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*Crossing a packhorse bridge on Exmoor
during Lucie Clark's sponsored ride for Bone Cancer Research*



Jacqueline Cheetham

The North Scotland Area Group were guests of the Cheetham family for a social and a "hands-on" demonstration of Emmett Technique muscle therapy; see p61

Dates for 2024-25

Recurring fixed dates

1 January - all FPS membership subscriptions due for renewal
 1 February - FPS Magazine copy deadline, Spring issue
 15 February - For eligibility to vote for Council, annual subscription must be paid by this date
 1 October - FPS Magazine copy deadline, Autumn issue

2024

24 November - Foal & Youngstock Show, Rookin House EC, Troutbeck (Penrith), CA11 0SS

2025

5 April - AGM, Orton, Cumbria
 10 May - Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Cumbria
 TBC June - South Cumbria Show
 10 August - Breed Show, Dalemain, Cumbria
 14 September - Southern Breed Show
 TBC October - FPS Sale at NW Auctions, Crooklands
 TBC November - Foal & Youngstock Show

Dates and venues are correct at time of printing.

Many dates of shows and events are still pending confirmation.

Please check the Calendar on the FPS web site or ask the Office for confirmation.



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Council meets every 2 months, in January, March, May, July, September, & November, usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Chairman's Report

Both the Stallion and Breed shows had reduced entries this year which seems to have been the case for many similar events nationwide. What was pleasing though was the increase in volunteers helping with these shows. Assistance came from as far afield as the North East of Scotland and the South West of England. Many thanks to all those concerned with the running of our shows which remain the most effective shop window for the Fell pony.

Thanks also go to Mr and Mrs B. Mallinson (Hardendale stud), Mr and Mrs D. Wilkinson (Brackenbank stud) and Mr K. Turner (Greenrivers stud) who entertained those taking part in the 'Learning with Fells' scheme and thus helped the Society achieve one of its aims to "promote and advance the education of the public in all matters relating to the Fell Pony Breed".

Council Meetings have returned to face to face meetings but now have the facility for members to attend by Zoom. Hopefully this will encourage those interested from further afield than Cumbria to stand for election. Anyone interested in becoming a Council member is encouraged to read in the first instance: What is Required of Council Members. *(This is available on the FPS web site, as a link in the right hand side menu on the About The Society page.)*

I am pleased to inform you of FPS Council member, Tom Lloyd of Fell Pony Adventures, involvement in an ambitious

new proposal to create a large-scale piece of land art in the Lune Gorge, near Tebay, depicting the native semi-feral Fell pony. The project called EPONA, after the Celtic and Roman goddess, is a 21st century and Cumbria-styled version of the famous chalk white horses seen elsewhere in the UK.

The intention of the project would see an image of the Fell Pony recreated in a material in keeping with the natural area. The site identified is close to a Roman cavalry fort, highlighting how ponies have been an important part of the local landscape for centuries.

It is hoped that this will be a fitting tribute and welcome to the region, an iconic work of land art celebrating the ponies and the area.

The Fell pony will symbolise the freedom of the fells and the importance of our natural environment.

Peter Boustead

From Our President

Thank you for inviting me to be President for a second term. My thanks go to the FPS Secretary, Katherine, for the amazing amount of work she does for the Society. There are so many to thank for keeping everything in order: our FPS Council members, Show committee members, Sub-committees and Area Groups.

I must give a special thanks to Judy Fairburn, for being Show Secretary. Also in my thoughts is Margaret Murray who has made an outstanding contribution to the Society over the years, looking after the trophies. Many thanks must go to all the team behind the scenes setting up the show fields, and the people offering their time to steward, and of course the judges.

Dalemain offers us a tremendous venue and setting for our Society's shows. I personally thought the Stallion Show and Breed Show went very well and I enjoyed both days.

Well done to all competitors this year with their ponies at all the shows and keeping our beloved Fell Pony in the forefront and the flag flying high. Some local shows have been unlucky this year with the weather, sadly, and some have been very lucky - the weather has been very changeable and difficult.

As I write this for the Magazine I am looking forward to the FPS Sale at the end of October and also the Foal and Youngstock Show in November.

Your President, Barbara Bell

Secretary & Treasurer's Report

As I write this report we are into Autumn. Hopefully we will enjoy some dryer weather to take us into the Winter. Our thoughts are with Fell pony owners throughout the world that have been affected by extreme weather conditions this year. Judging from Social Media our ponies have been as busy as ever this year. Don't be afraid to post whatever you do with your Fell pony, it's great for everyone to see and promotes our breed as the versatile pony that it is.

Our Stallion Show and Breed Show were well supported by exhibitors and spectators/visitors at both events. I would like to thank Judy Fairburn for her work as Show Secretary since 2019 and who has now retired from the position. Lara Kneale has taken over and will be Show Secretary for the Stallion and Breed Shows from 2025.

Many thanks to the Horserace Betting Levy Board for receipt of the Rare Breeds grant. Some additional funding received this year will again be used for the voluntary DNA testing of filly foals born in 2025. Further details will be on the website in due course.

Thank you also to His Majesty The King, for his donation sent together with his warmest wishes for the forthcoming year. I was delighted to receive a letter from Buckingham Palace regarding the review of Patronages of the Late Queen. Following the thorough analysis of over 1000 organisations, it was confirmed that His Majesty would be delighted to accept the Patronage of The Fell Pony Society. The announcement marked the first anniversary of Their Majesties' Coronation.

Membership for 2024 is at just under 1200. We are delighted to have processed many new memberships, some coming back to us after a break and some completely new members. We also have new memberships waiting to be processed for 2025.

We are happy to take renewal payments from November to avoid the January rush. If you wish to set up a Standing Order to pay your membership, make sure this is done in time for renewal date of 1 January and if you already pay by Standing Order please don't forget to update the amount before it leaves your account. The Society does not take card payments, therefore payments cannot be taken over the phone, but instead you can send a cheque/PO made payable to 'The Fell Pony Society' or pay by bank transfer (please ensure your name is used as the reference). Please try not to phone for these details as they are in the magazine (*p10*) and on the Society's website.

As well as membership fees increase from 2025, there are some other increases that come into effect from 1 January 2025, so please familiarize yourself with them before sending payments (*p11*).

We have now returned to using the email - secretary@fellponysociety.org - the gmail one is no longer used.

I'd like to thank President, Barbara Bell, and Chairman, Peter Boustead, as well as Council for their continued support; also thanks to my colleagues Val, Chris and Elizabeth.

Best wishes for the coming year.

Katherine Wilkinson

From the Office - we're here to help

- Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website, they are only available by applying to the office. Do not photocopy the form. We are receiving a number of forms where the description is very difficult to read and the location of the chip has not been recorded by the vet. Occasionally the vet has not

FIS sample packets - Please make sure that the full registered name with correct spelling is recorded (stable/pet names are not acceptable). The results are issued directly from the lab to the owner, by email. An email address must be provided on the packet for receipt of the results. Results will not be sent by post, in the absence of an email address, the result will be issued to the vet named on the packet label. Please make sure your email is legible, if the lab cannot read your email address it will cause delays in you receiving the result.

- If you are unsure of the procedure then please ask.

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- Postage - Please do not send items to the FPS by using an old stamp (ie without the barcode). The Society incurs extra costs to receive any mail sent with either incorrect postage or old stamps which became invalid in July 2023. This cost will be reclaimed from the sender or item returned to sender by the Post office.
- Transfer of Ownership - Please always complete the vendor section on the transfer form when you hand over the passport at the point of sale of a pony. This will help both the purchaser and FPS process the transfer and update the passport quickly. Vendors should also complete the details on the tear off slip, detach and send to the FPS; this can either be posted, or photographed or scanned to send by email. Horse Passport Legislation will soon be changing to include the responsibility of the vendor/seller to notify PIO's of a change in ownership, so now is the time to start doing this before it becomes legislation.

During busy times and during periods of staff holiday and sickness please be patient, we will do our best to send out paperwork and return passports, reply to emails and phone messages within the usual time frame but there will be inevitable delays. We will try to advise of these periods on the website and FB page.

Increase in Postage Costs

In an attempt to reduce our postage costs, we will no longer be sending out cheques for payments made from the HBLB Grant. With effect from 1 January 2025, payments will only be made by bank transfer.

If you haven't returned your form providing us with your bank details, then do so now. If bank details are not provided, then the Grant amount due to you will be treated as a donation to the FPS.

Members agreed at the AGM that the subscription fees should be increased from 2025 to ensure that they continue to receive both a Spring and Autumn Magazine through the post.

If you pay by Standing order, please remember to update the amount before it leaves your account on 1 January (*see page 10 for bank details and page 11 for new subscription rates*).

If you normally receive more than one magazine per household eg family membership and you are happy to just receive the one copy, then please drop us an email and we'll add you to the list.

All items of post will be sent 2nd class or Tracked 48 (and overseas, with proof of postage only).

If the FPS is requested to send an item of post 1st class (or Special Delivery) or overseas with tracking, then the additional postage will need to be paid for.

Additional Charges, with immediate effect.

Special Delivery -	£5.00
Standard 1st class -	£1.00
Tracked 24 -	£1.00
Overseas Tracked	£5.00

Thank you
Katherine



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Fees & Charges

		UK		Overseas	
		Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Registration					
<i>to 30 November</i>	Colt	£15	£30	£20	£35
	Filly	£15	£30	£20	£35
<i>December</i>	Colt	£30	£60	£35	£65
	Filly	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration		£50	£100	£55	£105
<i>(does not include cost of parentage test)</i>					
Transfer of Ownership		£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding		£5	£10	£10	£15
Prefix <i>(new application)</i>		£45	£55	£60	£70
FIS Kit		£40	£50	£45	£55
DNA Kit		£50	£60	£55	£65
Duplicate Passport		£50	£100	£55	£105
<i>(does not include cost of parentage test)</i>					
AI Permit		£25	N/A	£25	N/A
Passport update		£5	£10	£10	£20
<i>(to add vaccinations pages, repair, etc)</i>					

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All bank transfers should be in English pounds sterling and any charges should be paid in the country of origin. Also, our bank makes a charge for the receipt of an **electronic transfer from overseas**, so for **overseas members only**, please add £2 for transactions up to £100 and £7 for transactions greater than £100 *(no need to add if you are sending payment from within the UK)*. Please ensure that you use your name as the reference when sending a payment by bank transfer.



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Membership Fees

NEW FEES From 1st January 2025

(including renewals for 2025 received before 1st January)

Type of Membership	UK	Overseas
Full	£35	£45
Associate	£25	£35
Junior	£25	£35
Family	£70	£90

!! PLEASE NOTE THE UPDATED FEES for 2025 !!

If you pay by Standing Order

please update your Order to the correct amount before 1st January.

The range of overseas membership types mirrors the UK types, with an additional charge to cover the cost of overseas postage.

An associate member is unlikely to own a pony and therefore will not wish to take advantage of the pony related privileges of membership.

Family membership may be applied for by married or co-habiting couples and their children under the age of 18 years, all residing at the same address. The two adult members enjoy the rights and privileges of full membership, and the children the rights and privileges of junior membership.

Full details are in section 2 of the Articles of Association. Please note that Family membership does not apply to adult couples without children; in these cases the membership is for 2 Full memberships (separate membership forms required).

Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually. **PLEASE NOTE the increases in membership fees**, shown above, which were approved by a vote at the AGM in April (*see the AGM Minutes on p18*).

No member is entitled to vote for the election of Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February of the current year, or to vote at an EGM / AGM, if his/her subscription has not been paid by the date of the meeting. Please have your membership card ready to show on arrival.

If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring Magazine, a reminder slip is enclosed with it. Alternatively, members can arrange to pay their subscription by standing order on 1 January each year; or pay by bank transfer.



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FPS Stallion Licensing

	Includes DNA/FIS	Already FIS tested**	Already DNA typed**	Already DNA/FIS**
UK Member	£120	£80	£70	£25
UK Non Member	£240	£200	£190	£50
Overseas Member	£125*	£85	£75	£30
Overseas Non Member	£245*	£205	£195	£60

*Apply to the office for the appropriate fees if DNA/FIS tests are to be carried out through an overseas lab.

If either the FIS test or DNA typing has **not been done through the FPS then a letter will also be required from the vet who took the sample, confirming that the identity of the pony was checked.

Information for EU owners and breeders

Breeders in the EU are encouraged to 'register' their foals with the Fell Pony Society once the passport has been issued in their home country. The FPS can issue the non statutory pages normally included in the FPS passports. These pages will be issued as a separate document, providing the passport has been issued as per the FPS regulations, and this would confirm registration in the FPS Stud Book.

NB the entry can only be added to the FPS Stud book providing the application is as per the FPS rules.

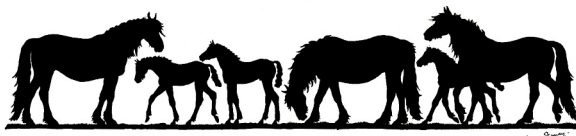
There should be no need for DNA typing providing the passport has been issued in the year of birth.

Fell Ponies **will not** be included in the UK Grassroots online unless they are first 'registered' in the FPS Stud book.

The Society can:

- issue stallion licences, stallion service books and accept service details online. Please also note that applications for a FPS stallion licence can *usually* only be considered for ponies already registered with the FPS or NFPS. Please check with the FPS.
- Process applications and renewals for FPS membership
- issue FIS test kits and DNA test kits
- issue prefix applications to register a prefix with the Central prefix register in the UK.

Please get in touch with the FPS office if you have any questions or you would like to find out more about registering your Fell Pony with the FPS.



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<https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/affiliates.htm>

Editorial

At the time of writing, there are sheep sales preparations going on at every farm around me, and no doubt Fell pony sales prep as well, with foals being weaned and handled ready for the auction at the end of the month.

Despite sitting indoors here in front of the computer, I feel I am at one with my busy neighbours - I too am "gathering" - collecting my emails and social media messages containing Magazine material, and "shedding" them into appropriate "pens" ready for publication.

Currently there are 207 emails in my Autumn 2024 folder; do you think that would be a herd, or a flock? The numbers seem to increase every time I go and look! Thank you all for sending me so much interesting material, and thanks for sending your stories and beautiful photographs in formats that are (mostly) easy to work with. Do include your name on your writing though - don't be shy!

Information

I have written a few pieces myself for this issue, but I have spent rather more time this year helping other people to write about Fell ponies for other publications. That involves trying to inform them as well as I can, on behalf of the Society, so that what they publish about our breed doesn't contradict the Society's educational material. Although updating someone's web site costs almost nothing, correcting already-printed books is expensive; so it saves a writer time and money if they get their information about Fells from the Society, rather than from a web search engine.

Leaflets

On the topic of printed material, I daresay we shall soon have to update the FPS three-fold leaflets about the Society and the ponies. In May this year, King Charles graciously became our new Patron, following the 40-year patronage of the late Queen, and we really must update our publicity material to show his generous acknowledgement of our breed society.

FPS web site

As webmaster, I have been busy housekeeping: removing ancient copies of the Breed Description and Scale of Points from the FPS web site. I had not realised how many hoary-whiskered versions of these were still hiding in the deepest cupboards of the site! Google knew about them, though, and it has been blandly offering them to those people who don't bother to visit the FPS web site directly but prefer to "google it" (for "Google" in this piece please read Google, YouTube, Amazon, Bing, DuckDuckGo, *ad nauseam*).

However, I have now scrubbed the site's cupboards bare and all the files on the server are up to date... I think. Let me know if you find any old ones.

Searching the web site

The search engines may still try to send you to the deleted files for a while, so I've asked the server host to point you to an FPS "404 Page Not Found" page that has links to our Home page and to the Search function, until Google's "crawler bots" sort themselves out and direct you to the correct files.

But why not make life easier for yourself in the first place! Whether you want information about the ponies, the Society, the breed's history, welfare issues, showing, conservation or what-have-you, just go straight to the FPS web site

<https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk>, and use the Menu, then Google can't misdirect you.

There's a comprehensive Menu and a Search function on the FPS site, and between them they will provide you with correct information.

I should mention that the Search function on the FPS web site will not connect you to any pedigree data. The pony pedigree database is stored by Grassroots, and only FPS members get a pass code for it. So, I am guessing that all those searches for pony names, which I see in the search reports each week, must be from non-members... if any of those are your friends, please encourage them to join the FPS! Then they can access Grassroots to find out what they want to know.

About the Society

"What is the FPS? What does it do?"

The Display Team are often asked this when attending country shows - and sometimes even, "How do I know you are 'the real' Fell Pony Society?" - ! - so I collated a list to help the Team when they are talking to members of the public. It's available now on the web site, linked from the "About the Society" web page,

https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/about_fps.htm

I think we were all surprised by how long the list was, and you may be too.

Spring 2025 Issue

With HOYS having taken place while I've been finalising the Autumn issue, maybe this is the moment for you to make a note to write up your journey to the bright lights of the arena, and send it to me for Spring? I can easily "gather" your articles for the next issue; the "herd" I had collected for this issue is already in your hands and "away out to't fell" so my "pens" are empty!

The deadline for sending me material for the Spring 2025 issue of the Magazine is 1st February.

Sue Millard

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Council Minutes

For several years we have made the Agenda of each upcoming Council meeting available on the Society's web site. We are now putting summaries of Council Minutes online as well.

The Agenda and Summaries can be found via links on the About The Society page. Summaries are being published 2 meetings in arrears, ie, after matters have been discussed and after the minutes of that meeting have been approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.



Betty Wilson Walker, 22 August 1930 – 23 March 2024

Betty was born in Northumberland but brought up in Borrowdale, and for most of her life she lived at Ellers, Grange in Borrowdale, below Maiden Moor in the Lake District.

I first met Betty in the summer of 1968 when my mother treated me to two half-day rides with Peter & Edith Robinson's Lakeland Trekking. I can date my allegiance to the Fell pony breed to those two rides. Betty was their trek leader, and her mount was Peter's Fell gelding, Sleddale Angus, of whom she painted a superb portrait which hung for many years in Peter's sitting room.

Angus was over-height, mahogany-bay, and as macho as any late-cut stallion can be, but Betty referred to him as "Gussie" much to Peter's disgust.

She spent a good deal of my first ride educating me (as she did with everybody) about the Fell pony breed and its hardiness and thriftiness and ability to survive running wild on the fells. On my second visit, Betty had a cold, and disastrously lost her voice, which usually bossed a dozen riders and ponies with no effort. She mounted me on the other Fell in the string, Wimpsey, which put me at the right height to receive her hissed orders and relay them to the rest of the trek.

I worked beside Betty for 4 summers at the Robinsons' new location at Troutbeck Hotel on the A66, with an assortment of Fells, Highlands and Icelandics. She commanded the treks wearing a battered velvet riding cap, an ancient walking jacket, and wellington boots. I never saw her ride wearing gloves, nor carrying a commercial riding crop - she preferred a stick from the hedge. Her "afters" at lunch at Troutbeck always consisted of a "sugar butty". She was sometimes not easy to get along with,



but she sent me a Christmas card almost every year, and in more recent times kept up with technology by getting a neighbour to send an email on her behalf.

She had been called a "slow starter" at school, possibly because it did not teach any science that would have engaged her mind, but in her forties she achieved a degree through the newly created Open University.

Betty was brisk, precise, strong-willed, and famously frugal: during the hard winter of 2010-2011, when she was over 80, her sole means of heating her house was a one-bar electric fire of dubious efficiency, so her water supply froze. She didn't seem to think that either fact was much of an inconvenience.

Betty's Fell ponies included Dent Destiny (not a typo for "Dene"), Greenholme Copper, Midnight of Manesty, and Galliard of Manesty (*left*) who was an orphaned Heltondale foal known as "Nicky". I remember seeing her showing him at Dalemain in harness.

The 1980 Fell Pony News reported:

"The record entry of driving turnouts at the 1979 Northern Driving Championship Show included four Fells who acquitted themselves very creditably and collected a total of eight rosettes and a cup. They were Mr. Lloyd Ousby's Bushby Briar driven to a Ralli car, Miss Betty Walker's Galliard of Manesty driven to a Rivington gig, Miss Jane Brindley's Edenview Moonstroller driven to a Ralli car, and Mr. Clive Richardson's Border Black Empress driven to a well-bottom gig and a governess car. A notable achievement was that of Miss Betty Walker who drove her pony from Keswick to the showfield at Kendal the day before the show and drove him home again the day after the show. Considering that the pony had only been in harness a few months, the exercise verified the sensible nature of the Fell and proved an extremely enjoyable and unique journey."

Betty served on the FPS Council for 36 years and for much of that time she managed and distributed the Society's stallion service books and represented the FPS at National Pony Society meetings in London. Her knowledge of the stud book was extensive: she, Molly Laing and Peggy Crossland were the Grassroots database of their time, before Clive Richardson produced the "black stud book" for the Society.

Competitors will remember Betty issuing their numbers at the Breed show, but only *after* their ponies had been measured in.

She wrote to the Duke of Edinburgh in the early 1980s to suggest that he might become the FPS Patron; in his reply he explained that he must refuse, but only because the Queen herself was very interested and wanted to take on the role! Betty was very proud of having prompted this patronage.

