an update from this side of the water!

As you may have heard the NFPS had to reorganise their council after having some internal problems last December.

We have voted for a new chairman and new council members early this year:

The NFPS Council are:

Chairman:	Mr Henk Marsman
Vice Chairman:	Mr M Westerbeek
Treasurer:	
Secretary of the Studbook:	Mr Rens Hofstede
Secretary:	Mrs A Berlaet
Member :	Mr G Ottink
Breeder Commission:	Mr G Ottink
	Mr F v. Vliet
	Mr K v. Pijkeren
	Mr B Wielens

Advisor to the Breeder Commission Mr Harry Wellink

Public Relation Commission: Mrs A Lansink

As I am writing this letter we had just had our Annual Breed Show which was really a great event with 78 ponies. The judging lasted until 14.00 hours, and also in the afternoon there was a Dressage class ridden and driven as a show element during the day. The results will be published in this magazine.

As the responsible council member for communications with the FPS, we are in the last stage of the re-registration process of the 'missing ponies' we want to ask you all to co-operate with us solving this individual problem, we need your help in doing the parentage tests. When this is all solved, which has to be before the end of the year. I think it was a good lesson for all of us, because it will remind us to remember the rules which we have made together, and **allow us to follow procedures properly**. We should not forget that it is not only the Dutch who make mistakes, I think also at your side, people have closed their eyes to some of the rules! however, I am pleased that this issue will be resolved soon.

We are starting to think of having a Stallion show early next year before the season starts, the owners are able to show their best stallions and it will avoid problems during our Annual Breed Show with the Mares! We have a Breeder Commission as you have seen in the above information: Their goal is to improve the quality of the Fell Ponies in Holland, Breeding Standard - Stallion Selection - Upgrading Possibilities !

The Public Relation Commission is also a new part of our Society, who is promoting the Fell Pony's in Holland in every respect: Shows, Exhibitions, Free Publicity. The latest news is that the Television Broadcast SBS6 will make a reportage of the Fell Pony and the way to use him on Wednesday 15th September 1999.

I am glad to say that the co-operation with the Secretary Judy and the FPS Council is going well and we are satisfied about the way it goes at the moment, but we all know that there is some more work to do looking ahead to the EEG Rules for Registration and Identification. We have to get the matter solved, and it is in your best interests to know which pony belongs to which pedigree, and we think it is better to be prepared, than to wait till the EEG Parliament will dictate to all the European Horse Societies how to handle their Studbooks, but Horse Identification and Registration is already a standard rule.

Warm regards
Martin Westerbeek
Vice Chairman NFPS
13/09/1999

NETHERLANDS FELL PONY SOCIETY ANNUAL BREED SHOW

Saturday 11th September 1999

**Judges: Miss M G Longsdon, Mr J Hunter assisted by
Mr R Molenkamp and Mr L Linders.**

The beautiful weather and very nice area helped to make the show successful, once again visitors travelled from all over Belgium and Holland to see our ponies.

Class 1 Colt Foal

1st Dirk Van de Bijvank - b/o Mr J G Tijssen * Also Champion Foal

s: Townend Robbie d: Sunny Browe Midge

2nd Smalltowns Dribble b/o Mr F van Vliet

s: Townend Jonty d: Guards Annie

3rd Dion Darryl b/o Mr G H Ottink

s: Heltondale Bellman V d: Guards Joyful

Class 2 Filly Foal

1st Greenbank Meadow Dorinda b/o Mr J Mulder

s: Border Black Prince II d: Lowntwhaite Meadow Blossom

2nd Diny b/o S M C Laan

s: Wildhoeve Moonlight Ranger d: Dalehead Dawn

3rd Bluewater Daisy b/o Mr J Marsman

s: Wildhoeve Moonlight Ranger d: Restar Lucky Rose

Class 3 - One Year Old Fillies

1st Celsie Van de Wildhoeve * Youngstock Champion b: Mr Ottink o: H Hellebrekers

s: Townend Robbie d: Uldale Black Misty

2nd Heltondale Bonny Lass V b: Mrs G Noble o: K van Pijkeren

s: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor d: Heltondale Bonny Lass V

3rd De Steegs Beauty Blossom b: W H M Salden o: H M A Hellebrekers

s: Dene Black Poplar d: Guards Gypsy Poppy

Results of the Dutch Breed Show contined.

Class 4 - Two Year Old Fillies

- 1st Restar Mountain Gypsy b: Mr J Langcake o: H Marsman
s: Townend Jonty d: Townend Mountain Gypsy
2nd Townend Lucibel b: Mr F M Wilson o: A Agelink
s: Heltondale Bellman V d: Townend Lucy
3rd Drybarrows Joanna b: Mr T C Thompson o: K Klomp
s: Drybarrows Handy Lad d: Drybarrows Lady Diana

Class 5 Three Year Old Mares

- 1st Drybarrows Dilly * Supreme Champion b: Mr T C Thompson o: J Schra
s: Drybarrows Handy Lad d: Drybarrows Carol
2nd Wildhoeve Blacksy b: G H Ottink o: P Norbruis
s: Townend Robbie d: Helmwind Kittihawk
3rd Restar Lucky Rose b: Mr J Langcake o: H Marsman
s: Townend Jonty d: Restar Lucky

Class 6 Four, Five & Six Year Old Mares

- 1st Guards Primrose b: Mrs C M Dixon o: G H Ottink
s: Heltondale Duke IV d: Guards Gypsy Princess
2nd Heltondale Jewel VI b: Mr W S Noble o: K van Pijkeren
s: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor d: Heltondale Jewel III
3rd Heltondale Dido III b: Mr W S Noble o: M J M Westerbeek
s: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor d: Heltondale Sparkler III

Class 7 Seven Year Old Mares & Over

- 1st Heltondale Delia IV b: Mr W S Noble o: W H Lansink
s: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor d: Heltondale Delia
2nd Waverhead Beauty II b: Mr J Bell o: M J M Westerbeek
s: Heltondale Duke IV d: Barbondale Petal
3rd Sleddale Lib II b: Mr R H Harrison o: W H M Salden

Class 8 Yearling Colt

- 1st Townend Louey * Youngstock Champion b: Mr E M Wilson o: L J M Hofstede
s: Drybarrows Jeff d: Lowmoat Holly
2nd Heltondale Prince III b: Mrs G Noble o: K van Pijkeren
s: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor d: Heltondale Magic VIII

Class 9 Two Year Old Colts

- 1st Sleddale Eddie b: Mr T H Harrison o: L J M Hofstede
s: Murthwaite Victor d: Sleddale Lib
2nd Green Meadow Onyx b/o J Mulder
s: Urwins Black Den d: Lowthwaite Meadow Blossom
3rd Upper Gunner's Gavin b/o J B M Scholten
s: Urwins Black Den d: Branthwaite Star

Class 10 Three Year Old Stallions

- 1st Wildhoeve Boy b/o G H Ottink
s: Townend Robbie d: Uldale Black Misty
2nd Wellbrow Royal Victor b: Mr A Thorpe o: E J C S Schatorje
s: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor d: Heltondale Polly V

Dutch Show Results continued.

Class 10

3rd Bracklin Rob Roy b: Mr I Smith o: Mr G H Ottink

Class 11 Four Year Old Stallions & Over

1st Heltondale Crown * Supreme Champion b: Mr W S Noble o: H Marsman
s: Heltondale Rover IV d: Greenholme Dusty

2nd Townend Robbie b: Mr E M Wilson o: BHW Weilens/G H Ottink
s: Heltondale Josh d: Robbswater Ruth

3rd Border Black Prince II b: Mr C Richardson o: A L Nijenstein
s: Waverhead Prince II d: Border Black Empress

Class 12 Geldings

1st Guards Gypsy Prince b: Mrs C M Dixon o: J Clement
s: Waverhead Prince II d: Guards Penny

2nd Frankie b: Mrs J Fenwick o: K van Pijkeren
s: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor d: Heltondale Jewel III