Betty's hand-written progeny analyses of the most prolific stallions of her generation were detailed and exhaustive. I wish I could have included them in *A Century of Fells*, but there was no way to print their arm's-width scroll of extended pedigree data without making her tiny writing so small as to need a microscope to read it. However, her study on *Colour and Markings in Fell Ponies* is still available online in the FPS web site back-numbers of Magazines (Volume 6a, 1984).

Betty was an artist, a cellist and a singer, a staunch believer and warden at her local church, and she wrote a small book about old Cumbrian churches including St Kentigern's at Crosthwaite.



Betty's painting of Sleddale Angus with Stet and Somi (Icelandic horses), against the background of Skiddaw and St Kentigern's Church

Betty was an enthusiastic aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt to her older sister Mary's family. Mary had attained the age of 94 and Betty had hopes of exceeding that, although sadly it was not to be. However, with the support of the Borrowdale community she was able to live alone at Ellers until almost the final day of her life.

In 2017, the FPS Council proposed that Betty Walker should be made an honorary life member of the Society, in recognition of her long term support and work for the Fell Pony breed. When this was ratified at the AGM, "Miss Walker thanked everyone and said that she had enjoyed every minute of it."

Sue Millard



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

For Approval

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Held at Orton Market Hall on Saturday 6 April 2024

Mr Boustead asked members to remember those no longer with us by observing a minute's silence - Miss J Glass, Ms R Brown, Miss K Chapman, Mrs C Roe, Mrs L Evans, Mrs S Hore, Mrs I Potter, Mrs M Capstick, Miss B Walker and Mrs J Robinson.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Mrs F & Miss L Awde, Mrs S Camp, Miss D Chadwick, Mrs F Dillon, Mrs R & Mr A Douglas, Mrs L & S Gear; Mr John, Imogen & Mr Jamie Cockbain; Mrs S Densham, Mrs K French, Mr M Goddard, Mr C Grant, Mrs J & P Grealish, Mrs J Hill, Mr J Hodgson, Mr D Lovegreen, Mr M Lupton, Miss D Meikle, Mr G H Morton, Mrs H Moss, Ms S Norris, Miss B Potter; Mr J & Misses R & B Potter; Mrs P Randell, Mr W Robinson, Mrs M Stobie, Mr D & Miss M Wilkinson, Mrs R Williams, Mrs M Wilson, Mrs R Woodruff, Mrs J Wood.

2 Approval and adoption of the Annual General Meeting Minutes of 1 April 2023

Mr Boustead asked for a proposer and seconder for approval of the minutes published in the Autumn Magazine. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mrs Slack and seconded by Mrs Charlton and approved by members.

3 Matters arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023

Mr Brunskill said that not everything was recorded. Members agreed that only a summary should be recorded and members were reminded that a draft of the minutes was approved by Council in September 2023 prior to their inclusion for members' approval in the Autumn magazine.

4 Chairman's Report

Mr Boustead thanked members for attending despite Storm Kathleen, the 11th reported storm this year!

He reported that the FPS is the most pro-active Society with a magazine second to none. It's refreshing to see the variety of activities. The ponies are so much more to owners than showing. The LWF scheme open to adults and children has received a good response this year. The Display Team continue to provide education to the general public at events. The FPS probationer Judges Scheme has been running for several decades. Native Pony Roadshows, along with other native breeds, explain the type and conformation. Epona - land art of a Fell pony in the Lune Gorge below the Howgills: the official launch of the project to held at Rheged later in the Spring. Challenges - 100 miles, 96 Miles and a new one for 2024.

How much pleasure the Fell Pony gives can be seen throughout Social Media by everyone worldwide. Mr Boustead reminded members how important it is to promote the pleasure people get, whatever the activity.

Mr Boustead thanked all those members and volunteers of sub committees, fellow Council members, and particularly Mr Metcalfe, who has retired from Council after 25 years, and for the last 6 years as Vice Chairman. He also thanked Miss Bell, President, and the FPS Office staff. He reminded members that Council make the rules and the office implement them.

Office Assistant Val will be running in this year's London Marathon in aid of World Horse Welfare, and donations can be left at the AGM or via Val's Just Giving page.

5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Mrs Wilkinson opened her report by saying that now we're in April it is hoped that we can enjoy some better weather, and that it's certainly been a testing few months over winter particularly when it followed a wet summer.

Those who enjoyed taking part in last year's challenge will I'm sure also look forward to beginning the new challenge for 2024. The creation of our area support groups was instigated by Mary Longsdon 25 years ago, and this year the groups will be arranging events to celebrate this milestone of promoting and enjoying our Fell Ponies.

Many other events, shows and promotional activities are already listed on the website's 'Events Calendar'.

Registrations for 2023 are now complete. We are working on the stud book which will be available at the Stallion Show. Total Registrations for 2023 are 311, (321 in 2022) plus 37 ponies registered by the Dutch Society (38 in 2022). The number of foals registered to the Hill bred herds, as agreed by Council, was 107, (35% of the total registered), 13 less than in 2022, which was largely due to there being no Wellbrow foals born in 2023.

There are currently 921 members who have renewed their membership for 2024. A reminder in the magazine for outstanding membership fees has resulted in a steady flow of payments coming in over the last few weeks. Around 300 who were members last year have still to renew and there have been 97 new members so far in 2024.

599 were eligible to vote for Council election. Disappointingly again, only 137 voting papers were returned (23% of those eligible bothered to vote).

Schedules and entry forms for the Stallion Show, South Cumbria Show and the Breed Show are available today and are available to download from our website. The HOYS qualifier will be held at the Stallion Show in May.

The Learning with Fells Scheme will be available this year. There are already some names forward but there is still time for members to put their names down, and we will be agreeing dates for visits soon.

In March the Society submitted the annual return to The Horserace Betting Levy. We look forward to receiving the grant in due course and are very grateful for this.

The Society is delighted to receive a donation from His Majesty The King, for which we are very grateful.

Mrs Wilkinson reported on the accounts included in the Spring magazine. They are showing a loss in the last financial year. However, if the upkeep of the pony is taken out (£10,705 less £6000 legacy received for this purpose), this leaves a profit of £670.

The Society continues to pay for the upkeep of 1 pony, (now aged 22), from the funds issued in 2018. Initially Council believed that the £100k legacy was for the Society's use and that additional funds required for the upkeep of the ponies would be sent through as

required, from the discretionary trust, which indeed it was, until a change in personnel at the solicitors, in 2023, advised the Society that the purpose of the legacy, received in 2018, is for contributing to the care of the two Fell ponies. The restriction on the funds (as shown in the accounts) is limited to the care of the one remaining pony and, on its death, the balance will be transferred to the charity's unrestricted funds to use towards its charitable purpose.

Finally Mrs Wilkinson thanked Council and our President, Barbara Bell, for their continued support and also she thanked Paul Metcalfe for his support whilst on Council. Thanks go to the office team, Chris, Elizabeth and Val, who do their best to cover for her whilst she is away from the office.

6 Election of Council

Mr Boustead reported that there had been 5 candidates for 4 places. The scrutineer, Mr G Johnson, reported that 137 valid voting papers were returned. In addition there were 2 spoilt papers, no names provided.

Mr B Mallinson, Mr W S Potter, Miss C Simpson and Mr K Turner were duly elected. Mr Boustead thanked unsuccessful candidate Miss D Meikle for her interest in standing for Council.

7 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 October 2023

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Dr Whitley, seconded by Mr Greener and agreed by members.

8 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co as Accountants to the Society

The resolution was proposed by Miss Simpson, seconded by Mr Mallinson and agreed by the members.

9 Reports from Sub-Committees

Conservation Grazing - Lowther Estate has purchased a small herd of Fell Pony mares. They also have Konik ponies and will be observing and comparing the 2 breeds.

Nicola Evans is to provide advice in response to a request from a practical conservation trainee from Derbyshire.

The survey which ran for 12 months gathered information from those who run ponies on the open fells (common land) as well as enclosed land - allotments, conservation grazing, lower land grazing eg salt marshes etc.

Display Team - Various events to be attended throughout the year, including 2 days at the Westmorland County Show in September. A request for additional team members (with or without a pony) and ground crew received a good response.

Overseas committee - Mrs Millard reported the following -

Reports from the US, Sweden and Denmark have been received and all show owners enjoying their ponies and how versatile the breed is.

Accounts have been received from Overseas Branches: FPSNA, Conservancy of America, and Sweden; and it has been recommended to Council that their certificates are renewed for the coming year.

Judges Committee - Mrs Charlton reported on behalf of Mrs Grealish. The Probationer Judges Scheme continues to draw a range of high calibre applicants from across the country. Mr K Turner has been added to the FPS Judges list following completion of his probationer training. Following last year's Assessment day, held at Rest Harrow EC near Kirkby Lonsdale, 3 new trainees were added to the scheme from 2024. She thanked those

who took part in the scheme, the senior judges who assess and educate our probationers and also those who provide the ponies for the assessment day.

The next assessment day will be held in 2025. Anyone wanting further information on the scheme or would like to apply please see the FPS website for details.

Show Committee - Miss Fairburn reminded members that schedules for the forthcoming shows were available at the AGM and to download. The HOYS qualifier will again be held at the Stallion Show in May. She said that sponsorship would be welcome and that stewards were required for a variety of jobs in return for free entry to the show, refreshments and a gift. Anyone interested in sponsoring either the Stallion or Breed Show to speak with either Judy or Katherine. Lara Kneale has agreed to take over as the Show Secretary following this year's Breed Show and Jean Ward will be assisting Margaret Murray with the trophies.

Scotland - It was reported that distance is a problem for many members to attend events. It's a challenge but the group will keep trying to put on interesting events/gatherings/social events.

2024 Challenge - Mrs Rawden reported that the committee had recently discussed the forthcoming challenge to tie in with the 25 years of area groups. The challenge will be to lead, ride or drive 25 miles together with a fun bingo capturing photos to make up the name "regional groups". Details on the FB page/FPS website, or from your area group rep. Overseas members to contact Michael Goddard in the first instance.

10 Any Other Business

i) The following Question had been submitted to Council for discussion at the AGM:

"Please explain the purpose and finances of the Display Team? Nothing seems to be entered in the FPS accounts. How are the expenses met, ie equipment & replacement, travel, accommodation etc? or income; from appearances? Bucket collections?

"It seems they only go to local shows where the public have chances to see and understand the value of Fell Ponies.

"Why not offer displays and entertainment further afield to County Shows, where larger fees would be available to main ring entertainment and many more gate entries would mean a larger non-fell audience to educate?!"

Mrs Robinson read out a comprehensive response prepared by the Display Team (*see page 78*). It was agreed that this should be sent to the person who raised the Q's.

Mrs L Robinson proposed and Dr Whitley seconded a vote of thanks to the Display Team.

- ii) There was some discussion about providing financial support to the Area groups/ Display Team. Members were reminded that at the onset all groups were provided with an agreed sum to help them get established and these payments have now been repaid. The groups are generally self-sufficient and most forward a payment annually to the FPS for either show sponsorship or assistance towards the cost of running the Stallion/Breed Show, which is very much appreciated.
- iii) Issue of Magazine costs. Details including the current costs of producing the magazine and the options going forward, including reducing the issue of the magazine to include online options or replacing one issue with a brief newsletter or increasing the membership fees, were published/issued to members prior to the AGM. Some members responded prior to the AGM generally to say that they would happily accept an increase in membership in order to continue receiving the magazine twice a year. It was suggested that only 1 magazine should be sent per

household but as pointed out all members have a right to receive their own copy of the magazine; however they can opt out by notifying the FPS office. It may also be possible to use a carrier rather than Royal Mail to send the magazines out.

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Slack, and agreed, that membership fees should be increased by £5 from 2025.

- iv) Mrs Charlton reminded members of a new TV series starting that evening on CH4, "My Dream Farm", presented by Matt Baker and following the National Trust's selection of new tenants for a farm on the Wallington Estate in Northumberland. It will be featuring Fell ponies.
- v) Mrs Baxter told the meeting that she had lost 2 friends with whom she had spent the happiest days of her life with Fell Ponies and visiting amazing places. She said that we must not forget that Fells are special and to give them a good life.
- vi) Mrs Walker reported that in 2023 496 coverings were recorded (294 online and 202 paper service slips). 113 stallions issued with a licence are active (23%) and 28 new licences were issued in 2023.

11 Presentation of Awards

The **Lownthwaite Rob Trophy** was awarded to Townend Jasmine.

The **Queen's Trophy** was presented to the FPS Display Team.

The **Edinburgh Prize** was presented to Flo Goodbrand-Lloyd.

The **Peahill Basil Trophy** was awarded to Annabelle.

The winners of the **Youngstock & Performance Awards and Endurance Awards** were announced, with winners invited to take part in a 'photo shoot' with Claire Simpson following the presentations. *(Photos on pp23 and 24. Full results were printed in the Spring 2024 issue of the Magazine.)*

The **Fell Pony Society Breeders Award** in Memory of Chris Thompson was awarded to

Greenholme Stud,

with rosettes to:

2nd Carrock

3rd Lammerside

4th Dalewin

5th Bracklinn

6th Rainesmill

Secretary Katherine Wilkinson and Chairman Peter Boustead



The members attending the AGM in Orton Market Hall



Right, the Awards and Rosettes

FPS President, Barbara Bell, presented the awards:

The Lownthwaite Rob trophy to Ian Brunskill for Townend Jasmine.

The Queen's Trophy to the FPS Display Team.

The Edinburgh Prize to Flo Goodbrand-Lloyd.

The Breeders Award to Bill Potter, Greenholme Stud.

Bethany Cousins on behalf of Dalewin Stud.

Georgia Ellis for Harthouse Hillman.





*Points winners with FPS President Barbara Bell:
Glenis Cockbain, Eileen Walker, Jacqueline and
Emily Cheetham, Sue Wardle, Emily Cheetham,
Susan Lamb and Nic Brierley*



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

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Nominations for Council 2025 - Reminder

The following retire and are eligible for re-election :

Mrs A Bell, Mrs S Charlton, Mrs G Cockbain and Mr M Goddard.

Members wishing to make a nomination for Council should obtain a form from the Office in good time to return it, completed, before the deadline of 1st January 2025.

Council members are directors of the Limited Company as well as Charity trustees, so proposer and seconder should check that their candidate is eligible for both, eg, not disqualified, and with no conflicts of interest.

Candidates should read the information on the FPS web page, "About the Society": in particular, follow the links on the right hand menu, "Information on the Council and How to Become a Council Member".

Postal Voting for Council Members

Ballot papers will be sent out with the Spring Magazine to those eligible to vote. Completed ballot papers have to be returned to the Scrutineer appointed by the Council, not less than 10 days before the date of the AGM.

No member is entitled to vote in the election for council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid by 15th February 2025. You will find the details on Votes of Members under Section 7 of the Articles of Association. Election to the Council is Section 8.6.

Please send your ballot paper to the Scrutineer before the deadline.

Do not waste your chance to vote in the running of your Society.

Election of President

Our President Miss Barbara Bell's term of office ends in 2025.

Please could any nominations for the office of President be submitted to the FPS office before 1 January 2025,

Nominations must be in writing and accompanied by a signed statement (available from the office) from the person proposed, stating that they are willing to stand for election.

The elected President shall become a member of the FPS Council *ex-officio* (by reason of his/her office).

Election will be held by a poll held at the Annual General Meeting in 2025.

The Fell Pony Society Annual Stallion & Colt Show 2024

The Stallion & Colt Show was again held in the magnificent setting of Dalemain near Ullswater, by kind permission of the Hasell-McCosh family. The ponies gleamed in the glorious May sunshine and the crowd enjoyed a beautiful day; although some competitors found running around the large ring quite a challenge in the heat!

Judge, John Cockbain, said that it was pleasing to see so many ponies turned out so well, especially after the challenging and long wet winter that we had all endured.



Claire Simpson

Supreme Champion Lunesdale Black Ice II, FP71130C, Lic FP588, f2008, Owner Miss K Raine, Breeder Mr A W & The Late Mrs C Morland*

He chose Katie Raine's Lunesdale Black Ice II as his Supreme Champion and commented that the pony's wonderful movement had made him stand out. This magnificent sixteen year old was sired by Lunesdale Beckham out of Greenholme Keely and was taking the supreme accolade for the fourth year.

Reserve was Deb Vychinski's thirteen year old Boutime Wooster (s Lunesdale Warlord d Darrenvale Katie) also a previous supreme winner.

The Youngstock Championship went to the Potter family with the two year old Greenholme Quirky (s Greenholme Lancelot d Lunesdale Anna); so, like the supreme champion, another pony of both Greenholme and Lunesdale breeding, demonstrating the quality of the ponies bred by these renowned Cumbrian studs. The judge commented that this pony was a nice type who showed quality in his limbs. Reserve Youngstock Champion was Rainesmill Billy Boy (s Murthwaite Wanted Man d Dalewin Uptown Jen) owned by Zoe Alderslade.

The Potter family also bred the winner of the annual Horse of the Year Show qualifier class which was held at the show. This class was judged by Alison Bell and Jean Ward, who had a difficult job to determine the prizewinners; as all the ponies were turned out to a very high standard and were a good representation of the breed. Ultimately it was Greenholme Caitlin (Greenholme Look At Me x Greenholme Wishful), who took the qualifying ticket and will attend the prestigious show in October for owner Jenny Crane.

Bob Beaty won the gelding championship with the six year old Stennerskeugh Nicholas (s Lunesdale Ace of Spades d Stennerskeugh Amanda May V).

Reserve gelding champion was Heltondale Rover V (s Greenholme Diego d Heltondale Bonny III) owned by Sadie Ali.

Other class winners included Castle Hill Glenfiddich (s Boutime Wooster d Sleddale Rosebud) who won the stallions three and four years for Kay Hardy.

Winner of the Ridden class was Claire Simpson's grey six year old stallion Dalewin Vesper (s Lunesdale Black Ice II d Dalewin Grace) ridden by Pam Brown.

Grateful thanks to the Hasell-McCosh family; the sponsors - the Waverhead Stud, Jenifer Morrissey (Willowtrail Fell Ponies), BJC Equine (Freelance Groom), Helen Moss and the North West Support Group: judges; competitors; stewards and all the volunteers who work so hard behind the scenes to make the show a success.

Claire Simpson

(Colour photos in centre section)

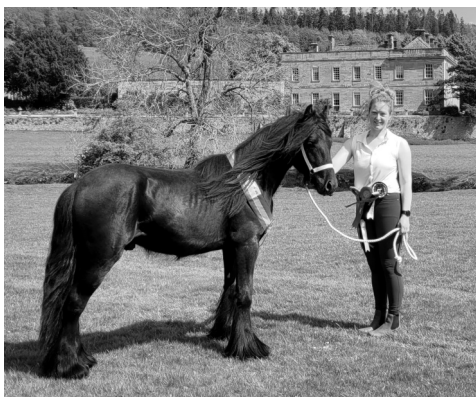


Claire Simpson

Deb Vychinski's Boutime Wooster was the Reserve Champion



Winner of the Ridden class was Claire Simpson's grey six year old stallion Dalewin Vesper



Youngstock Champion was the 2 year old Greenholme Quirky, FP73567C, f2022, Owner & Breeder Misses R J & B K Potter



Youngstock Reserve Champion was the yearling Rainesmill Billy Boy, FP73705C, f2023, Owner Miss Z Alderslade, Breeder Miss K Raine



Champion Gelding in Hand was Stennerskeugh Nicholas, FP73013G, f2018, Owner & Breeder Mr R N Beaty.



Reserve Gelding In Hand was Heltondale Rover V, FP72309G, f2013, Owner Mrs S Ali, Breeder Mrs G M Noble*

All photos: Claire Simpson

Stallion & Colt Show Results

Judge: Classes 1-8 Mr John Cockbain

Judge: Classes 9a-9b Mr S Weltzien

Judges: Class 10 Mrs J Ward (Ride); Mrs A W Bell (Conformation)

Class 1 Yearling Colts

- 1st Rainesmill Billy Boy, FP73705C, f2023, Owner Miss Z Alderslade, Breeder Miss K Raine
- 2nd Greenholme Rocket, FP73724C, f2023, Owner Mr J Potter, Breeder Mr W S Potter
- 3rd Rainesmill Bobby, FP73704C, f2023, Owner & Breeder Miss K Raine

Class 2 Two Year Old Colts

- 1st Greenholme Quirky, FP73567C, f2022, Owner & Breeder Misses R J & B K Potter
- 2nd Deepghyll Flash Lightning, FP73614C, f2022, Owner & Breeder Mrs C Savage-Weltzien
- 3rd Greenholme Quicksilver, FP73564C, f2022, Owner & Breeder Misses R J & B K Potter

Class 3 Geldings 2 & 3 Years Old

No Entries

Class 4 Licensed Stallions 3 & 4 Years Old

- 1st Castle Hill Glenfiddich, FP73428C, Lic FP1049, f2021, Owner Mrs K Hardy, Breeder Miss C Crow
- 2nd Greenholme Orlando, FP73338C*, Lic FP998, f2020, Owner Mr & Mrs R Sutcliffe, Breeder Misses R J & B K Potter
- 3rd Greenholme Potters Choice, FP73410C*, Lic FP1020, f2021, Owner Miss M Thompson, Unique Homecare, Breeder Misses R J & B K Potter

Class 5 Geldings 4 Years Old & Over

- 1st Stennerskeugh Nicholas, FP73013G, f2018, Owner & Breeder Mr R N Beaty
- 2nd Heltondale Rover V, FP72309G*, f2013, Owner Mrs S Ali, Breeder Mrs G M Noble
- 3rd Birkcross Midnight Magic, FP73258G, f2020, Owner Miss J E Singleton, Breeder Mr D McDowell & Mr A Birkett

Class 6 Licensed Stallions 5 Yrs & over

- 1st Lunesdale Black Ice II, FP71130C*, Lic FP588, f2008, Owner Miss K Raine, Breeder Mr A W & The Late Mrs C Morland
- 2nd Boutime Wooster, FP71820C*, Lic FP720, f2011, Owner & Breeder Mrs D Vychinski
- 3rd Setmabanning Jacko, FP72674C*, Lic FP918, f2016, Owner Mr & Mrs R Sutcliffe, Breeder The Late Mr G L Hutton

Class 7 Riding Class For Licensed Stallions Or Geldings, 4 Years & Over, To Be Shown Under Saddle

- 1st Dalewin Vesper, FP72928C*, Lic FP955, f2018, Owner Miss C Simpson, Breeder Mr E Winder, Rider Miss P Brown
- 2nd Summerhouse Don, FP71492G*, f2009, Owner & Rider Miss R Hudson, Breeder Mr P Boustead
- 3rd Lunesdale Richard II, FP73263C*, Lic FP1004, f2020, Owner & Rider Mr A Prickett, Breeder Mr A W Morland,

Class 8 Licensed Stallion Or Gelding 4 Years & Over To Be Shown In Harness (no entries)

Class 9a Colt, Stallion Or Gelding Any Age, With Best Set Of Feet Shod

- 1st Boutime Wooster, FP71820C*, Lic FP720, f2011, Owner & Breeder Mrs D Vychinski, Farrier Louis May

Class 9b Colt, Stallion Or Gelding Any Age With Best Set Of Feet Unshod (no entries)

Class 10 HOYS Qualifier 2024: National Pony Society / Baileys Horse Feeds Ridden Fell Pony of the Year

- 1st Greenholme Caitlin, FP4791, f2008, Owner Mrs J Crane, Breeder Miss R J Potter, Rider Miss T Bell-Heather
- 2nd Drybarrows Emillie, FP6826, f2019, Owner Miss A Metcalfe & Mrs M Reynard, Breeder Mr D C Thompson, Rider Miss A Robinson
- 3rd Dalefoot Amber II, FP5328, f2010, Owner & Rider Miss O Swales, Breeder Miss B A Potter

Youngstock Champion

Greenholme Quirky

Youngstock Reserve

Rainesmill Billy Boy

Champion Gelding In Hand

Stennerskeugh Nicholas

Reserve Gelding In Hand

Heltondale Rover V

Oldest Stallion On The Day

Lunesdale Black Ice II

Champion Stallion In Hand

Lunesdale Black Ice II

Reserve Stallion In Hand

Boutime Wooster

Fell Pony Society South Cumbria Show, 2 June 2024

Bev and Paul Metcalfe and their merry band of helpers ran another friendly and relaxed South Cumbria show which was held at the Westmorland County Showground in early June. The supportive atmosphere makes it a great opportunity for exhibitors to take their new or young ponies and get an outing under their belt; and fun events include a dog show; and a mega raffle, which is an attraction in itself.

Lammerside Red Princess, owned and bred by Nicola Chippendale, took the overall Supreme Championship. This lovely three year old was orphaned at only three weeks old, so had a tricky start in life, but has blossomed into a beautiful typey filly. At the time Nicola had a young baby that she was feeding during the night and so she was very busy caring for both youngsters, so it was lovely to see her efforts being so well rewarded. In hand judge Kev Turner was particularly impressed with the filly's good joints, hair and movement.

The reserve supreme went to the ridden champion, Drybarrows Emilie, ridden by Alex Robinson for Anna Metcalfe. Ridden ring judge Penny Randell was impressed with Emilie's reach and ground covering movement. Greenholme Joanne owned by Charles Stewart took the reserve champion in hand and Lunesdale Forget Me Not the reserve ridden championship for Bethan Lewis.

Other winners in hand included Bracklinn Orchid, who took the yearling class for Colette Hincks. The class for two year olds went to Firbank Whitby Jet and Izzy Ridding. Wellbrow Lotus won the class for stallions/geldings for Georgina Mallinson.

Alison Bell's Lownthwaite Heidi came out of retirement to win the veteran class and also the veteran ridden with Sarah Bell (7) and the class for young handlers with Mary Bell (9).

In the ridden ring the Junior ridden championship went to Georgina Mallinson with Cargenwater Casanova; with Izzy Ridding and Deepghyll Lucky Touch in reserve.

Best turned out winner was Emily Lawson's Murthwaite Donna Marie ridden by Lily Lawson who also won the junior ridden class for children 14 years and under.

Juliet Huddleston's four year old Bowins Nightingale took the novice ridden class with Alex Robinson in the saddle.

Open stallion/gelding and senior equitation winner was Clare Wigley's Grahamsley Cracker Jack ridden by Laura Hall.

Thanks, as ever, to everyone who works so hard before, during and after the show to make it such a lovely day for us all to enjoy.

Claire Simpson

Results

RING 1 RIDDEN CLASSES

Judge: Mrs P Randell

Class 1 Best Turned Out

- 1st Murthwaite Donna Marie, FP5963, f2014,
Owner Mrs E Lawson, Rider Lily Lawson
- 2nd Harthouse Hillman, FP71338G, f2008,
Owner & Rider Miss G Ellis
- 3rd Lownthwaite Heidi, FP4794, f2008,
Owner Mrs A W Bell, Rider Sarah Bell

Class 2 Traditional Ridden, Walk & Trot Only

- 1st Lunesdale Forget Me Not, FP6559, f2018,
Owner & Rider Miss B Lewis
- 2nd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Tamara Francova
- 3rd Midtown Natasha, FP6723, f2019,
Owner & Rider Mrs S Ali

Class 3 Novice Ridden Mare, Gelding or Stallion

- 1st Bowins Nightingale, FP6958, f2020,
Owner Mrs J Huddleston, Rider Miss A Robinson
- 2nd Murthwaite Donna Marie, FP5963, f2014,
Owner Mrs E Lawson, Rider Lily Lawson

Class 4 Veteran Ridden, Mare, Gelding or Stallion

- 1st Lownthwaite Heidi, FP4794, f2008,
Owner Mrs A W Bell, Rider Sarah Bell
2nd Grahamsley Cracker Jack, FP71381C*,
f2009, Owner Mrs C Wigley, Rider Miss L Hall
3rd Harthouse Hillman, FP71338G, f2008,
Owner & Rider Miss G Ellis

Class 5 Junior Ridden, 14 years & under

- 1st Murthwaite Donna Marie, FP5963, f2014,
Owner Mrs E Lawson, Rider Lily Lawson, Age
11

Class 6 Junior Ridden, 15-18 years

- 1st Cargenwater Casanova, FP72857G, f2017,
Owner Mr & Mrs G H B Mallinson, Rider
Georgina Mallinson, Age 17
2nd Deepghyll Lucky Touch, FP71831G, f2011,
Owner Mrs G Ridding, Rider Izzy Ridding, Age
17

Class 7 Open Ridden Mare

- 1st Drybarrows Emillie, FP6826, f2019,
Owner Miss A Metcalfe, Rider Miss A Robinson
2nd Lunesdale Forget Me Not, FP6559, f2018,
Owner & Rider Miss B Lewis
3rd Greenholme Emilia, FP6444, f2017,
Owner & Rider Mrs E Brook

Class 8 Open Ridden Gelding or Stallion

- 1st Grahamsley Cracker Jack, FP71381C*,
f2009, Owner Mrs C Wigley, Rider Miss L Hall
2nd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Tamara Francova
3rd Deepghyll Lucky Touch, FP71831G, f2011,
Owner Mrs G Ridding, Rider Izzy Ridding

Class 15 Young Handlers

- 1st Mary Bell, Age 9 (Lownthwaite Heidi,
FP4794, f2008, Owner Mrs A W Bell)
2nd Lily Lawson, Age 11 (Murthwaite Donna
Marie, FP5963, f2014, Owner Mrs E Lawson)
3rd R Gill (Henry, FP71034G, f2007, Owner Miss
N Evans)

Equitation

Judge: Miss A Metcalfe

Class 16 Junior Equitation - no entries

Class 17 Senior Equitation

- 1st Grahamsley Cracker Jack, FP71381C*,
f2009, Owner Mrs C Wigley, Rider Miss L Hall
2nd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Tamara Francova

RING 2 IN HAND CLASSES

Judge: Mr K Turner

Class 9 Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding

- 1st Bracklinn Orchid, FP7397, f2023,
Owner Miss C Hincks
2nd Greenholme Rebecca II, FP7366, f2023,
Owner RJ & BK Potter

Class 10 Two Year Old Colt, Filly or Gelding

- 1st Firbank Whitby Jet, FP7207, f2022,
Owner Miss I Ridding

Class 11 Three Year Old Colt, Filly or Gelding

- 1st Lammerside Red Princess, FP7121, f2021,
Owner Mrs N Chippendale
2nd Greenholme Party Girl, FP7071, f2021,
Owner Miss C Sharpe
3rd Bowins Bubbles, FP7057, f2021,
Owner Mrs D Harrison

Class 12 Mare 4 years Old or over with or without foal at foot

- 1st Greenholme Joanne, FP6125, f2015,
Owner Mr C Stewart
2nd Lunesdale Burnt Sugar, FP6235, f2016,
Owner Mr A W Morland
3rd Lunesdale Forget Me Not, FP6559, f2018,
Owner Miss B Lewis

Class 13 Gelding or Stallion 4 Years Old or over

- 1st Wellbrow Lotus, FP72972G, f2018,
Owner Miss G Mallinson
2nd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
Owner Miss C Simpson
3rd Henry, FP71034G, f2007,
Owner Miss N Evans

Class 14 Veteran Stallion, Mare or Gelding 15 Years or over not to be shown in any other in hand class

- 1st Lownthwaite Heidi, FP4794, f2008,
Owner Mrs A W Bell
2nd Harthouse Hillman, FP71338G, f2008,
Owner Miss G Ellis
3rd Henry, FP71034G, f2007,
Owner Miss N Evans

(Colour photos in centre section)

South Cumbria Show

In Hand Championship

Champion Lammerside Red Princess
Reserve Greenholme Joanne

Ridden Championship

Champion Drybarrows Emillie
Reserve Lunesdale Forget Me Not

Junior Ridden Championship

Champion Cargenwater Casanova
Reserve Deepghyll Lucky Touch

Supreme Championship

Champion Lammerside Red Princess
Reserve Drybarrows Emillie



Claire Simpson

Judges Mr Kevin Turner and Mrs Penny Randell, with the South Cumbria Show Supreme Champion Mrs N Chippendale's Lammerside Red Princess and Reserve Drybarrows Emillie, Owner Miss A Metcalfe, Rider Miss A Robinson

London Marathon

Six runners (including Val who works in the FPS office) took on the London Marathon to fund raise for World Horse Welfare this year. Between them they raised an amazing total of more than £9,000. Funds raised will help World Horse Welfare to improve welfare of horses and ponies in the UK and around the world.

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Sandringham Horse and Pony Show, 9th June 2024

The Show had a dry but cooler day, and saw a good turnout of different breeds of equines, with many more classes and more rings to include a wider variety of breeds, so that we could support the Fell classes and keep this little show going. It has become increasingly difficult with the rising costs of running a show.

Next year we are keen to incorporate more Fell pony classes into the schedule as we strongly believe in keeping the Sandringham show about the Fell pony as it always has been in the past. But for this to be a success we need as many Fell ponies as possible to come to our show and support it. We can offer overnight camping on the show field, we can make a weekend of it, we have a BBQ on the night before the show where we can all socialise and celebrate.

We had lots of positive feedback after the show, and it seems that everyone enjoyed themselves, and there was something for everyone to take part in and enjoy. We have more people on the committee, and we wish to thank all the wonderful volunteers, because we could not run the show without them. They give up their whole weekend to help with setting up the show, running the show on show day and clearing up afterwards when we all feel weary but happy. Of course more help would always be very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank the sponsors, who were all incredibly generous and without their support we could not afford to run the show.

We had stalls again this year, and the FPS Display team joined us once again with their stand with merchandise and information about the Fell pony.

Lisa Dunger

Results

In Hand Young stock 3yrs and under:

- 1st Megan Edgar - Maraki Storm In A Teacup
- 2nd Rebecca Jayne Rawlinson-Allen - Bengeman Bella Trix
- 3rd Scarlett Hopkins - Fellacre Lady Finella

In Hand Stallion 4 yrs +

- 1st Scarlett Hopkins - Lydvale Jacob
- 2nd Rebecca Jayne Rawlinson-Allen - Midtown Odin
- 3rd Emilie Bagnell - Murthwaite Heir Hunter

In Hand Mare/Gelding 4 yrs +

- 1st Rebecca Jayne Rawlinson-Allen - Nabside Gracie
- 2nd Aimee Sharman - Darrenvale Chancer
- 3rd Robert Etheridge - Rundales Inky
- 4th Robina Pollitt - Waverhead Bracken 2

Veteran 15 yrs +

- 1st Robert Etheridge - Rundales Inky
- 2nd Robin Pollitt - Waverhead Bracken

Fell Ridden Classes:

Ridden Open:

- 1st Rachel Scarlett - Lydvale Jacob
- 2nd Emilie Bagnell - Murthwaite Heir Hunter
- 3rd Megan Edgar - Crowtree Daisy
- 4th Sarah Keeble - Bybeck Malcom

Child rider under 16 yrs

- 1st Robina Pollitt - Waverhead Bracken 2

Traditional Walk and Trot

- 1st Rebecca Jayne Rawlinson-Allen - Nabside Gracie
- 2nd Amie Sharman - Darrenvale Chancer
- 3rd Sarah Keeble - Bybeck Malcom

Veteran 15 yrs +

- 1st Rachel Scarlett - Lydvale Jacob
- 2nd Sharon Pye - Rundales Inky

Reserve In Hand Champion

Rebecca Jayne Rawlinson-Allen - Nabside Gracie

Champion In Hand

Megan Edgar - Maraki Storm In a Teacup

Reserve Champion Ridden:

Rachel Scarlett - Lydvale Jacob

Champion:

Emilie Bagnall - Murthwaite Heir Hunter

Reserve Supreme:

Megan Edgar - Maraki Storm in a Teacup

The Fell Pony Society 51st Annual Breed Show, 4th August 2024

A good crowd of spectators joined us for the 51st Breed Show held again in the beautiful setting of Dalemmain near Ullswater, Cumbria, by kind permission of the Hasell-McCosh family.

The weather was a little threatening, and nothing like the lovely day we had enjoyed at the Stallion show, but fortunately, any serious rain held off until the show had finished, and the tents had all been packed away; a massive relief as this avoided the need to have to put them all back up again at home to allow them to dry.

An early start and long journey from Dunblane proved well worthwhile for the Smith family who achieved an astonishing double with their homebred five year old mare, Bracklinn Mabel, and two year old, Bracklinn Aubrey, taking the Supreme and Reserve Supreme accolades. Both ponies were sired by the late Bracklinn Jackpot and are testament to the quality of the stock that he has left.

The Potter family's Greenholme bred ponies were to the fore in several classes, including the ridden championship, where Nicola Chippendale took the top honours with Greenholme Hot Rod who had won two ridden classes with Georgia Kirkby (16). Greenholme Ozzy won the gelding championship and stood second reserve supreme for Lesley Bamforth; and Bethany Cousins took the best three year old, and reserve champion youngstock, with the three year old Greenholme Party Girl for owner Caroline Sharpe. The Potter family themselves took the veteran in hand class with Murthwaite Westerly; and first and second places in the colt foal class.

John Cockbain won the class for mares 4-7 years and reserve champion mare with the highly successful Carrock Daenerys; and took the yearling filly class with Carrock Majestic.

Other class winners included Boutime Esther who won the mares over four years with colt foals at foot. Bert Morland's Lunesdale Burnt Sugar won the class for mares over eight years, while Sadie Ali's Heltondale Rover V won the equivalent class for geldings; Katie Raine's Lunesdale Black Ice II won the stallion progeny class.

In the youngstock classes Rainesmill Conifer won the best filly foal and best foal overall for Katie Raine; Horngill Bonzer won the yearling colt or gelding for Stacy Longrigg; Chestermann Chopper won the two year olds for Nadia Gwynne; and Globetrotter Lancer and Mrs A Walker took the class for three year olds.

In the ridden rings, reserve champion to Greenholme Hot Rod was Juliet Huddleston's Bowins Nightingale ridden by Alex Robinson. This lovely four year old mare won the Nursery Novice and Novice mares class and had been bought as a weanling during lockdown as company for Juliet's own foal; and has surpassed all expectations in the few shows that she has attended.

The ridden class for novice stallions/geldings was won by Greenholme Mountain Warrior with Helen Hanson. Drybarrows Emilie and Anna Metcalfe won the open riding class for mares. Summerhouse Don won the veteran ridden with Rebecca Hudson.

The Traditional walk and trot class for mares went to Rundales Princess and Ann Marie Troy who also won the award for the oldest rider. Bracklinn Sam won the equivalent class for stallions/geldings with Tamara Francova.

The show schedule includes lots of different classes for youngsters of all ages and the Bell family had a super day with their homebred Lownthwaite Heidi, who picked up three trophies. Mary (9) won the young handler class; Sarah (7) won the lead rein class; and

together with Mum, Alison, the girls won joint first in the fancy dress class, judged by the Society's President, Barbara Bell was so impressed with the standard in the fancy dress class that she awarded the family's super interpretation of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' joint first with the other entrant, Cath Wrigley's Murthwaite Ripley; who together with Emma and Ivy Wrigley (5) had transformed themselves into a brilliant version of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.

Other young winners included Highbrook Phantom Fire who won the first ridden with Rosie Shield (11). Bowthorne Dorothy and Eva Carnochan (12) won the ridden class for children under 14 years. The class for young judges went to Emily Cheetham (16)

In the dressage arena Clare Wigley's Grahamsley Cracker Jack and Laura Hall won two of the three dressage classes, while the Intro class went to Louise Younger and Wellbrow Kingston.

The working hunter championship went to the winner of the Beginners class, Samantha Ashburn's Llanerchbrook Cardamom, ridden by Lucy Webb; with Bracklinn Sam and Tamara Francova in reserve. Other winners in the WHP ring included Emily Cheetham with Thornbeck Amy (Novice); Miss S Ashburn with Bowthorne Rose Marie (Intermediate) and Greenholme Dillon and Tamara Francova (Open).

Sadly there was only one entry in the driving class this year but Malcolm Hogg's Midtown Jemima was a very smart and worthy winner.

In the Best Foot classes Cath Wrigley's Murthwaite Ripley won the shod class and Georgia Ellis's Harthouse Hillman the unshod.

As always, grateful thanks to the Hasell-McCosh family; to all our sponsors; judges; stewards; competitors and to all the volunteers who so generously give their time to put up and take down the rings, tents and all the other preparation and clear up; sell merchandise, manage the trophies, entries; and everyone who contributes in numerous other ways to make the show a success and a lovely day for all.