Class 13 Riding

1st Wellbrow Royal Victor r: Monique Cox

2nd Lowmoat Catriona r: Fenna Appelman

3rd Dene Black Poplar r: Maria Janssen

Class 14 Driving

1st Guards Gypsy Prince d: K Zwanenburg

2nd Townend Ling & Townend Andy d: Rens Hofstede

3rd Drybarrows Maise & Heltondale Dido III d: M Westerbeek



Miss Mary Longsden judging in Holland

FELL PONY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Report by Carol Morland

On 3rd June 1999, a meeting of the FPBA was addressed by Dr Mark Holmes of Cambridge University Veterinary School, and Paul May MRCVS and Andrew Holliman MRCVS of the Penrith Veterinary Investigation Centre. They are currently working together with Leahurst and Edinburgh on researching the Fell Pony "foal Syndrome". As Dr Holmes is one of only ten equine immunologists in the world, we felt very privileged that he was able to attend our meeting.

Dr Holmes gave an interesting and informative talk about his work at Cambridge, which gave the Breeders a better insight into the work of the Veterinary Scientists and their needs, and during the useful discussion which followed, the Veterinary Scientists learned of some of the problems that certain aspects of the research had caused the Breeders.

The next morning Dr Holmes accompanied Paul May to a Fell Pony Stud where semi-feral ponies are kept. Blood samples were taken from several healthy and extremely lively foals with belligerent dams, with rain pouring from the Cumbrian skies in stair rods, an exercise which Dr Holmes said had given him a clear understanding of some of the difficulties mentioned the previous evening.

All who attended thought that the evening had been very worthwhile and extended their thanks to Dr Holmes, Paul May and Andrew Holliman.

JUST A REMINDER - PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN YOU RAFFLE TICKETS TO MRS MORTON IN GOOD TIME FOR THE DRAWING

FELL PONY 2000 - UPDATE

We want to thank you all once again for your growing support. The blood samples received this season from pony breeders are up by 40% over those received last season. This has made an enormous pool of research raw material available to the scientific

research teams. Most of the foals born in The Netherlands and Germany this year have been blood-sampled and we would like to thank those breeders and their vets in our sister societies for their co-operation in this exercise. In particular, we are grateful to Rens Hofstede and Barbara Muller for the co-ordination of this activity and for managing the difficult logistics involved.

We would also like to say how delighted we are to receive so many letters and telephone calls from you each week, which keeps us in touch with events and affords us the feedback necessary to define our way forward. The scientific teams have made great progress in their understanding of the nature of the Fell Foal Syndrome. It has been very encouraging to see how successful the research teams have been. They have submitted two scientific papers this year on the work that they have done so far and they have continued to apply for further academic funding based on the 'pump priming work that we have been able to finance.

We should also like to add our thanks to our patron Sir John Miller and the patron of the Fell Pony Society, Her Majesty The Queen who both gave visible support to the Fell Pony this summer at Lowther Country Fair. We are grateful that they took the opportunity of speaking to the scientists who were present, which brought them up to date with the progress of the scientific research and their combined encouragement of FP2000 charity activities. Thank you again to the two research scientists Dr Derek Knottenbelt and Dr Stuart Carter, who both rearranged their holidays to be able to spend the day at Lowther answering questions from the general public and promoting Fell Ponies.

We have been asked by the research team to carry out another post foaling survey of all breeders again this year and the survey forms will be posted out some time during the coming quarter. Your information is of great value to the researchers and we ask for your help in completing the information requested and posting back to the university as you did last year. All copies of the video "The Fell Pony Dilemma 1" are still in circulation. If you have a copy of this video please use the Fell Pony 2000 address label provided and return the vide copy directly to us immediately. However, if you have not seen the video and would like to do so, please telephone 01422 842420 and we shall forward one of the returned loan copies as soon as they become available.

We consider that we are now on the downward slope to a practical solution to the Fell Foal Syndrome. The months of effort by everyone is at last yielding real promise. Now is the time for all of us to work together for that solution.

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Fell Pony