Claire Simpson

Results

JUDGES

Classes 1 - 8	Mr R Sutcliffe
Classes 9 - 17	Ms M Kreuzer
Classes 18 (a) & (b)	Mr S Weltzien
Classes 19 - 20	Miss H Reynolds
Classes 21 - 26	Mrs S Mallinson
Classes 27 - 31	Miss H Reynolds
Classes 32	Mrs C Robinson
Classes 34 - 35	Mrs J Grealish
Class 36	Mrs J Baxter
Classes 37A - 37C	Nancy Rowson
Classes 38 - 41	Mrs C Pickering & Mrs C Wigley
Class 42	Mrs C Pickering

IN HAND CLASSES

Class 1 Mare 4 to 7 years old

- 1st Carrock Daenerys, FP6736, f2019,
S: Carrock Stride The Nite, D: Townend Sugar,
Owner Mr J W Cockbain
- 2nd Lammerside Eclipse, FP6907, f2020,
S: Heltondale Prince V, D: Stockleylane Annie,
Owner Mrs G Chippendale
- 3rd Dalewin Uptown Jen, FP6455, f2017,
S: Lunesdale Black Ice II, D: Dalewin Amy,
Owner Miss K Raine

Class 2 Mare 8 years old and upwards

- 1st Lunesdale Burnt Sugar, FP6235, f2016,
S: Lunesdale Union Jack, D: Stennerskeugh
Amanda May III, Owner Mr A W Morland
- 2nd Lunesdale Nutmeg, FP5010, f2009,
S: Greenholme Warrior, D: Stennerskeugh
Amanda May III, Owner Miss D Meikle
- 3rd Clifford Holly's Charm, FP6119, f2015,
S: Stennerskeugh Smoke, D: Holling Holly,
Owner Mrs N Gwynne

Class 3 Veteran Mare or Gelding 15 years and over

- 1st Murthwaite Westerly, FP4706, f2007,
S: Murthwaite Windrush, D: Heltondale Polly Perkins X, Owner R J & B K Potter
- 2nd Lownthwaite Heidi, FP4794, f2008,
S: Peepings Raven, D: Lownthwaite Bramble, Owner Mrs A W Bell
- 3rd Craggs Stardust, FP3482, f2000,
S: Lownthwaite Gary, D: Biglands Bonny (B), Owner: Mr J E Greener

Class 4 Mare 4 years old and upward with own colt foal at foot

- 1st Boutime Esther, FP6374, f2017,
S: Boutime Wooster, D: Sleddale Rosebud, Owner Mrs D Vychinski
- 2nd Greenholme Hey Bye Gum, FP5855, f2013,
S: Greenholme Diego, D: Greenholme Petal, Owner R J & B K Potter
- 3rd Greenholme Forget Me Not, FP 5454, f2011,
S: Murthwaite Windrush, D: Greenholme What Do U Think, Owner R J & B K Potter

Class 5 Colt Foal

- 1st Greenholme 'Colt', f2024,
S: Greenholme Lancelot, D: Greenholme Forget Me Not, Owner R J & B K Potter
- 2nd Greenholme 'Colt', f2024,
S: Greenholme Lancelot, D: Greenholme Hey Bye Gum, Owner R J & B K Potter
- 3rd Boutime Déjà Vu, f2024,
S: Drybarrows Exclusive, D: Boutime Esther, Owner Mrs D Vychinski

Class 6 Mare 4 years old and upward with own filly foal at foot

- 1st Bracklinn Mabel, FP6770, f2019,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Auckside Poppy, Owner Mr A Smith
- 2nd Murthwaite Westerly, FP4706, f2007,
S: Murthwaite Windrush, D: Heltondale Polly Perkins X, Owner R J & B K Potter
- 3rd Rainesmill Edna, FP6858, f2020,
S: Lunesdale Black Ice II, D: Fellsides Special Edition, Owner Miss K Raine

Class 7 Filly Foal

- 1st Rainesmill Conifer, FP7539, f2024,
S: Drybarrows Fusedale, D: Rainesmill Edna, Owner Miss K Raine
- 2nd Bracklinn Effie, f2024.
S: Wildhoeve Adiction, D: Bracklinn Mabel, Owner Mr A Smith

- 3rd Brackenbank Bluebell, f2024,
S: Applegait Indigo Archie, D: Brackenbank Violet, Owner Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

Class 8 Group Class - Stallion Progeny

- Lunesdale Black Ice II FP71130C*
- Dalewin Uptown Jen, FP6455, f2017,
S: Lunesdale Black Ice II, D: Dalewin Amy, Owner Miss K Raine
- Rainesmill Edna, FP6858, f2020,
S: Lunesdale Black Ice II, D: Fellsides Special Edition, Owner Miss K Raine
- Dalewin Willow, FP6731, f2019,
S: Lunesdale Black Ice II, D: Dalewin Fern, Owner Mr E Winder

Class 9 Gelding 4 to 7 years old

- 1st Greenholme Ozzy, FP73239G, f2020,
S: Greenholme Diego, D: Greenholme Ellie, Owner Mrs L Bamforth
- 2nd Stennerskeugh Nicholas, FP73013G. F2018,
S: Lunesdale Ace of Spades, D: Stennerskeugh Amanda May V, Owner Mr R N Beaty
- 3rd Greenholme Mountain Warrior, F72941G, f2018, S: Greenholme Warrior, D: Wansfell Black Beauty, Owner Mrs H Hanson

Class 10 Gelding 8 years and upwards

- 1st Heltondale Rover V, FP72309G*, f2013,
S: Greenholme Diego, D: Heltondale Bonny III, Owner Mrs S Ali
- 2nd Townend Libra, FP72446G, f2014,
S: Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D: Sleddale Lib IV, Owner Mrs K Bennett
- 3rd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Townend Truffle II, Owner Miss C Simpson

Class 11 Yearling Filly

- 1st Carrock Majestic, FP7405, f2023,
S: Carrock Blackthorn, D: Carrock Lilly, Owner Mr J W Cockburn
- 2nd Bracklinn Jolene, FP7398, f2023,
S: Carrock I'm Yer Man, D: Bracklinn Tess, Owner Mr W Sinclair & Miss K Lawson
- 3rd Bracklinn Orchid, FP7397, f2023,
S: Carrock I'm Yer Man, D: Bracklinn Alice, Owner Miss C Hincks

Class 12 Yearling Colt or Gelding

- 1st Horngill Bonzer, FP73694G, f2023,
S: Drybarrows Endurance, D: Firbank Special Offer, Owner Mrs S Longrigg
- 2nd Greenholme Rocket, FP73724C, f2023,
S: Greenholme Nemo, D: Greenholme Keepsake, Owner Mr J Potter

3rd Lunesdale Eric, FP73752C, f2023,
S: Lunesdale Union Jack, D: Clifford Bess,
Owner Mr D Morgan

Class 13 Filly 2 years old

1st Bracklinn Aubrey, FP7211, f2022,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Bracklinn Jillian,
Owner Mr A Smith

2nd Lammerside Lady Of The Lake, FP7295,
f2022, S: Murthwaite Barklay, D: Stockleylane
Annie, Owner Mrs G Chippendale

3rd Chestermann Henrietta, FP7320, f2022,
S: Lownthwaite Sant-Alfio, D: Meadowpark
Michelle, Owner Mrs N Gwynne

Class 14 Colt or Gelding 2 years old

1st Chestermann Chopper, FP73650C*, f2022,
S: Lownthwaite Drummer Boy, D: Bybeck
Windsong, Owner Mrs N Gwynne

Class 15 Filly 3 years old

1st Greenholme Party Girl, FP7071, f2021,
S: Greenholme Jasper, D: Greenholme
Hawkeye The Noo, Owner Miss C Sharpe

2nd Wansfell Malrina, FP7132, f2021,
S: Heltondale Rover V, D: Wansfell Valerena,
Owner Mrs E M Dempster

3rd Greenholme Potential, FP7080, f2021,
S: Greenholme Diego, D: Greenholme Susan,
Owner Miss K Macaulay

Class 16 Colt or Gelding 3 years old

1st Globetrotter Lancer, FP73444G, f2021,
S: Greenholme Warrior, D: Globetrotter
Polikarpov, Owner Mrs A Walker

2nd Drybarrows Granite, FP73491G, f2021,
S: Drybarrows Bowie, D: Greenholme Frosty
Lady, Owner Mr G Pigney

3rd Rackwood Gambler, FP73441G, f2021,
S: Dalewin Victor, D: Rackwood Melody, Owner
Mrs F Wainwright

Class 17 Group Class Mare Progeny - NO ENTRIES

Class 18(A) Pony any age, with the best set of feet - shod

1st Murthwaite Ripley, FP4990, f2009,
S: Murthwaite Look At Me, D: Heltondale
Misty IV, Owner Mrs C Wrigley. Farrier Mr J
Stalker

Class 18(B) Pony age, with the best set of feet - unshod

1st Harthouse Hillman, FP71338G, f2008,
S: Lownthwaite Gary, D: Tarnbeck Mona Lisa,
Owner Miss G Ellis

2nd Greenholme Ozzy, FP73239G, f2020,

S: Greenholme Diego, D: Greenholme Ellie,
Owner Mrs L Bamforth

3rd Drybarrows Granite, FP73491G, f2021,
S: Drybarrows Bowie, D: Greenholme Frosty
Lady, Owner Mr G Pigney

JUNIOR RIDDEN

Class 19 Lead Rein

1st Lownthwaite Heidi, FP4794, f2004,
S: Peepings Raven, D: Lownthwaite Bramble,
Owner Mrs A W Bell, Rider Sarah Bell (Age 7)

2nd Murthwaite Ripley, FP4990, f2009,
S: Murthwaite Look At Me, D: Heltondale
Misty IV, Owner Mrs C Wrigley, Rider Ivy
Wrigley (Age 5)

3rd Summerhouse Don, FP71492G*, f2009,
S: Castle Hill Danny, D: Rulewater Lucy, Owner
Miss R Hudson, Rider Olivia Ali (Age 4)

Class 20 First Ridden

1st Highbrook Phantom Fire, FP72684G*, f2016,
S: Birkettbank Phantom, D: Wellbrow Elsie,
Owner Miss M Thomson/Unique Homecare,
Rider Rosie Shield (Age 11)

RIDDEN CLASSES

Class 21 Nursery Novice

1st Bowins Nightingale, FP6958, f2020,
S: Brocklebank Absinthe, D: Midtown Harmony,
Owner Mrs J Huddleston, Rider Miss A Metcalfe

2nd Llanerchbrook Cardamom, FP6401*, f2017,
S: Severnvale Ivor, D: Brocklebank Brown
Velvet, Owner Miss S Ashburn, Rider Lucy
Webb

3rd Wellbrow Kingston, FP72798G, f2017,
S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow
Polly Flinders, Owner Miss M L Younger, Rider
Mr G Pigney

Class 22 Veteran Ridden Class - Mare or Gelding to be 15 years and over

1st Summerhouse Don, FP71492G*, f2009,
S: Castle Hill Danny, D: Rulewater Lucy, Owner
& Rider Miss R Hudson

2nd Dalewin Kingpin, FP70983G*, f2007,
S: Murthwaite Windrush, D: Dalewin Grace,
Owner & Rider Mrs N Brierley

3rd Murthwaite Ripley, FP4990, f2009,
S: Murthwaite Look At Me, D: Heltondale
Misty IV, Owner & Rider Mrs C Wrigley

Class 23 Riding Class For Stallions of Geldings 4 years old & upwards

1st Greenholme Hot Rod, FP72249G*, f2013,
S: Greenholme Diego, D: Greenholme White
Rose, Owner Mrs N Chippendale, Rider Georgia
Kirkby (Age 16)

2nd Summerhouse Don, FP71492G*, f2009,
S: Castle Hill Danny, D: Rulewater Lucy, Owner
& Rider Miss R Hudson

3rd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Townend Truffle II,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T Francova

Class 24 Riding Class For Mares 4 years old and upwards

1st Drybarrows Emillie, FP6826, f2019,
S: Wildhoeve Adiction, D: Drybarrows Joy,
Owner Miss A Metcalfe & Mrs M Reynard, Rider
Miss A Metcalfe

2nd Waverhead Fantasy, FP6253, f2016,
S: Lownthwaite Gary, D: Waverhead Molly III,
Owner Mr F & Mrs M Lawson, Rider J P G
Cameron

3rd Rundales Princess, FP5001, f2009,
S: Tunstall Jake, D: Rundales Elley, Owner &
Rider Mrs A M Troy

Class 25 Traditional Ridden - Walk & Trot Only

1st Rundales Princess, FP5001, f2009,
S: Tunstall Jake, D: Rundales Elley, Owner &
Rider Mrs A M Troy

2nd Wellbrow Hilda, FP6014, f2014,
S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow
Polly Flinders, Owner & Rider Miss H Allison

3rd Dalefoot Yazz, FP6333, f2018,
S: Salisbury McCoy, D: Dalefoot Scooby, Owner
Miss B Potter, Rider Miss B Hutchinson

Class 26 Pairs Ridden - NO ENTRIES

Class 27 Ridden Class for Mares or Geldings 4 years old and upwards

1st Bowthorne Dorothy, FP5908, f2013,
S: Restar Prince Alberto, D: Bowthorne Marie,
Owner Miss E Carnochan, Rider Eva Carnochan
(Age 12)

Class 28 Ridden Class for Mares Or Geldings 4 years old and upwards

1st Greenholme Hot Rod, FP72249G*, f2013,
S: Greenholme Diego, D: Greenholme White
Rose, Owner Mrs N Chippendale, Rider Georgia
Kirkby (Age 16)

2nd Thornbeck Amy, FP5228, f2010,
S: Greenholme Heather Mist, D: Lunesdale
Limelight, Owner Mrs J Cheetham, Rider Emily
Cheetham (Age 16)

Class 29 Traditional Ridden, Walk & Trot only

1st Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Townend Truffle II,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T Francova

2nd Townend Libra, FP72446G, f2014,

S: Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D: Sleddale Lib V,
Owner & Rider Mrs K Bennett

Class 30 Ridden Class for Novice Stallions or Geldings 4 year old and upwards

1st Greenholme Mountain Warrior, F72941G,
f2018, S: Greenholme Warrior, D: Wansfell
Black Beauty, Owner & Rider Mrs H Hanson

2nd Dalewin Kingpin, FP70983G*, f2007,
S: Murthwaite Windrush, D: Dalewin Grace,
Owner & Rider Mrs N Brierley

Class 31 Ridden Class for Novice Mares 4 years old and upwards

1st Bowins Nightingale, FP6958, f2020,
S: Brocklebank Absinthe, D: Midtown Harmony,
Owner Mrs J Huddleston, Rider Miss A Metcalfe

2nd Wellbrow Hilda, FP6014, f2014,
S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow
Polly Flinders, Owner & Rider Miss H Allison

3rd Dalefoot Yazz, FP6333, f2018,
S: Salisbury McCoy, D: Dalefoot Scooby, Owner
Miss B Potter, Rider Miss B Hutchinson

Class 32 Driving Class - Stallion, Mare or Gelding 4 years old and upwards

1st Midtown Jemima, FP6140, f2015,
S: Brackenbank Oscar, D: Wellbrow Roxanne,
Owner Mrs S Hogg, Driver Mr M Hogg

Class 33 Cone Driving CANCELLED

Class 34 Young Handlers

1st Handler Mary Bell (Age 9), Lownthwaite
Heidi, FP4794, f2008,
S: Peepings Raven, D: Lownthwaite Bramble,
Owner Mrs A W Bell

2nd Handler Rosie Shield (Age 11), Highbrook
Phantom Fire, FP72684G*, f2016,
S: Birkettbank Phantom, D: Wellbrow Elsie,
Owner Miss M Thomson/Unique Homecare

3rd Handler Jack Greener (Age 10), Craggs
Stardust, FP3482, f2000,
S: Lownthwaite Gary, D: Biglands Bonny (B),
Owner Mr J E Greener

Class 35 Young Judges

1st Emily Cheetham (16)

Class 36 Fancy Dress

1st = Murthwaite Ripley, FP4990, f2009,
S: Murthwaite Look At Me, D: Heltondale
Misty IV, Owner Mrs C Wrigley, Rider Ivy
Wrigley (Age 5)

1st = Lownthwaite Heidi, FP4794, f2008,
S: Peepings Raven, D: Lownthwaite Bramble,
Owner Mrs A W Bell, Rider Mary Bell (Age 9) &
Sarah Bell (Age 7)

DRESSAGE

Class 37A BD Introductory B Test (2009) Walk & Trot Only

1st Wellbrow Kingston, FP72798G, f2017,
S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow
Polly Flinders, Owner & Rider Miss M L Younger

2nd Townend Libra, FP72446G, f2014,
S: Heltondale Bonzo Boy, D: Sledale Lib V,
Owner & Rider Mrs K Bennett

3rd Llanerchbrook Cardamom, FP6401*, f2017,
S: Severnvalle Ivor, D: Brocklebank Brown
Velvet, Owner Miss S Ashburn, Rider Lucy Webb
(Age 17)

Class 37B Prelim 13

1st Grahamsley Cracker Jack, FP71381C*,
f2009, S: Murthwaite Look At Me, D: Foalsyke
April, Owner Mrs C Wigley, Rider Miss L Hall

2nd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Townend Truffle II,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T Francova

3rd Wellbrow Norman, FP70463G, f2004,
S: Heltondale Norman, D: Wellbrow Polly
Flinders, Owner & Rider Miss M L Younger

Class 37C Novice 34

1st Grahamsley Cracker Jack, FP71381C*,
f2009, S: Murthwaite Look At Me, D: Foalsyke
April, Owner: Mrs C Wigley, Rider Miss L Hall

2nd Waverhead Fantasy, FP6253, f2016,
S: Lowthwaite Gary, D: Waverhead Molly III,
Owner Mr F & Mrs M Lawson, Rider J P G
Cameron

3rd Wellbrow Dodger, FP71672G*, f2010,
S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow
Polly Flinders, Owner & Rider Miss M L Younger

WORKING HUNTER PONY

Class 38 Beginners

1st Llanerchbrook Cardamom, FP6401*, f2017,
S: Severnvalle Ivor, D: Brocklebank Brown
Velvet, Owner Miss S Ashburn, Rider Lucy Webb
(Age 17)

2nd Bowthorne Dorothy, FP5908, f2013,
S: Restar Prince Alberto, D: Bowthorne Marie,
Owner & Rider Miss E Carnochan

3rd Clifford Holly's Charm, FP6119, f2015,
S: Stennerskeugh Smoke, D: Holling Holly,
Owner & Rider Mrs N Gwynne

Class 39 Novice Pony

1st Thornbeck Amy, FP5228, f2010,
S: Greenholme Heather Mist, D: Lunesdale
Limelight, Owner Mrs J Cheetham, Rider Emily
Cheetham (Age 16)

2nd Wellbrow Hilda, FP6014, f2014,
S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow
Polly Flinders, Owner & Rider Miss H Allison

3rd Bowthorne Dorothy, FP5908, f2013,
S: Restar Prince Alberto, D: Bowthorne Marie,
Owner & Rider Miss E Carnochan

Class 40 Intermediate Pony

1st Bowthorne Rose Marie, FP5329, f2010,
S: Restar Prince Alberto, D: Bowthorne May
Blossom, Owner & Rider Miss S Ashburn

2nd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Townend Truffle II,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T Francova

3rd Greenholme Dillon, FP71412G, f2009,
S: Greenholme Yabadabadoo, D: Greenholme
Adele, Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T
Francova

Class 41 Open Pony

1st Greenholme Dillon, FP71412G, f2009,
S: Greenholme Yabadabadoo, D: Greenholme
Adele, Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T
Francova

2nd Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Townend Truffle II,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T Francova

Class 42 Training Stakes Competition

1st Bracklinn Sam, FP72131G, f2012,
S: Bracklinn Jackpot, D: Townend Truffle II,
Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T Francova

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lakeland Cup

Champion	Bracklinn Aubrey
Reserve	Greenholme Party Girl

Shawfell Silhouette Memorial Cup

Champion	Rainesmill Conifer
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FPS Challenge Cup

Champion	Greenholme Party Girl
Reserve	Wansfell Malrina

Farleton Cup

Champion	Greenholme Ozzy
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Stennerskeugh Joe Trophy

Champion	Heltondale Rover V
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Alan Shuttleworth Trophy
Champion Bracklinn Mabel
Reserve Carrock Daenerys

The Tufton Silver Challenge Trophy
Champion Bracklinn Mabel

The Jim Bell Memorial Trophy
Champion Bracklinn Aubrey

The Sylvia Mary McCosh Memorial Rose Bowl
Champion Mr A Smith

Heltondale Lucy X Cup
Champion Greenholme Party Girl

Brackenbank Trophy
Champion Bracklinn Mabel

RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
The Greenfield Memorial Trophy
Champion Bowins Nightingale
Reserve Greenholme Mountain Warrior

The Carrock Pollyanna Trophy
Champion Drybarrows Emillie
Reserve Greenholme Hot Rod

The Littletree Trophy
Champion Greenholme Hot Rod
Reserve Bowthorne Dorothy

The Toby Tankard
Champion Greenholme Hot Rod
Reserve Bowins Nightingale

The Briar Trophy
Champion Dalewin Kingpin

Lunesdale War Dance Trophy (WHP)
Champion Llanerchbrook Cardamom
Reserve Bracklinn Sam

The Packway Bellman Trophy
Champion Bracklinn Sam

(Colour photos in centre section)

New "Junior Handler" Section in the Points Awards & Junior Handlers Competition

The Support Groups have put forward the idea of a new Junior Handler section within the FPS Performance Awards Scheme from 2024, using the same form as the other points awards sections. We would like to encourage them to record their successes in Junior Handler Classes. The Points record card has been updated on the Awards page of the FPS web site so they can list their achievements in this section. For this section, the points card can now be signed by a parent or guardian rather than a judge or show secretary.

Junior members are also invited to take part in a new "Young Handlers" competition. From September 2024 to August 2025, juniors can take part in Young Handlers classes at FPS affiliated shows, events, open days and so on, and they can qualify to take part in a final at the FPS Breed Show in 2025.

Details are being finalised now and they will shortly be available on the Awards page of the FPS web site, <https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm>, and the FPS Facebook page.

2024 Southern Show Report

After a heatwave in 2023, this year the weather in the lead up to the show was more wet than dry. Fortunately we had no worries about cancelling due to ground conditions as Berkshire College of Agriculture has ample hard standing for parking, and the day itself stayed dry, albeit against a backdrop of threatening clouds.

Once again we had strong in-hand mare classes, and judge Jenny Grealish chose Lorna Brook's Knockamillie Jasmine as champion mare, with Sue Petritz's Richmond Hope as reserve.

Christ Grant judged the gelding classes, which following last year's trend had fewer entries than the mares. Where are all the geldings? Gelding champion was Rachel Douglas' Ringstone General, with reserve Daisy Payne's Roddlesworth Celebrity.

Although classes were small, it was great to have entries in all three of the youngstock classes this year. Lorna Brook's two year old filly Bracklinn Myrtle was youngstock champion for the second year running, and her home-bred yearling Hemleyhill Elizabeth was reserve. Bracklinn Myrtle went on to take the in-hand championship, with Knockamillie Jasmine reserve. The Brooks family also deserve a trophy for managing the logistics needed to get so many ponies and handlers in the rings at the right time!

Mares did well in the ridden classes. Rebecca Rawlinson's Nabside Gracie won the Novice Traditional Ridden (walk/trot only), and Paul & Jane Steeples' Greenholme Kate both Open Traditional Ridden and Ridden classes. Jennie Ibbotson's gelding Lownthwaite Skipper won the Novice Ridden.

We also had entrants in all three children's ridden classes. Leanne Harman's Severnvale June, ridden by daughter Georgie Harman, won the lead rein class, while Roddlesworth Celebrity, ridden by Freya Payne, won the 6 - 12 year old class and Emma Woodruff's Roddlesworth Harriet, ridden by Holly Watson, won the 13 - 16 year old class. Roddlesworth Harriet and Holly won the Children's Championship, with Roddlesworth Celebrity and Freya reserve.

Greenholme Kate took the ridden championship with Freya Richard's Townend Shanti as reserve. Greenholme Kate went on to take the supreme championship, with Bracklinn Myrtle as reserve.

Once again there were only a few entries forward in the working hunter pony classes, this year judged by Clare Wigley. Tabitha Bennett's Wellbrow Leonora won both the intermediate and open classes and took the championship, with novice winner Susie Dakin's Murthwaite Rosewood reserve. The dressage classes, judged by Julie Jerome, attracted good entries for the walk/trot, which was won by Susanna White's Murthwaite Ted's Lass. Lownthwaite Skipper won the Prelim, and qualified for the 2025 NPS Dressage Championships.

As usual the handy pony/horse agility course caused great amusement. It could be tackled in-hand or ridden, and Diana McGrail and Lydvale Jet swept the board in both sections. The star round however, as judged by spectators, was by three year old Georgie Harman (helped by mum Leanne) with Severnvale Ruby Rose!

Huge thanks to our judges, helpers and sponsors, without whom this show wouldn't happen. We are always in need of more help - next year's show is 14th September 2025, and if you would like to help us organise it please get in touch via fellsouthernshow@gmail.com

Georgina Blair

Full results are on the FPS web site and will be included in the Spring 2025 issue of the Magazine.

Reminders about Show Turnout

Clipping, Trimming and More

Having heard some odd stories about members' show ring experiences during the recent season, it seems necessary to remind both exhibitors AND judges that there is a document on our FPS web site called "Handbook for Showing and Competing". In it, you can read the traditional turnout required for exhibiting Fell ponies in all show disciplines.

Ownership

Ponies must be registered and entered, at any show, in the name of the legal owner or lessee. All ponies must hold a valid FPS passport and be registered in the main section of the FPS Stud Book; ponies registered in section X may not be shown at Fell Pony Society, NPS, BSPS, affiliated or County shows, but may participate in Fell Pony Society performance events (eg dressage, driving, endurance, performance trials etc.) Section X ponies may compete in the Performance Awards but are not eligible to receive any of the Horserace Betting Levy Board's premiums.

Breed Description and Scale of Points

Please note that the only version of the Breed Description and Scale of Points that is current is the one on the FPS web site, here:

https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/about_breed.htm#description - older versions of the breed description, and text copied from it, are frequently offered by search engines but they should be ignored. Go directly to the FPS web site for the most recent version.

Updates to the Rules, Regulations and Memorandum and Articles will be advised in the FPS Magazine but they are uploaded on the web site as soon as they are approved by Council and/or the Annual General Meeting.

White Markings

Note that the "permitted white markings" section was updated 2 years ago, voted on, approved and reported in the AGM Minutes in the Autumn Magazine 2022. It reads:

"A star or white above lower eye level and white below nostrils and any white on the hind leg/hof is acceptable.

"An excess of white markings, including flesh marks, is discouraged, ie a blaze or stripe, or white and / or flesh marks, below lower eye level and above nostrils and / or any amount of white on a front hoof or leg, but such ponies are eligible for registration in section X."

Riders' Turnout

Exhibitors and their grooms must, at all times, present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed.

Riders should be correctly attired for Ridden Mountain and Moorland classes, with a correctly fitting hard hat. (A tweed jacket and beige jodhpurs, for example, are usually recommended.) Whilst there are no written rules regarding turnout, it is generally felt that tack similar to that befitting a hunter is most suitable.

It is not appropriate to have brightly coloured brow bands, numnahs or reins. Plain leather is all that is required.

Only traditional English style riding tack is permitted. (i.e. not Western style).

Spurs or dress spurs must not be worn.

Show canes and whips are not to exceed 75cms. (30 inches)

Competitors shall not ill treat ponies at any time.

Ponies to be shown in natural state

Ponies must be shown unplaited and untrimmed, including head, mane, feather and tail, which should not have been previously plaited as the hair should be straight and silky.

No trimming, make-up, hair dyeing or extensions.

We have been told that some judges at upper levels of showing are telling Fell exhibitors that ponies' beards should be trimmed so the judge can better see the jawline. This is not traditional turnout for a Fell pony and we would encourage judges at all levels to look on the FPS web site and read the Society's Showing Handbook to make sure they understand the breed's presentation requirements.

As published in the Spring 2022 Issue of the Magazine, trimming or shaving of the sensory hairs around the mouth, nose, eyes and ears is not allowed, as it may reduce the pony's sensory ability. FPS Council agree that the welfare of the pony is paramount. Spot checks of ponies may also be done at FPS shows. FPS panel judges are expected to take relevant action if this rule is broken, eg to penalise a trimmed or shaved exhibit presented before them in the ring.

Eye make-up, hair dyeing or hair extensions are not allowed.

Clipping of winter coats on working ponies, whilst not encouraged for showing, is not debarred. However, ponies 3 years and under must not be clipped for showing.

Bridles, Halters and Biting

Stallions and colts 2 years of age and older must be adequately bitted and under the control of a handler aged 14 or over. Stallion tack is optional. Yearlings may not be shown bitted.

White rope or webbing halters may be used to show youngstock. Brood mares, geld mares and geldings may also be shown in rope or webbing halters or in a bridle.

Handbook for Showing and Competing

The full Handbook covering turnout and behaviour for all showing disciplines is available on the FPS web site, https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/showing_competing.htm

*information collated from FPS Regulations and Handbook by
Sue Millard*

Volunteering at a FPS Breed Show

Many of us love to show our ponies; sometimes we wonder why we do it and sometimes we can't wait for the next one. I'm told childbirth is similar! But do you ever stop to think about all the hard work that goes into making a show a success?

For about 20 years I was involved in the Southern Show and for about 10 of those I was the organiser. The meetings were great as they involved a lovely lunch but there was a lot of hard work involved. Many hands do indeed make light work.

In the last few years I have helped out at the main Breed Show in August. Initially I was helping to set up the dressage arena, and then stewarding. This year I was promoted to Chief Steward.

I have attended the Breed Show for many years, both with and without ponies, and indeed I was at the second show in 1971 when, as now, it was held at Dalemmain (and it rained sideways all day). However, being a helper brings a new dimension to being there:

new friends are made and stories swapped and it gives a sense of fun and teamwork and makes for a lovely day. It really feels like you are close to the home of the ponies for the day with like minded people as well as doing your bit for our special breed.

So why am I writing this? The answer is that those of us who help at the Breed Show feel we need more helpers and the enthusiasm they bring.

We always need help setting up and it's only a couple of hours on the Saturday to do that. We have got very good at laying out the dressage arena (geometry practice!) so we did it in an hour this year, but we do need help with rings and tents, putting them up and taking them down. It would also be good to find new storage for the tents - somewhere safe, dry and vermin free.

On show day we need two stewards per ring plus someone to run errands. With four rings plus WHP and dressage that's at least 12 people. The good thing about stewarding is you can learn show craft and what the judge is looking for. If you have never stewarded before don't be afraid, as we can pair you with an experienced steward and you will learn.

We also need volunteers for other jobs on the day - and you get to have a lovely lunch with other helpers and judges.

So why not volunteer to help out next year? Drop a line to the Shows Secretary Lara Kneale (07867 663545, email: Larakneale77@gmail.com) to give her an idea about what you might be able to do, and come and join us in running any of the Society's Shows.

And who knows, perhaps we can all have a meal and catch up on the day prior to the show?

Liz Whitley

Voluntary DNA testing of filly foals to continue

Voluntary DNA testing of filly foals will be offered again from January 2025, test paid by FPS.

UK and overseas tests are done via Weatherbys where possible; USA breeders can use a lab in their own country and then be issued with a credit against future transactions once confirmation is received of the amount paid, up to a maximum of £50.

On request the DNA kit will be issued with the passport application form. The foal should be microchipped at the same time that the vet takes the hair sample. The hair sample **must** be taken by a vet.

Parentage testing to be carried out where possible.

The FPS **will not** pay for the DNA test when

- i) the foal is as a result of AI
- ii) the sire is required to be confirmed, eg, there is no service certificate or the service certificate was submitted late
- iii) it is a late registration requiring parentage testing
- iv) the passport application is received after 30 November in the year of birth.

If you're interested, then please email the FPS office.

COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH SECTION



Supreme Champion at the Stallion & Colt Show was Lunesdale Black Ice II, FP71130C, Lic FP588, f2008, Owner Miss K Raine, Breeder Mr A W & The Late Mrs C Morland*

*Youngstock Champion was the 2 year old
Greenholme Quirky, FP73567C, f2022, Owner &
Breeder Misses R J & B K Potter*

*Youngstock Reserve Champion was the
yearling Rainesmill Billy Boy, FP73705C,
f2023, Owner Miss Z Alderslade, Breeder Miss
K Raine*





all photos credit: Claire Simpson

*Breed Show Working Hunter Champion and Reserve
with Judges Mrs C Pickering & Mrs C Wigley -*

*(left) Llanerchbrook Cardamom, Owner Miss S Ashburn, Rider Lucy Webb
and (right) Bracklinn Sam, Owner Miss C Simpson, Rider Ms T Francova.*

Sam also took the Packway Bellman Trophy for the most points accumulated at the Show.

*Winner of the Gelding class at the Breed
Show, Mrs L Bamforth's Greenholme Ozzy*



*Winner of the Gelding class at the Stallion
Show, Bob Beaty's Stennerskeugh Nicholas*





(Above, left) Breed Show Supreme Champion Bracklinn Mabel with Kirsteen Smith, and Reserve Bracklinn Aubrey with Alistair Smith (far right) with the Judges Russell Sutcliffe, Melissa Kreuzer and Sue Mallinson.

(Below, left) Breed Show Reserve Champion Bowins Nightingale, ridden by Alex Robinson; Judges Hayley Reynolds and Sue Mallinson, and (right) Champion Greenholme Hot Rod, ridden by Georgia Kirkby





Claire Simpson

South Cumbria Show:

Champion Lammerside Red Princess, FP7121, f2021, Owner & Handler Mrs N Chippendale, and Reserve Champion Drybarrows Emillie, FP6826, f2019, Owner Miss A R Metcalfe, Rider Miss A Robinson; with judges Mr Kevin Turner and Mrs Penny Randell

The ridden championship lineup at South Cumbria Show



Claire Simpson



Claire Simpson

South Cumbria Show: Ridden Champion Drybarrows Emillie, Owner Miss A R Metcalfe, Rider Miss A Robinson and Reserve Lunesdale Forgetmenot, Owner & Rider Miss B Lewis

(Below) Konkertree Peanut, bred by Aylin Kay and owned and ridden by Rebekah Adshead. Peanut is only 12.3hh but has accumulated 172 points in British Dressage. Having moved through Preliminary, Novice, Elementary and Medium, he is now competing at Advanced level. (see p91)





Lowther Estate

Newly turned out Fell mares in the Lowther herd,

(above) exploring the land at Celleron,

and (below) working out why there are Tamworth pigs in their landscape (see p82)



Lowther Estate



*Members enjoyed the Midlands East Group's Silver Jubilee Ride on 21st April
(see p62)*

*Right: Laura Spencer's Wellbrow mares Kizzy and Nell have a "pit stop"
at the Three Crowns
(see p76)*

*Eileen Walker, Angela Cairns, Rebecca Elliott & Samantha Summers, "The Fellowship"
winning in British Dressage Team Quest
(see p80)*





Southern Show

Above: Ridden Champion Greenholme Kate, and Reserve Ridden Champion Townend Shanti

Right, Supreme Champion Greenholme Kate, and Res Supreme Bracklinn Myrtle.

The Judges were Jenny Grealish and Chris Grant



Children's Champion (left) was Holly Watson with Roddlesworth Harriet, and Reserve was Freya Payne with Roddlesworth Celebrity.

Below: In-hand Champion Bracklinn Myrtle and Reserve Champion Knockamillie Jasmine, with Judges Jenny Grealish and Chris Grant, and Probationer Jane Rawden



Greenholme Kate



Greenholme Kate, owned by Jane & Paul Steeples, took the Overall Supreme at the Southern Fell Pony Show. Kate is ridden and produced by Aimee Devane and is by Greenholme Warrior out of Greenholme Bethany. At the show she won the traditional trotting class, open ridden, the Ridden Supreme and the overall Supreme. Kate has qualified for the Horse of the Year Show and took the Open Ridden Final Championship at the NPS Summer Championships. She also stood 3rd at the Royal International Horse Show where she was the highest placed Fell pony and only placed mare.

Aimee Devane



Judge Jenny Grealish congratulates Leanne Harman and her daughter Georgie riding Severnvale June at the FPS Southern Show

Learning With Fells Scheme

First of all, I'd just like to thank the Fell Pony Society for running this amazing Scheme and offering me a place to take part. The information gained from the visits has been invaluable and I have learnt far more than my expectations. Thank you also to the three studs that gave up their time to accommodate us and for your hospitality.

Stud Visit Number 1 - on a pretty miserable day, we got the opportunity to visit the Hardendale Stud, kindly hosted by the Mallinson family. As the weather forecast turned out to be as predicted, with heavy rain and generally miserable, it was greatly appreciated that the ponies had been brought indoors in preparation of our visit, so that we didn't have to experience the awful weather. We were shown the mares and foals individually with Barry giving information on the background of each mare. We then saw their stallion and gelding both of which Georgina competes and in between the downpours of rain, were treated to a ridden demonstration of both ponies; as a Novice compared to a more experience pony. It was very clear that Georgina puts a lot of time and hard work into training her ponies, proven by her success, and I wish her the very best in the future. I found Barry, Tracey and Georgina all very informative and more than willing to answer any questions we had. Thank You all for an enjoyable, informative visit.

Stud Visit Number 2 - only one day after the first visit, but what a difference in the weather. The sun shone for our visit to the Brackenbank Stud, kindly hosted by the Wilkinson family. Another very informative visit, where again I learnt even more about these wonderful Fell ponies.

David showed us this year's filly foals, whom he'd brought into their stables with their Dams. He showed us how he teaches them to be tied up in the stable as well as teaching them to lead.

We were allowed to go into each stable and see the mares and foals; which had all been tied up. He then brought out a yearling filly, as a comparison to the foals and used her as a 'guinea pig' for pointing out whorls, markings etc which would be used to complete the Foal Registration Form which is used to form part of the pony's passport.

The mares and foals were then let out and we had a walk up to the area where the dams with their colt foals were kept.

David challenged us to look at the foals and put them in ranking order from what we thought of them, which foal had the best qualities. David told us which foal he had chosen and the reasons behind it; information which I personally found so valuable.

We then got to go on a short trip down the road to see their stallion, Bybeck Angelo whom I think we all fell in love with for his kind temperament and placid nature. David and Katherine, with help from their daughter Megan, were the perfect hosts and yet again, I learnt so much from our visit and found our hosts extremely knowledgeable and very happy to answer all of our questions. Thank You again to the Wilkinson family.

Stud Visit Number 3 - The Greenrivers Stud, kindly hosted by Kev Turner. Again we were blessed with a lovely dry day as we wandered around the vast areas of land that the ponies are kept on. We met Kev at one of the fields where his semi-feral herd are lucky enough to live.

Kev told us a little bit about his background and how he ended up breeding these amazing ponies. He was extremely informative - his passion for them is obvious. He was able to give us background information on each and every one of his ponies and was more than happy to answer any questions we had.

We were also lucky enough to see his beautiful stallion Wellbrow Rover. We then travelled a short distance to another of Kev's fields, where the 'more senior' mares live and got to see even more beautiful mares and foals. Again Kev was able to give information on all of these ponies and was happy to answer even more questions that we had. He talked to us about herd dynamics, which was really interesting, and we were able to witness some of the things he told us about whilst we were there. Thank you Kev.

As a 'new breeder' with my first couple of foals due next year, I found the whole 'Learning With Fells Scheme' an invaluable experience. It allowed me to see ponies kept in various different ways and gave me the opportunity to ask the experienced Breeders all of the questions I was hoping to get answers for. Thank you to each and every one of you for sharing your knowledge and giving up your time to open up your Studs for our visits; I for one definitely benefitted from each visit.

Nic Brierley

Learning With Fells

Greenrivers Stud

A very enjoyable and informative day, meeting Kevin Turner's ponies near Walsall.

The ponies which Kevin keeps on several different fields were shown to us, while Kevin gave an interesting background to the start up of his newly set up stud. The main bulk of the herd was running on 221 acres of rough natural grazing, which is similar to the Fell's natural terrain.

Kevin talked about his interest in Fell ponies, and how a number of breeders had helped him find suitable ponies to use as foundation stock. He told us that Peter Boustead had been particularly supportive, teaching him what best to look for in a pony's conformation.



Murthwaite Jackie and Greenrivers Aunt Polly



Wellbrow Rover

He has set up his stud with diverse blood lines, using a number of different sources for purchasing his stock.

Kevin has used three different stallions on his mares this year: Wellbrow Rover, who had foals from for us to look at and compare, and Townend Sky Rocket, who was on loan and running with a few selected mares. Also Fellacre Hip Hip Hooray, whom we didn't visit, as he was a young colt and not used to having groups of people in his field.

We first visited a large group of mares who were running with Rover, who was bred from Heltondale Mountain Mist II whose good influence will be running through Rover and all his foals.

Wellbrow Rover is good with his mares, and waits until they call him over, a proper gentleman and a lovely stamp of pony.

We saw mares from Greenholme, Drybarrows, Murthwaite and several other breeders running with Rover and could compare different types of pony.

Two foals that Kevin liked were Greenrivers Raindance, and G. Aunt Polly (p55).

We saw a lovely little mare, Stennerskeugh Amanda May III, with her foal Greenrivers Jeremiah.



Stennerskeugh Amanda May III with foal Greenrivers Jeremiah

Kevin emphasised his use of a stringent worming program, and says it has paid off as his mares are still easy to get into foal well into their twenties.

He cautioned to be vigilant about liver fluke infestations as well.

We then went over to see a Townend stallion, Sky Rocket, running with some younger mares.

Kevin pointed out some conformational faults including one on an otherwise very nice mare, whose fault was her "V frame", that could be seen from the front as a shelving in from the shoulder to the ground giving the appearance of a V.

All mares had foaled, except a lovely bay mare called Murthwaite Maggie (B).



Townend Sky Rocket with some of Kevin Turner's younger mares

Maggie was out of Foggy Gill Prim (A) who was Champion at the breed show in 1991, as a brood mare, when she had Maggie's sister Murthwaite Brown Betty (B) as her foal at foot.

Brackenbank Stud

We were given a lovely welcome by Katherine, David and their daughter Megan, and while David was telling us about how he'd started the stud years ago, we were given flapjacks and coffee in the comfort of the barn, with a backdrop of rowdy chickens laying their eggs.



David gave a long interesting talk about the foundation of the stud, and talked knowledgeably about many aspects of pony breeding.

We then went around to their yard where Katherine told me about the awful day that the Beast from the East had hit when ponies were inside, and how it had taken a full 4 hours to dig the ponies out from the drifted snow which was up to the top of the stable doors!

We were shown three different mares and foals fastened up, showing us different types of pony and the foals they had bred. Most of the foals this year were got by resident stallion Bybeck Angelo.

The mares we were to view were:

A little bay mare by Wellbrow Lancashire lad, which had produced a very well grown filly foal: Brackenbank Ruby Red (*bottom of facing page*).

The next mare was Brackenbank Violet, who had produced a nice black filly by Applegait Indigo Archie. The third mare was Brackenbank Ebony with a colt foal by Angelo.

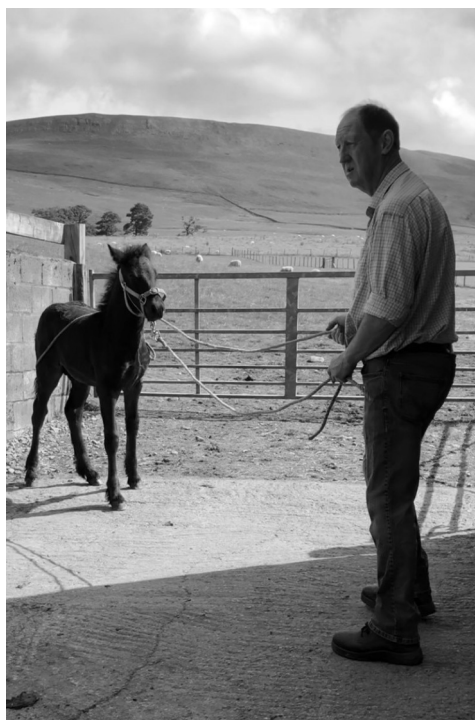
David haltered this foal and showed us a very clever technique of teaching a foal to lead quietly without too much fuss.

He got a long piece of rope and attached it to the halter at one end, and then made a large loop of rope to place over the foal's quarters, making sure that the rope wasn't so loose as to get its back legs caught.

He then applied steady pressure to the head and quarters, encouraging the foal to walk forwards, which was highly effective.

David also demonstrated how to quietly pick up a yearling's feet.

We went out to the allotment, and saw a number of mares, foals and youngsters.



David Wilkinson showing (left) how to use a rope to encourage a foal to lead; and (right) how to teach a yearling to lift a foot



There was a lovely colt foal (*left*) by Bybeck Angelo out of Brackenbank Sorrel (by Murthwaite Look at Me).

He was David's first choice pick from the foals we were asked to put into order of preference.

We went down into village to see Bybeck Angelo, who took a shine to one of the visitors.

David said that Angelo has a very easy temperament, which is passed on to his foals.

We then all returned to the barn for more tea and cake and further discussions.

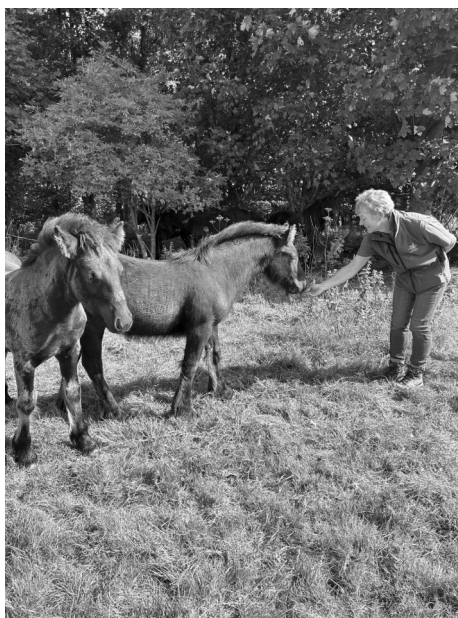
A very informative and interesting day. Thank you to the Wilkinsons.

Gina Blundell



Claire Simpson

Supreme Champion at the South Cumbria Show, Lammerside Red Princess shown by Mrs N Chippendale



Lowther Estate

Hilary Bliss with some of the new foals at Lowther

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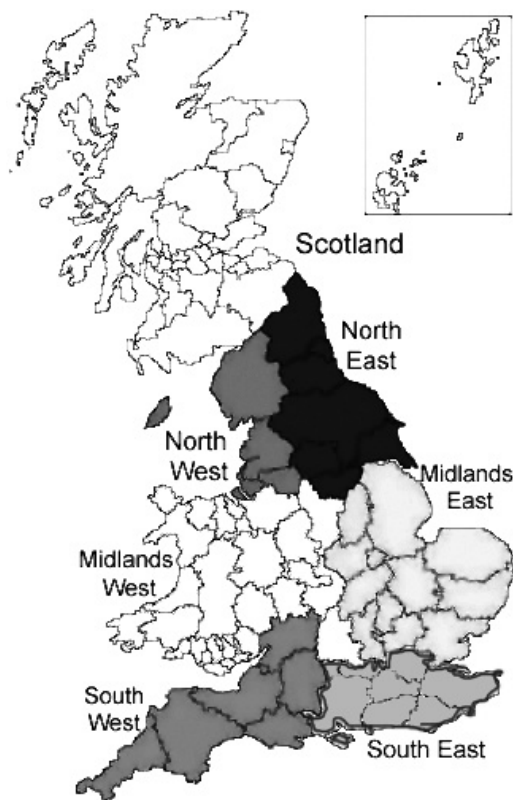
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North East Area Support Group – Autumn 2024

I feel summer has passed me by very quickly this year but at least we have had some good weather to enjoy ponies and get our winter feed supplies, although it was in rather short bursts.

Our plan to hold a training day at Marwood Equestrian Centre failed to materialise as Sarah Tubbs was very busy writing a book so blocked out many days during April as she had a deadline to meet. She is a very talented equestrian and an excellent tutor so I am planning to organise something in April 2025. Some of our members have requested polework and jumping so that is what I am working towards and hope to have a secure booking very soon.

The annual Fell and Highland Camp had to be trimmed down as the ground conditions were not good after many days of rain. Maybe I should have written "many months of rain" as it failed to stop during last winter and early spring. Rather than cancel the event, Sarah and Chris decided to run two groups staying one night each.

All parking and camping took place in the farm yard on hard standing and all lessons were held in the outdoor school on a surface. Not quite the freedom that we normally have but a welcomed opportunity to catch up with friends and share a laugh. Fingers crossed that the weather will be kinder to us in 2025.

Our final event before the summer showing season was our summer picnic/social held at my home in mid June. Once again the weather was an issue so Donald and I cleaned out our large agricultural shed and organised bales to sit on instead of lying out on the lawn. Thirty-five people attended and it was dry when we did our usual tour of the ponies but just as we were starting our picnic lunch, the rain began to fall so we were pleased that we had prepared an undercover area. We held a fun photo competition which was well supported and the audience voted for their favourites. The winners received pony items and treats.

We are happy to receive suggestions for a fun activity to do in 2025.

"The Fellowship", an all-Fell, North East dressage team, have had a very busy nine months since they began their journey in January 2024. There is a separate article in this magazine (p80) which gives details of riders and their ponies.

They have all worked very hard to promote the versatility of a Fell pony, and have received many complimentary comments along the way. They were in 7th place on the leader board which gained them a place in the regional semi-finals; and they secured 6th position at the semi-finals. Only the top three teams go through to the National Finals so we will have to try harder next year.

If anyone would like to join us on this dressage journey during 2025, then please get in touch.

In addition to being part of the team, two members also competed in the My Quest competition.

Rebecca Elliott riding Rackwood Bonnie Lass was placed 2nd on the leader board and secured 2nd position at the regional semi-finals, which means she is heading down to the National Finals in November.

We wish her every success and will be watching the competition very closely.



LeMieux British Dressage - Quest Club Semi Final

*Rebecca Elliott riding
Rackwood Bonnie Lass*

Rebecca received the North East Group £200 Training Bursary earlier this year. She has been following one of her dreams and preparing to compete in dressage to music, so we look forward to hearing all about her remarkable journey with her Fell pony dancing partner.

The second My Quest rider was I, Eileen Walker, riding Rackwood Maggie May. Maggie was still suckling her late born 2023 foal in January 2024 so she had to make a very quick transition from a broodmare to a dressage pony ready to be part of the team. We were placed 12th on the leader board at the end of August and managed to secure the last place at the My Quest semi-finals, and were placed 11th at the competition so there is definitely room for improvement but we have enjoyed the experience and will continue in 2025.

Fourteen of you have registered for the 2024 Challenge to ride a total of 25 miles, being the number of years since the support groups were established, and to put your bingo card photos onto the 2024 FPS Challenge page on Facebook.

I shall be in touch with you all once I have the rosettes so we can have an informal lunch to make the presentations and discuss what you would like to do during 2025. Some of the photographs are really imaginative and fun so if you haven't had a look at what our members have been up to, spare a few minutes to check them out.

I hope that you all have a peaceful winter and recharge your batteries ready for a busy 2025.

Our first event of 2025 will be our Sunday Lunch event early in February.

Please remember to complete your north east points sheets and send to Heather Mawrey (hmawrey@hotmail.com) by 15th December in order to receive your rosettes at our annual Sunday lunch event.

All trophy winners need to return their trophies to me by the end of the year so that they can be engraved before being given out in 2025.

Eileen A Walker
(eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk)

North Scotland Area Support Group

The North Scotland area group and a few new friends met at Boyndlie Fell ponies, the home of the Cheetham family, in Aberdeenshire, for a social and demonstration by a local Emmett Technique practitioner.

Boyndlie Black Rose and Thornbeck Amy were perfect equine models, along with some creaky human Guinea pigs, who volunteered to try the muscle release therapy, and went home feeling a few less aches and pains.

Amy delighted us by playing the class clown to her audience, but she showed some very odd reactions during her treatment demo - you had to see it to believe it. A few finger tip movements produced visible results. We are still a bit in awe - such a weird experience to see (witchcraft was mentioned, but ponies can't lie).

Jacqueline Cheetham



Midlands East Area Support Group

Since the last Magazine, we held our Annual Points Awards celebration on 2nd March. We had a really good turnout, with Members travelling from all over the Midlands East Area. Trophies and rosettes were presented, celebrating everyone's achievements with their ponies in 2023. Also, members who completed the FPS 96 miles Challenge were presented with their rosettes.

Our next event was our Silver Jubilee Ride & Picnic held on Sunday 21st April. In the weeks prior to Event, we were unsure if it would be able to go ahead due to the terrible weather we'd been experiencing, however, the weather changed that weekend and we had a lovely Ride followed by a Picnic. The Ride consisted of 8 Fell Ponies, together with 3 Fell Friends around some lovely countryside. Those taking part in the FPS 2024 Challenge were also able to use the opportunity to accumulate some hacking miles and take advantage of getting some lovely photos for their Bingo cards. Our thanks go to Judy and Nick Hill for hosting the Event for the second year running at their home in Lutterworth.

Then, the Show season started (or didn't). We had planned to hold a WH & Showing Clinic. However unfortunately due to the horrendous weather we'd been experiencing, this event had to be postponed. Also, with great sadness, our first Midlands East Horse & Pony Show, which was due to take place on 26th May was cancelled due to a waterlogged Show Field. Everyone then had their fingers crossed that the weather would change for our Midlands Fell Pony Show which was being run in conjunction with the MWSG just three weeks later and although the weather wasn't 100% whilst we were setting up on the Saturday, with one of the gazebos nearly taking off over the Gotham Hills, Sunday turned out to be a perfect day for a Show; not too hot nor too cold nor too windy.

We decided to run a joint Fell Pony Breed Show with the Midlands West Group, in

celebration of the Fell Pony Society's Area Support Group's Silver Jubilee year. We thought it fitting that we joined our neighbouring Area to hold this event. We had a very good turnout of beautiful Fell ponies, very kindly judged by Michael Goddard who travelled quite a way up North to be with us and judge both our In-hand classes in the morning and the Ridden classes in the afternoon. We also had a WH course, Dressage and a Handy Pony course.

All results can be found on the ME & MW Facebook Group pages and the MESG website, <http://www.fps-mesg.co.uk/>. Libby Robinson from the FPHT very generously offered to travel down to us with her display tent and Janet and Georgina Blair very kindly brought some Fell Pony Society merchandise. I think it's fair to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day out with us - so watch this space for 2025!

Midlands East Horse & Pony Shows

The second of our Shows took place on 14th July, and the third on 8th September, and we were fortunately blessed with good weather. Both Shows had a good turnout of ponies and horses and everyone had thoroughly enjoyable days. Again full results can be found on the ME Facebook Group page and the MESG website.

The final Show will take place indoors at Barton Equestrian Centre, NG11 0AA on 8th December - everyone is welcome, so please do come along and support this Show.

Our final event will be our Annual Points Awards, (date to be confirmed) in celebration of everyone's achievements during 2024; further details to follow.

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Show in December and our Points Awards Event.

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The FPS Sales List, Grassroots, & FPS Member Directory

THESE SERVICES ARE FREE TO FPS MEMBERS

Sales List

Turnover on the **Sales list of Fell Ponies** on the FPS web site continues to be very fast, with ponies generally finding new homes in less than a month of being advertised.

The Sales List can be found at http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/sales_list.htm. It is updated with fresh adverts as they are received.

Each advertisement is shown for 3 months, after which time it will be reviewed. To advertise Fell Ponies for sale or place a Wanted ad, please submit details to the FPS Secretary by email.

Non-members can advertise Fell ponies of which they are the recorded owner, for the fee of £10 for 3 months. Fell Pony related items such as saddles, carriages, and harnesses can also be advertised on the FPS website, subject to approval.

Grassroots Online Registry

FPS members can flag their ponies for sale on the database. Use the 'Manage My Animals' option in the drop down menu, then select 'Flag animals for sale'. You need to give permission, if not already done, for potential buyers to see your address, phone number and email address. Please check with the FPS Secretary if you are unsure.

The Grassroots web address is <https://breeds.grassroots.co.uk/FELL>. It is also linked from the foot of the FPS Home page (the fastest way to find the link is to click the 'Menu' option at the top of the Home page, which takes you to the foot of the page.)

Grassroots Passwords

Passwords are not automatically assigned by the system any more; members allocate their own password. New members will receive a link via email to

'set a password' for Grassroots when they join the Society.

If for some reason as a current member you no longer have your 'log in' details, you should not need to contact the Office. You should go to the Grassroots Log In screen and "click to Reset Password", and you will be sent a link, via the email we have for you, to reset your password.

Member Directory

Listing in the **Member Directory** on the FPS web site is purely voluntary. We do not otherwise publish your personal data.

The Directory page is http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/member_dir.htm.

If you wish your details to be added please be guided by the listing request form online. Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate. Your Listing will be removed at your request, or if your current FPS membership lapses.

South West Area Support Group

Dorset Fell Show was held on 12th May at Kingston Maurward EC. Full results are available on the Dorset Fell Show facebook page. The Supreme Champion was Brackenthwaite Barklay, with the reserve going to Severnvale Tyson. I loved the quiz!

The Area Group show was held at Dunster Country Fair on July 24th.

Our Supreme Champion was Murthwaite Rifleman, and the Reserve was Restar Lucky Mike. This year we had a pairs class for the first time and the winners of that were Lydvale Leo and Waverhead Patience.

Having seen Severnvale Tyson and Lydvale Leo in action in 2023, I have been very impressed with the change in both ponies. It's easy to see there's been a lot of hard work going on with them over the past year as they are delinquents no longer!

Many of you will remember George Guy. George's great-granddaughter made her debut at the FPS Southern show this year, in the lead-rein class, and riding a Severnvale pony (June). Well done to Leanne, Georgie & June, you make a lovely trio. George would have been so proud of you all.

Lucie Clark, who looks after Jane Robinson's Fells & Dales at Oare on Exmoor, has been doing a sponsored ride to raise money for the Bone Cancer Research Trust. The aim is to cover 250km in one month and she has until the end of September to do it. She has already raised over £300 and at the time of writing has covered many of her miles already. Well done Lucie and the ponies!

Sue Howes

We all know how versatile Fell ponies are, and there is now a volunteer role they can do. Townend Eva and I have become members of Dorset Police's Rural Mounted Volunteers.

I have a polo shirt and a Hi-vis which has 'Police Volunteer' written on it, and I also have an ID badge.

Eva has a set of police hi-vis as well. I book a duty online saying briefly where I will be hacking and the time I will be out. All we have to do is keep our eyes open for anything that isn't as it should be. If there is anything then I report it to whoever needs to know.

Eva loves to hack and is very interested in everything. She is very friendly and happy to stop and chat with people.



Sharron Camp's Townend Eva modelling her official outfit as a member of Dorset Police's Rural Mounted Volunteers

So far we have found the owner of a dog running on the road, and reported fly-tipping. One of the other volunteers regularly shuts gates that walkers have left open.

I have always reported anything unusual I have seen while out hacking so it is nice to be part of a team.

Eva has also been busy competing in Horse agility online this year including the Summer sport that is run throughout July and August. This consists of lots of different classes and we can enter as many as we like. This year we joined Ally Knight with her two Fell ponies Shadowcroft Pagan Princess and Dalehead Midnight Express to take part as a team. Eva was placed in three classes with 2nd, 4th & 6th place.

Sharron Camp

The Fell Pony Society & Conservancy of the Americas

This year the Fell Pony Society & Conservancy of America (FPS Conservancy) is celebrating two milestones - 25 years of North American Fell pony education, promotion, and conservation, and 20 years as an FPS Overseas Branch.

Breeding registered Fells in North America only began in the mid-1980s with two import breeders. By 1999, importations to North America had resulted in a fledgling nucleus of some twenty ponies and only a handful of breeders and owners. The two original importers, New Farm of Florida & Midnight Valley of Colorado, both retired inside of 10 years of tenure, leaving BroughHill/Victoria Tollman as the next oldest established breeder - and that wasn't saying much since the stud only began in 1996 with youngstock, producing its first foal in 1999.

Concerned about the future of the breed, but hungry to learn and excited about promoting Fells, a handful of green breeders wanted to create a community that would honor the traditional pony and pave a path for the future of the breed in North America.

Together in 1999, the following 8 breeders became the founding members with 15 mares and 3 stallions between them:

Judith Bean, Maine, USA - 1 mare

BroughHill/Victoria Tollman, North Carolina, USA - 2 mares, 2 stallions

Erica Brunner, Ontario, CANADA - 1 mare

Kelmscott Rare Breed Farm, Maine, USA - 1 mare

LaurelHighland/Mary Jean Gould-Early, Pennsylvania, USA - 3 mares, 1 stallion

MustaHevonen/Wendy Ihlang, Washington - 4 mares

Deerstones/Joan O'Brien, Ontario, CANADA - 1 mare

Majestic/Dan Shannahan, Ohio, USA - 2 mares

Though it was only an informal support group, and scattered coast to coast on a continent more than 3,000 miles across, The FPS Conservancy took on the ground-level task of establishing promotional material, websites, Yahoo groups, email networks, and educational materials to help properly promote the Fells as a breed in North America. The early efforts set the stage for 25 years of good stewardship, staving off early waves of mini-Friesian nonsense and a rare breed livestock group that tried to lump the Dales and Fells as a single breed; meanwhile encouraging new owners and breeders who were enthusiastic about the true pony. In the new millennium The FPS Conservancy discouraged the creation of an American registry and instead promoted that all NA Fells be registered with FPS, a decision that has held up through these two decades.

Today, the FPS Conservancy's focus remains on education, networking for breeders and owners regardless of NA affiliations, instruction on proper presentation, and preservation of traits for the traditional Fell Pony per the rules and guidelines of the Fell Pony Society, the mother registry.

The Fell Pony Conservancy has held Fell pony breed shows and Fell pony classes judged by qualified UK Fell judges. While the vast distance and smaller population makes showing difficult and not reasonable for an annual affair, to date, the FPS Conservancy has held 3 North American Nationals - once every 8 years.

This year being one of those "8-year cycles" happily coincided with the FPS's 25th anniversary of Area Support Groups, the Conservancy's 25th year of operation and its 20th year as an FPS Overseas Branch. Our 3rd North American Fell Pony Nationals took place this past June in Virginia under the umbrella of the equine conservation group, the Equus Survival Trust; and for the first time ever for FPS, as the first affiliated FPS Branch breed show anywhere. The show was open to any

registered Fell Pony. (A detailed account of class results and photos of the NA Fell Pony Nationals appears in a separate article.) A big "thank you" to our 2024 FPS Conservancy Board:

Dr. Alison Emslie-Smith, president, -
Minnesota, USA

Jenny Keen, vice-president, Devon, UK

Victoria Tollman, secretary/treasurer, -
North Carolina, USA

Allison Wolff, board member at large, -
Ohio, USA

Kimber Bishop, member at large, Missouri,
USA

As an organization, the FPS Conservancy remains committed to our mission - to preserve, protect, and educate the wider North American community about the Fell pony. We look forward to our continued support by and for the Fell Pony Society in the years to come.

Victoria Tollman



3rd North American Fell Pony Breed Championships

Under the umbrella of the Equus Survival Trust's (EST) Stewardship Awards of North America (SANA), the Fell Pony Society & Conservancy of the Americas (Fell Pony Conservancy) held its 3rd Fell Pony North American Nationals in Lexington, Virginia.

Given the expanse of North America and limited numbers of Fell ponies here, these NA Nationals are held every 8 years, the previous two being 2008 and 2016, in conjunction with the large rare breed EST SANAFest on that same cycle. EST's SANAFest was well attended, as always, with 13 different endangered breeds and nearly 80 exhibitors participating in 117 classes.

This year marked our 25th year as a Fell pony organization and our 20th year as an FPS Overseas Branch.

Whereas our past nationals have always been kindly supported by the FPS with a special rosette, this year's FPS Fell Conservancy's NA Nationals were honored to have been given a "first" for any Overseas Branch, as an FPS-affiliated Overseas Branch show.

As such, FPS provided rosettes for In-Hand Champion and Ridden Champion.

The coveted performance award for our SANA Most Versatile (MV) Fell Pony, the Wolds Songthrush rosette, was kindly donated by Liz Whitley, an FPS council member, who had been a close friend of Jane Glass (Wolds prefix).

The SANA MV award requires earning points both as an in-hand Breed entry and in at least two SANA performance classes. Drybarrows Advocate (*left*) swept the board here.

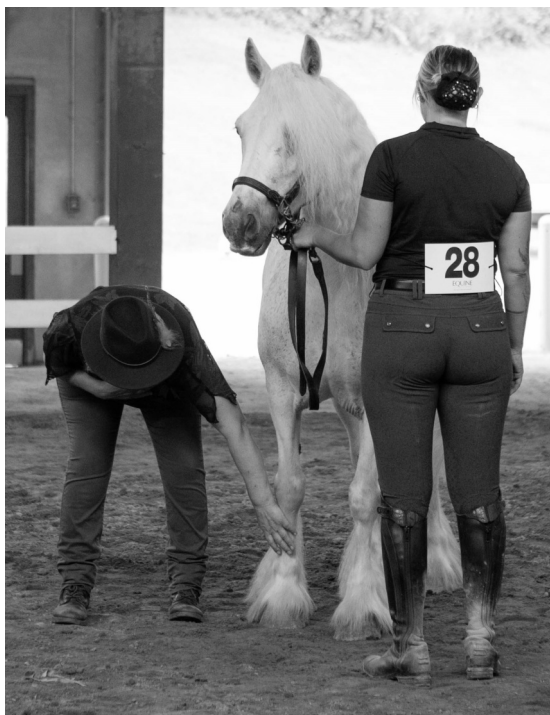
Victoria Tollman
Secretary/Treasurer



PHOTO: Gordon Allen

Above: In-Hand Fell pony Breed Championship class - 8 entries

Right: Judge, Christine Robinson, examines an exhibit in a Fell breed class at the EST Stewardship Awards of North America



Nanette Faye Photography

Most Versatile Fell - Drybarrows Advocate

SANA 2024 Most Versatile Fell Pony

and winner of the FPS Wolds Songthrush rosette*

Drybarrows Advocate, owner/handler/rider
Megan Earles

**Eligible points earned in at least one Breed in-hand, and in two Breed Ridden and/or SANA disciplines. Additional points earned by placements in these classes.*

Additional Fell Pony WINS in SANA Open classes
(for ponies eligible for registration, as well as for those fully registered with relevant breed societies; entries from Dartmoors, Caspians, Gotlands, Fells, and Dales)

#31 - In-HAND Large Pony Champion: Drybarrows Advocate

#32 - In-HAND SUPREME PONY SHOW CHAMPION:
Drybarrows Advocate;
RESERVE: Chappelowlane Reserve Porter (*R)

#50 - In-HAND ARENA OBSTACLES (all breed; 17 entries): 1st Dreamhayven Avalon Mist, handler Sierra Young

#52 - Driven Farm Obstacles: 1st Chappelowlane Reserve Porter (*R), owner/driver Michael Pontz

#54 - Cones (Driven Timed Obstacles: 1st Chappelowlane Reserve Porter (*R), owner/driver Michael Pontz

#56 - Recreational (Pleasure) Driving: 1st Chappelowlane Reserve Porter (*R), owner/driver Michael Pontz

#86 - Dressage Intro B: Drybarrows Advocate, owner/rider Megan Earles

**R - eligible for registration*



Dawn Pontz Photography

Michael Pontz and Chappelowlane Reserve Porter taking part in the Fell Pony Demonstration.

Chappelowlane Reserve Porter, owned by Michael & Dawn Pontz, is a Fell gelding from registered parents, Garrighyll Hector FP 705340C* x Deerstones Will-O-the-Wisp FP 70264.

He was able to show in the Open classes because, as SANA rules require, he had paperwork that showed him eligible to be registered. He's been doing "some nice winning"

on the American driving circuit and his owners intend to complete his late registration with FPS.

Christine Robinson, who had travelled from the UK to North America to judge the affiliated Fell pony in-hand and ridden Breed classes, said, "I really hope they do register him, because he is a very nice pony."

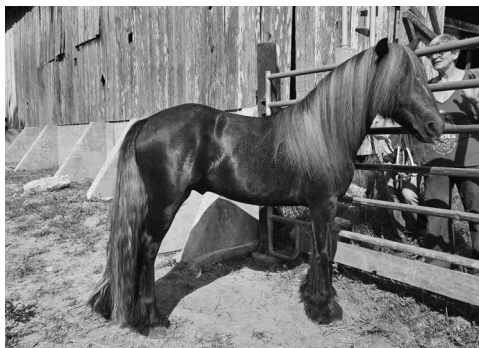
The Society would like to encourage all overseas Fell pony owners to become FPS members and to register their ponies and changes of ownership so they are not "lost" to the stud book.

Fell Pony Society of North America

FPSNA continues to see increased memberships and participation, building genuine community across the continent, despite a slow economy overall. We are at an all-time record number of members, and have also had a multitude of new member volunteers offering to take on positions and move the cause forward; including Tina Atkins, creating a new Welcome Coordinator position; and Pamela Clapp and Ashton Kirkeide stepping in to much needed relief as webmasters. We are also very grateful for member Jill Rabenstein, who began in earnest as the new editor of our much loved magazine, the Fell Pony Express, and thanks to her dedication we were able to have a successful re-launch of the magazine after its unintended hiatus.

For the second year in a row, we are again offering our Virtual Show opportunity to anyone in North America with a registered Fell Pony. Entries were increased over our inaugural year with the Summer Show that concluded on July 15th. Roy Ottink, prefix Wildhoeve, was our judge and gave excellent feedback to all competitors. Full results of the show can be found below.

And as always, we continue to provide support and education to Fell Pony enthusiasts and owners:



Reserve: Moonlit Blue Bruce



Champion: DreamHayven Perfect Storm

Photos of the Champion & Reserve ponies are from our FPSNA Summer Show

We offer Society liaison services, USDF Participating Organization status and All Breeds Award opportunity, our year-end Performance Premium and Award Program, and our password-protected North American Member Directory, to name just a few. Anyone needing assistance with their Fell Pony related questions or concerns can please email us at info@fpsna.org

Best wishes
Melissa Kreuzer

FPSNA Virtual Show - Summer 2024 Results

Yearling Colts

- 1st - Cumberland Crown Prince - owner Melissa Kreuzer
- 2nd - SouthMoore Edward - owner Tricia McGuire
- 3rd - Desiderata Donato - owners Cherie & John Hansen

Geldings 4 Years and up

- 1st - DreamHayven Perfect Storm - owner Cherie Hansen
- 2nd - DreamHayven Odin - owner Candyce Klin Lebeduik (and Young Handler Award to Gretchen Lebeduik)
- 3rd - Littletree Matador - owner Jane Snar

4th - Llancloudy Magic Diamond - owner Cherie Hansen

2 Year Old Colts

1st - Moonlit Blue Bruce - owner Melissa Kreuzer

Licensed Stallions 4 years and up

1st - Murthwaite Talisman - owner Lisa MacBurney

Champion: DreamHayven Perfect Storm, bred by Melissa Kreuzer, owner Cherie Hansen

Reserve Champion: Moonlit Blue Bruce, bred by Elise Miller, owner Melissa Kreuzer

Raising Fell Ponies in North America

Back in August while visiting Cumbria with my tour group for the FPS Breed Show and all that encompasses, I had the great honor to be asked to speak at the Old Courthouse in Shap, as part of the Ruth on the Hoof Exhibit there celebrating Fell Ponies. I am thankful to both Libby Robinson of Globetrotter prefix and Janet Woods of Ralfland for coordinating that evening, and their gracious invitation.

The particular topic I had been asked to focus on that evening was how breeding Fell Ponies in North America has been influenced by Cumbrian hill breeders. Although my presentation was brief, I began to realize during the question and answer portion that there are some misconceptions about raising ponies here on the continent, and that it may behoove our hooved companions (pun intended), to clarify raising Fells here to a broader audience.

The first misunderstanding I realized is many people think of America (not so much Canada) as having extremely hot temperatures, all over the country and for longer than what actually occurs. I do understand, this is a vast country, and if one has not personally visited, it can be difficult to understand the different regions and weather patterns. And to be honest, as I said that evening, for many of us, including where I live, summer is the most challenging season for the ponies.

To clarify, no matter which region a breeder lives in here (and according to research done by a fellow North American breeder, there are 29 scientifically

recognized climate zones in NA), they are experiencing a relatively hot summer by Cumbrian standards. The majority have been experiencing temps that, in the worst of a heat wave, may top triple digits on our scale (which is near 37C), usually accompanied by some of the worst humidity you can imagine.

Equine owners here have to become very knowledgeable about what a heat index is, which combines actual temperature with humidity, and its effect on equines. There have also been more frequent droughts in parts of our country than ever before. But Fells are as adaptable as they are hardy, and it is that instinct to survive that serves them well no matter where they are.

Breeders have many options at hand to protect them from this seasonal heat; for example through use of fans, shade, shelters and plenty of fresh cool water.

What I think is most important in providing an appropriate environment for raising Fells is to live in a region here that experiences a change of seasons, including a legitimate winter, preferably with some snow. So although here in Tennessee we have a hot and humid summer, our spring, autumn and winter seasons are very similar to northern England, and yes, we even get snow.

Select areas here in the States which do not have a significant change of seasons, such as Florida or the southern portion of Texas, for example, are a more challenging region to raise Fell Ponies as they are in the UK. Overall, weather patterns have

been shifting, and what we may be experiencing in this decade could look very different in the next, no matter where you reside.

Next, one of the things that should be addressed is the importance of terrain, and how that contributes to the health and hardiness of Fell Ponies. Hill breeders have an amazing asset in the Cumbrian fells, providing some of the wildest, challenging geography to raise ponies on. What a blessing, to see them in this natural environment! And if you've seen the fells with your own eyes, and moreover, walked them on your own two feet, any North American will agree that we simply do not have comparable topography to match that here. Long time stewards of the breed here in North America encourage all new stewards to get their feet on the Cumbrian fells, and discover for themselves that regional heritage that can only be truly realized in person.

Over my 19 years of owning Fells, I have put a lot of consideration into what it means to raise them in the most appropriate environment, similar to Cumbria. This meant I even went as far as relocating my farm some 500 miles, back in 2012, to provide them with a place most suitable. And what appears to be most advantageous outside of the fells themselves, is the change in elevation accessible to the pony and how much of its life it spends traversing those changes in elevation. Meaning, a flat, level paddock, no matter the size in acres, will not provide them the same physical difficulties that traversing rolling, climbing land which they can live out on as near as possible to 24 hours every day, every season, can do. That hardiness, sure footedness and awareness of their place in nature come from developing in a habitat that is diverse, broad reaching, undulating and retains an edge of wildness.

One of the questions I was asked that evening alluded to perhaps a deliberate choice by North Americans to manipulate the breeding of ponies to suit perceived

market demand; in specific that we are focusing on ponies of at least 14HH, if not taller. I can reassuredly say that although this may be the case in other equine breeds, it is certainly not a trend any Fell Pony breeder here has ventured towards. Quite the opposite, as I have many times seen breeders stand behind our Breed Standard, and advise would-be pony owners who are searching for "14 hands or taller" that the Fell Pony may not be the breed for them!

Although America may have earned itself this jab ("bigger is better," "go big or go home," and "look what we did to the Shetland" have all been uttered upon a time), I see far more breeders here taking an active interest in mirroring their programs and breeding philosophies to replicate the true, old breed of pony just as our Society states. Our North American breed organizations encourage their members to become familiar with and abide by the breed standard for the Fell Pony.

There was concern expressed that evening that perhaps raising ponies in our vastly different geography and climate, as compared to Cumbria, might contribute to an accelerated loss of type. But I ask, is this any different than a hill bred pony being sold anywhere outside Cumbria? Do ponies raised in the south of England reflect type and quality the same as hill bred ponies? Are ponies raised anywhere going to retain the type and vigor of a hill bred pony? And if not, how long did it take before this loss of type was witnessed?

I have been told that a UK breeder once quoted potential loss of type occurring within three equine generations. I stand behind what I have believed in my entire career with this breed - that the loss of type will happen faster due to uninformed, uneducated choices excusing poor conformation, lack of proper movement, and not understanding the difference between round and flat bone, than any change in geography, no matter the country, could do.

Overall, we have been breeding Fell Ponies consistently here on the continent beginning in the mid 1990's. We began at zero, building a breed here that did not exist prior, and foal by foal, import by import, have grown our population to over 800 Fell Ponies.

We are so grateful for the co-operation of breeders in Cumbria and beyond, and the friendships that have been made over the years, who allowed quality hill bred stock to leave their homes and become the basis for the breed in North America. We've never looked back, and we continue to look forward to working with Cumbrian breeders to solidify our foundation here!

Melissa Kreuzer,
Dream Hayven and Cumberland prefixes,
FPS Panel Judge and current Chairperson
of the Fell Pony Society of North America

Correction

*Correction from the FPS Magazine
Spring issue p74*

*The caption should have read, Dragonflyacres
Tanna Yondo, bred by Lisa MacBurney, Owner
Catherine Martin*



New "Junior Handler" Points Award & Competition

The Support Groups have put forward the idea of a new Junior Handler section within the FPS Performance Awards Scheme from 2024, using the same form as the other points awards sections. At the moment juniors can only take part in ridden or driven events, but we would like to encourage them to record their successes in Junior Handler Classes. The points form would be signed by a parent or guardian rather than a judge or show secretary.

Junior members are also invited to take part in a new 'Young Handlers' competition from September 2024 in which, by competing in Young Handlers classes at FPS affiliated shows and events, they can qualify to take part in a final at the FPS Breed Show in 2025.

Details will be available on the Awards page of the FPS web site, <https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm>, and the FPS Facebook page.

Wildhoeve Hurricane

Wildhoeve Hurricane did me very proud at Hereford spring show, taking champion.

At Royal Windsor he came 2nd in the mixed youngstock up to 3 year old, which was his first Royal show. He is owned by me and bred by Roy Ottink.

Ruth Roberts



Heltondale Royal III

Our journey with Fells started in 2012. We were looking for a pony to fill a void in my daughter Anna's life after a break from having ponies.

Anna at the time was 14 and we were looking for a youngster which she could bring on herself.

So along came 3 year old Heltondale Royal III, aka Oliver, and he did not disappoint. One of the most relaxed ponies we have ever had the pleasure of owning, having previously had Welsh. We were and still are absolutely smitten with the breed.

The years have passed so quickly. Anna has handed the reins over to her younger sister Evie, and Oliver is now enjoying a new found life with her.

Oliver has had the cobwebs blown off him after having spent 6 years as a beautiful field ornament. He is being slowly introduced by a novice jockey, not only back into work, but back into the world of showing, and now turning his hoof to dressage - demonstrating how versatile Fell ponies are.

Oliver and Evie, with the fantastic support from the Midlands East Group, have gained so much confidence and made lots of new friends over the past 2 years in which they have been attending the shows. Evie certainly wouldn't be as confident as she is without Rebecca Leek's encouragement. The shows are worth our journey from Doncaster to Nottingham.



Evie and Oliver aged 15

Over the winter the pair will be concentrating on dressage, something that they both enjoy, and are hoping to step up to do some affiliated Fell classes next year.

At 15 Oliver is living his best life with Evie and she with him.

Sue Meakin



Margaret MacDonald

Twins on the horizon! On the Isle of Skye - see p84

Carrock Daenerys

(Carrock Stride the Nite x Townend Sugar)

"Danny" has had a fantastic 2024!

Not only did she feature in a recent Channel 5 series on the Lake District but she had an incredible show season too, winning her class at 8 out of 9 shows this year.

7 championships and 1 reserve too, but most importantly making one little girl very very happy along the way.

Pictured here with Imogen Cockbain.

John Cockbain



Miriam A Bibby

Foalsyke Jenny, who has recently joined Miriam Bibby's ponies (see p 87)

Feisty Freda

Rivervalley Nimbostratus (Feisty Freda) is 10 years old and last year she started doing competitive ridden classes. She's taken time to mature and develop mentally and physically, so, although she's done in hand competitions to give her exposure to other environments and lots of natural horsemanship, she just wasn't ready for the demands of ridden.

She is also a complex little thing and holds a lot of tension and is really claustrophobic - she's jumped out of the stable a few times! I've taken time to help her with various issues which meant that last year we enjoyed lots of shows.



We started the year with qualifying for the B.S.P.S novice championships then we won at The Sandringham Show and took the ridden Fell championship.

I took her to Windsor for the ridden as the year before she came fourth in the inhand, she went beautifully but still looked quite green compared to the established stallions.

At The Royal Norfolk we decided to do the inhand where she came away with a second and reserve champion.

We had a very successful year starting out doing Concours d'Elegance classes (*see back cover*). She was amazing at Equifest and due to me taking time to help her with the stable issues, she stayed in the temporary stabling for her first stay away show. She strutted her stuff in the M&M Concours d'Elegance to come 5th in a very large class and made it into the evening performance.

At the Concours d'Elegance Society championship show she came away with a win and a third but best of all she was completely relaxed in the stable for a few nights.

We also started Dressage last year, first of all doing a few unaffiliated ones, all of which she won. I decided to affiliate her and through the year she was placed either first or second and always getting over 65%.

She qualified for the Winter Area Festival which was slightly daunting being surrounded by large warmbloods but she held her own to gain over 63%.

During that year as we trained for shows we also completed the Queen Elizabeth 96 Miles Challenge which was wonderful to be part of.

This year we are aiming for the NPS championships and I'd love for her to qualify in Dressage again. I've had some new outfits made for the Concours d'Elegance so fingers crossed we have some success in that as well.

If you have a challenging pony, take time to understand why and help them. It's taken ten years before Freda was ready to start competing in ridden classes, but taking that time has been worth it and she is going from strength to strength.

Debbie Lock

Driving Kizzy and Nell

My Fell story started back in October 2017 when I went up to the Fell auction with my friend Helen Oram (Empire Fell ponies).

We did not go to buy, although Helen's late mother Stella looked quite disappointed when we arrived home empty handed, so we knew that in the future buying could be a possibility. Little did I realise that our wet October road trip would be the start of the Fell journey that I am now on!

In Jan 2018 a post popped up on one of the FB Fell pages of a familiar little Wellbrow filly looking for a new home, due to devastating family health problems within the family that had purchased her. I immediately messaged the owner, who remembered us because we had had a little banter with her at the ringside at the Fell sales in the previous October. She was taken by my excitement of being able to take on her Fell filly foal and she agreed to sell her to me.

So on a disgusting wet and wild day at the end of January 2018, a good friend of mine took on the task of driving my lorry up to Lancashire to pick up my very 1st Fell Pony. Close to midnight my hairy little pony arrived home - Wellbrow Kizzy. It's been a bit of a whirlwind since then!

I got her out to some shows early in 2018 where she went to the Bath and West, Royal Windsor and a couple of local shows, and she was the breed champion at the Native pony show in Wiltshire as a yearling. I showed her lightly locally as a 2 year old, but mainly concentrating on letting her grow up.

As her 3 year old birthday came I decided that she was getting a little too big for her boots. Looking to the future I was planning to take up driving, so I sent her to a good friend of mine, Barry Hook at Horse Drawn Promotions (HDP), where he paired her up with his schoolmaster for a couple of weeks and put her through her paces. Once she had done enough miles, she returned home to turn away and grow on again.

Then the dreaded Covid hit! Everything

stood still. Once we were allowed to get out and about again I decided that Kizzy had best do something, because she was a fat 4 year old on 'good southern grass', not a good mix. Her job for a couple of months was then Riding. She proved to be a level headed and sensible hack for a friend, and then again was turned out for the winter.

Now coming 5 years, she went back to driving school with Barry at HDP and boy, she told everyone about it. Cantankerous, stubborn and extremely opinionated was the update: I turned up to learn to drive and was told that she was definitely not a novice drive. Well anyone that knows me would know that that was just the challenge I was looking for. It really wasn't an easy road, but coming from never driving a pony/horse and carriage in my life, it somehow felt like second nature to me. The guys at HDP were extremely surprised with my instinct and proud of what I had started to achieve with my little Wellbrow Kizzy.

That first year we exercised round the lanes and in the very first week we home we proudly achieved our 100 miles for the 100 year centenary. "Miles make the pony" has always been my mantra as you will always get out what you put in, but alongside this I like to have purpose when doing things, so we did Pub drives, taking friends home from work in town, picking up barrels from the brewery, all sorts of things that help to create that purpose. We attended the Southern Fell Show in the autumn '22 as the only driven turnout. We were totally unprepared, but we did it. Everyone was so supportive and it was a great experience for her and us.

We ticked on over that winter and then came the next chapter of what has now become Kizzy's "thing" - British Scurry and Trials. We rocked up to Thame show expecting a training camp, but after the practice on the Saturday evening we were all part of the Show... neither she nor I had ever seen cones before! Eek! But as normal Kizzy took everything in her stride, all that hard work at shows etc paid off, and she

was a dream. We were announced in the ring commentary as "the pony that normally spends the weekends going to the pub." (see the Colour photo pages!)



Fast forward to the end of the season: we had racked up enough points at the shows we had attended to have been crowned Novice Champion. I've never been a Champion and it was such a proud moment for myself and everyone around me who had helped me and put in the hard graft. I couldn't have done it without them all.

Then our next chapter - Yep you've guessed it, I'd got the Fell bug! Bring on The Fell Auctions 2022! I saw a 2 year old filly on the Wellbrow FB page who was going to the sales, and she immediately stood out to me - Wellbrow Nell. So, on yet another wet and windy day in October off I trundled to Cumbria in the trusty old lorry.

I immediately liked Nell. I have never bought at auction, I was nervous and I had never paid so much for a pony before, but I had come with an empty lorry, the fuel was already burnt, so she WAS coming home with me!

After spending 2 weeks in the stable at home to get to know Nell, I turned her out with 3 Hereford bulls for the winter. Smelly Nelly (as she got re-named due to rolling in hot bull sh1t) - she ruled the roost within days and earned her keep by stopping the bulls fighting and getting through fences. She became quite the little celebrity in the village with her speed runs round the huge field every morning.

Come the spring as a 3 year old it will be no surprise that Nell was already booked in with Barry at HDP. I remember making the

call on the way back from the sales to tell him I had bought Kizzy's pair and he laughed and said he knew I would end up with two and he was hoping she would be easier for me than Kizzy.

Nell spent 10 days there learning the ropes before coming back to grow on again. She did nothing that year except that autumn when I thought I'd best take her to a show to see the sights, where she picked up a 3rd in a strong youngstock class. She was a bit of a handful in fairness, but a first show at 3 years old she was always going to be.

But this spring she went back to HDP and has been an absolute diamond since the day she was put back in harness. Nothing phases her, she was the fit I didn't know I needed. She has brought solace and a new found confidence to Kizzy, her partner in crime and, considering they are so different in way of going, they fit so well - even if they still only tolerate each other at the moment. They have been driving



both pairs and single since coming home in May this year. We have taken them both to all the Scurry and Trials competitions that we have attended, even being invited to go to the Isle Of Wight to compete at the country show.

Nell was even sensible enough to debut at British Scurry and Trials in July, only 8 weeks from being started, and has

continued to compete since, including some really busy shows in the South West. We have most recently debuted them as a pair at 2 shows.

What a whirlwind for a couple of Wellbrow Ponies who landed up in Wiltshire.

I am excited for the future with these two and here's to the next 20 years.

Laura Spencer

FPS Display Team



Members of the Team ready to go into the main arena at Westmorland County in September.

Some of the Team were still looking after the stand away up by the Countryside Arena; while our commentator was in the distant PA box, waiting for the ponies to arrive, hanging on to her mike and her script and being thankful that someone offered a bottle of water after the long walk there.

The purpose of the FPSDT is to educate, engage, and entertain the general public about Fell Ponies and promote the breed as much as we possibly can. Our displays include a historical pageant, modern day - "what can Fell ponies do", and a musical ride.

We felt that the questions asked at the AGM (*Minutes, p21*) were a little disappointing, with an underlying tone that we are not doing enough. Most of this article is the response we put together and read out then.

We are a group of people who cherish Fell ponies and we go out there trying our

hardest to promote them to whoever and wherever we can (where our finances and time allow).

The display team runs as a sub group of the Fell Pony society. We hold our own accounts, showing income and expenditure, and these accounts are submitted to the FPS yearly - this is the same as every other sub group within the society.

The team are all volunteers who dedicate their time and own resources to attend events and push the ponies to the forefront. The Fell Pony Society do not generally provide the FPSDT with any

funding to attend events. The team attend the events which we are invited to.

We are 20 like-minded volunteers, aged from late teens to 70 plus; 4 of them are Fell Pony Council members, the rest are ordinary, or rather, extraordinary members.

We do not "charge" for our performances and often receive a trade stand space in exchange for those performances. The trade stand allows us to have a presence of Fell pony related information and merchandise, as well as the ponies being on most event sites with the stand.

All FPS merchandise which is sold by the FPSDT, on behalf of the society, is entered into the FPS accounts (under merchandise sales - our sales are not split out in the accounts).

Where donations from events are received (this can include bucket donations), they are accounted for via our accounts and this money is usually put towards purchasing of equipment or event fees that may be required for us to pay.

We recently managed to purchase a team trailer to store and haul our incredible amount of kit. The team of volunteers who make up the display team do not generally receive expenses, nor do we take expenses from the accounts as a general rule (there are exceptions, like Burghley, who specifically paid for our travel expenses).

We pay for our own accommodation, fuel, food etc out of our own pockets, so this, as well as our time, can and does dictate the distance that we travel. We are happy to go further afield and have travelled to HOYS, Sandringham and Burghley, on invitation.

The events we normally attend in Cumbria are country fair type events. Visitors to these events do not generally know much (if anything) about Fell ponies, most are tourists, and we are certainly not preaching to the converted at these events.

We talk to thousands of people every year, and we are proud to have helped match people with ponies or give them more

information about the society and how to become a member. One new member or one Fell pony purchased by someone new, because of our attendance at events, is a success we like to celebrate.

A couple of years ago we tried to encourage the creation of display teams around the country to do what we are doing in their own area - 'talking ponies' and showing the versatility of the ponies to anyone that would listen; however when people realised the team was self-funded (both in time and money) there was little uptake, so we remain the sole team out there promoting the breed.

To give you a flavour about how far we do travel...

In 2022 (our busiest year because of the Centenary celebrations) the team travelled a total of 19,222.4 miles and spent a total of 274 days between us, promoting Fell ponies, on behalf of the Fell Pony Society. That equates to an average of 961.12 miles per person, and 13.7 days per person, with one individual spending 30 days on Team business (probably more) and covering 2,595 miles (again, probably more).

In 2024 we have attended Sandringham Show (stand only); Countryfest (2 days), Coniston Country Fair, Lakeland Country Fair, Black Combe Country Fair, and Westmorland County Show (2 days).

At Westmorland County, Hynholme Amber stood cheerfully in a pen beside the stand and charmed everybody, especially the groups of school children. When we we passed them later, on our way to the main arena, the children shouted her name. They know a Fell pony when they see one now!

We've been invited to several shows already for 2025.

If you are keen to do something different to publicise our breed, with or without your pony, the Team's Contact details are on page 13 of this issue - you know where we are!

The Fellowship

At the end of a very busy Wolsingham Show in 2023, I was sitting chatting with Fell pony friends when I was approached by two young ladies from Sunderland who wanted to have a go at British Dressage Team Quest.

An excellent idea I thought, but it would be helpful to have a team of four pony/rider combinations. Within minutes I found myself volunteering to take part along with my companion, Angela Cairns. I agreed to investigate further and very soon we had agreed to meet at Holmside Hall Equestrian Centre, the last weekend in September, to watch the 2023 regional finals. I had been involved a few years previously when I was riding Rackwood Hugo so I understood the basics of how the competition worked. At this point in time our team was to consist of Rebecca Elliot, Natalie Wall, Angela Cairns and myself who somehow took on the responsibility of Team Leader.

Rebecca and Natalie came up with the name of 'The Fellowship' and we agreed to begin in January 2024.

We all searched for a suitable jacket in a colour that we all thought would stand out from the crowd and get us noticed on our all black, Fell pony dressage team.

We had our first team competition on 27th January 2024 at Holmside Hall Equestrian, Burnhope, where we were placed 4th so we obviously had a lot of work to do. The following week was the North East FPS Group Sunday Lunch where I asked if anyone else would like to join us.

Samantha Summers thought about it and then, after I had given her my school teacher glare (her words, not mine) reluctantly said she would. Very shortly after this Yvonne Wilkinson also agreed to come on board. This gave us a team of six riders which gave us more flexibility for people having time off for work, holidays etc.

Our fabulous six were:

Eileen Walker riding Rackwood Maggie May (Team Captain)

Rebecca Elliott riding Rackwood Bonnie Lass

Natalie Wall riding Bowthorne Maggie May

Angela Cairns riding Greenholme Gina

Samantha Summers riding Dalefoot Ripple

Yvonne Wilkinson riding Holling Brian

We all live in different parts of the North East area, most being in County Durham, so we studied the Quest venues and selected those that were within easy travelling distance with the plan to attend at least one competition a month. The BD Quest Team rules stated that the competition would run from 1st January 2024 until 31st August 2024. It took us until March to get everyone riding as those of us in the hills give our ponies a break during dark nights and frosty weather but our riders from the east coast didn't really understand what winter conditions could be like.

There were between 5 and 7 teams at most of our competitions so it took us into June before we were awarded a 1st place. It was smiles all round when the team were invited onto the podium to have our photograph taken (*see the Colour Photo Section*). The BD Team Quest uses the five highest scores from each team's competitions. The scoring is 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points, 3rd = 8 points etc. The top ten teams would qualify to ride at the Regional Finals at the end of September so the pressure was on to make sure that we were in it. Each team could have four riders and the top three scores were counted. Our team was made up of who was available on the day of the competition and who was willing to travel to the venue concerned.

We used Holmside Hall Equestrian at Burnhope, RDA Unicorn at Middlesbrough and West Moor Farm Equestrian at



Longhorsley. Our last competition was on 24th August at Holmside Hall Equestrian. We needed a good result to be sure of our place in the regional finals but one of our team members became poorly after I had completed the entries. We had to compete with only three riders so all of the scores would count, but everyone rode their socks off and we did it, another 1st place, securing our place in the Regional Finals. Woohoo!

We ended the competition with a score of 47 points (3 x 1st, 1 x 2nd & 1 x 3rd) and we were placed 7th out of the 22 teams taking part. The Regional Finals were to be held on Saturday 28th September at Holmside Hall Equestrian, which was one of the venues that we had used during this competition.

The next task was to select the four riders who would represent 'The Fellowship'. We all agreed that the team should be Eileen, Rebecca, Angela and Yvonne, with Natalie and Samantha as grooms etc (*photo above*). I excitedly completed our entries and settled into enjoying the autumn shows in the weeks leading up to this very important competition.

It was decided that we should have sparkly purple and crystal brow-bands to complete our outfits so these were quickly ordered

and arrived on Wednesday 25th September, the same day as our times became available.

To our surprise the competition was to be held outdoors, with the warm-up indoors. Thursday 26th September was one of the wettest days I can remember with over 55mm of rain being recorded in our rain gauge, so we were concerned at the prospect of riding in the pouring rain but as the competition day approached, the sun was shining with no wind or rain, so the weather gods were on our side.

'The Fellowship' were all riding in the Intro section of the competition but some of the team were competing at Prelim and Novice levels, so although we had finished riding by 10.30am there was a long wait for the results being released just after 2pm.

The top three teams will go to Arena UK for the National Finals in November. Our team was placed 6th which was an excellent result for us in our first year of competing.

We were proud to be called to the podium to receive our rosettes, but Becca and Eileen were already warming up for the next competition so our photo included pony heads. We just had to be different!

Eileen A Walker

The Lowther Fell Pony Herd

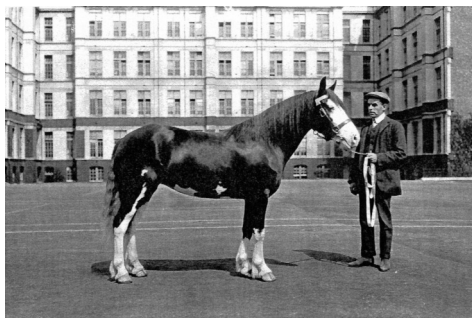
The late Lord Lonsdale, Hugh Cecil Lowther (1857-1944), was as famous a man in his lifetime as any of the period. Known as the Yellow Earl, famous for his exploits on field and turf, beloved by the public for his 'common touch', for his childlike zeal, for his exuberant spending, physical courage and sheer larger-than-lifeness, he was a man who embraced the joys of being alive.

In his preface to Douglas Sutherland's biography of Hugh Lonsdale, the late James Lowther (his nephew) described visiting Lowther Castle as a boy with his parents on Sundays. As well as recalling the apple jelly served on minute pieces of 'very white' bread and butter for tea and the half-a-crown he was slipped by his uncle on leaving, James wrote of the regular routine that followed lunch:

"... feeding the pigeons and the seemingly endless numbers of ponies, with all the grooms on parade."

Indeed, the fifth Earl of Lonsdale was a huge horse enthusiast. For many years, he was a master of the Cottesmore and the Quorn hunts. In the 1920s, he became a prominent racehorse owner, Royal Lancer being the 1922 winner of the St Leger in the Lowther colours. And throughout his life, he was never far from a pony.

No doubt readers of this magazine will be familiar with the history that is shared between Lowther and the Fell Pony in particular.



Charlton Collection

Ouzel, one of "the seemingly endless numbers of ponies, with all the grooms on parade" (photo at the Earl's residence in Rutland)



Lowther Estate

LORD LONSDALE ADMIRES THE FELL PONY "VERA."

Lord Lonsdale admires Fell pony "Vera"

The Yellow Earl was President of the Fell Pony Committee in 1916, and in 1922 the first President of the Fell Pony Society.

In the early 1930s he was the Society's Patron, the ponies he bred were regarded as among the best in the country, and what is now the Shop at Lowther Castle once contained stalls specifically for Fell ponies. Leading animals from the Lowther stud are recorded in the pages of the Fell Pony stud books : Shrike, Blackbird, Hoopoe, Curlew, Ouzel, Thrush, Buzzard along with the stallion Mina, many of them sired by Glengarry, others by Dalesman or Mountain Ranger; besides being regular champions they were clearly great stampers of their stock.

Then in the 1930s it all came to an end. The Yellow Earl was a big spender and the money ran out. His trustees saw to it that he left Lowther Castle for good (in 1936) and it was no doubt then that his stud was dispersed.

Although there were Fell Pony classes at the Lowther Horse Trials from the 1970s onward and of course numbers of Fells competing in those same trials (most notably in teams driven by Prince Philip), the association between Lowther and the Fell had more or less expired.

Fast forward however to 2019. Jim Lowther, the Yellow Earl's great-nephew and owner of the Lowther Estate, found

himself caught up in the increasing global anxiety about the future of farming. Like many other environmentalists and landowners across the UK, Jim had begun to comprehend the extent of the damage that successive years of intensive agricultural practices had wrought on our flora and fauna. Lowther had participated in many of these practices - and now the estate had a duty to turn the tables and attempt to restore this wonderful part of England to natural health.

Jim began a long and detailed exploration of other estates and sites where Natural Land Management - or Rewilding to some - had been implemented. The main problem to be addressed it seemed was the health of our soil. Why were so many species of insects dying out? Why were farmland birds dropping in number? What happened to dung beetles? What happened to the old hay meadow and its attendant swathes of wildflowers that coloured the landscape from spring to autumn?

Of course the solution to these many and varied problems is not simple. There are livelihoods to consider and traditions to respect. Scientifically, the interactions between all the ecosystems, from that of the marsh fritillary butterfly to that of the lapwing, are deeply and intricately interwoven. Financially as well as socially, a careful balance has to be struck. And yet the soil has become sick. How to restore it to its old bounty?

One of the principal answers to the question of the soil and its waning health seems to be large grazers. Animals with large feet, animals with cloven feet, animals who graze in a certain way, not tamping down the soil so that it cannot breathe but breaking up the sward so that dormant seeds and plants have a chance to break through.

At Lowther, these large grazers now take the shape of a sizeable herd of Longhorns; of a clutch of Tamworth pigs - and yes, you guessed it, of Fell Ponies. So it was that in May 2024, the Fell Pony made its return to Lowther.



Eight mares, most of them in foal, were bought from Bill Potter of Greenholme. On a cool, damp day, they were released onto a 300 acre patch of fell at Celleron.

As I write, five foals have joined the herd, while Matthew Kitching's and Samantha Smith's Quarry House Gay Gordon has been running with them for the summer to bring on a new crop.

It is crucial of course that the ponies have a wide area to cover. Dense numbers create poaching and erosion - the opposite of desirable. On that basis, since the ponies are grazing such a large patch, it is too early to measure their impact on the land. What we can say for certain is that other initiatives, for example the introduction of beavers on the river Lowther, have greatly improved the conditions for waders and farmland birds. Wildflowers are beginning to proliferate and this in turn is good news for insect life. A recent count showed up 101 different species of butterflies and moths, a three-fold increase on the previous year's tally. The Tamworth pigs, who have become great friends of the Fell ponies (*see p50*), snout for pignut and in doing so provoke the incidence of oak saplings.

Regenerative Farming is a knotty business, and after almost a century, the Lowther Estate is proud to be reunited with the Fell Pony and to watch the results of its genial presence upon this precious land.

Charlotte Fairbairn
Lowther Estate

Over the Sea to Skye

The Liddelpark twins, Gracie and Laddie, were foaled in June 2022, born to Kinkryhill Cracker, by Wellbrow Half Pint.

Ruth Chamberlain "Ruth on the Hoof"



Twins are rarely born full-term, and rarely survive, but Laddie and Gracie, and their mother, Cracker, behaved as if it was the most ordinary thing in the world, and they developed as any foal would, a little on the small side, but smart and fast and greedy for everything. As the twins grew, their strong bond was more and more evident. They used it to full advantage, making up for their lack of opposable thumbs with two sets of teeth, which succeeded in unfastening ropes, emptying pockets and releasing gate catches.

At weaning we put Laddie and Gracie into the same stable and it took weeks of gradually extended separations to part them without trauma. By the time Laddie had to be gelded, his trip to a clean bit of paddock for the procedure was the furthest he had ever been apart from Gracie, and after the op, he struggled valiantly against the drugs to get back to her as quickly as possible. By their first birthday it was obvious that they should always be together.

I would have dearly loved to have kept them, the twins are such special ponies, but there was no place for a gelding on our smallholding, nor could I spare them the time they needed. They grew out of their little paddocks at home and I had to find a new family for them, a family who could offer them what every Fell deserves, kindness, good husbandry, fresh air and poor pasture. Hard enough doing this for individual foals, but for twins, almost impossible.

In August 2023, Libby Robinson offered a temporary grazing job for the twins in Borrowdale. Shortly before they were due to leave, I received an email from Margaret, a crofter on Skye, enquiring about the twins. I explained they were about to go to Borrowdale, and we agreed that it was impractical for Margaret to leave her farm to come all the way to see them. Just bad timing.

Grazing on the fells with the Globetrotter herd was a wonderful opportunity for Laddie and Gracie, though leaving them there nearly broke my heart. The twins, however, loved it, and the fells began to shape them, turning them from plump yearlings into beautiful youngsters, sleek and agile and clearly hardy. I couldn't get down to see them very often, especially when our next batch of foals were weaned, and I missed them dreadfully. The crofter sent photos of her wonderful farm, her daughter's lovely cob, the acres of rough grazing, the beautiful views. Kindness, good husbandry, fresh air and poor pasture...

In February this year, Margaret Macdonald came down from Syke to meet the twins. It was as if they'd known her all their lives. Gracie decided Margaret clearly belonged to her, and if Gracie's happy, Laddie's happy too. We agreed a price, and in March our (not so little) twins made the long journey from Cumbria to Skye.

Rowan Bowman

Where to start with a piece about Laddie and Gracie, our wonderful Liddelpark twins?

In the spring of 2023, I started browsing the Sales listings on the Fell Pony Society website. I occasionally saw adverts which caught my eye but nothing which quite captured my imagination. Then, one day, at the end of May, there they were; Laddie and Gracie. I must have read the advert 100 times, but the last sentence always got me. 'Knowledgeable home essential'. - and every time I thought, nope, that's not us. While we had a pony, he was in livery and although we wanted to bring him home, we didn't have the experience, and he wouldn't be happy with sheep and chickens for company.

A few weeks passed and my daughter's riding instructor convinced me to respond to the advert. She said that a lifetime around livestock meant I would notice any issue as it arose, and the twins seemed like a perfect fit. We have a great support network and most importantly we have the space both in the fields and in our hearts.

I sent the email. Very shortly after, I spoke to Rowan on the phone and if I recall correctly, I actually spent most of the call trying to convince her why I was completely wrong for the twins! At that time, the twins were heading for Borrowdale, which gave us time to think, but my mind was made up. We would go to visit and take it from there. In February my daughter and I drove down to Borrowdale and fell in love with Laddie and Gracie. Soon after, they bounded out of the transporter in Skye and have never looked back.

They are beautiful, kind, gentle ponies. Of course they are twins, but their personalities are very different. Gracie always comes bounding over to see us. She loves a cuddle and to be told what a good girl she is. Laddie is like a young boy, keen to be seen and he would sell his soul for a sneaky carrot. They both spend a lot of time lying flat out which has taken a bit of getting used to on my part!

Six months into our journey with the twins and it's safe to say there are no regrets.

Margaret Macdonald



Margaret Macdonald

Fellacre Stud

This year we bred 2 fillies and 1 colt all of which were sired by our stallion Lydvale Jacob. This is our second crop of foals from him and already he's proven to produce stock doing well in the show ring. We retained a filly from him last year whom we will bring out next season.

In the meantime we have been concentrating on showing Fellacre Lady Fenella who has had a run of success since a foal.

This year she has won a few 1st and Championships: in particular, at The Royal Norfolk Show she gained 1st in Highland, Fell and Dales Youngstock, taking overall Champion, then heading into the HOYS Price family Supreme in hand Championship at the end of the day with our home bred filly! We couldn't have been prouder! She shows herself beautifully and has a real buzz for being in the ring, she just loves it and is an absolute pleasure to show. Meanwhile our veteran stallion of 21 years stood 1st and Champion Veteran there, so it was a huge success for us.

Jacob also went to the VHS championship show in September at Arena UK and on his first day there he stood 1st in M&M Large Breed and gained entry to the evening performance where he stood Reserve Supreme Champion. On the second day he entered the overall supreme finals, taking



Photos, Gemma Louise Hopkin

home with him Reserve Champion, and finished off that evening by taking overall second and Reserve Ridden Supreme Champion.

We are very much looking forward to next year's showing season and our 2025 foals arriving, 3 of which are by our homebred colt Hip Hooray and the other one by Jacob.

Gemma Louise Hopkin



Supersizing the herd, Fell Pony fashion!

When I became aware that two Fell pony mares were looking for a retirement home, and that one of them was the dam of my own Fell pony Grahamsley Danny Boy, it was a "given" that I'd help. What I didn't realise at the start was that eventually they'd come to live with us, turning us back into a four-pony family from a two-pony one. Well, if I'm going to be honest, a sneaky little voice way down inside hinted that it might turn out that way. I whispered "shut up" and then pretended to ignore it whenever it piped up, which it did, a lot.

We'd had experience as a four-pony family, or rather as a two-pony two-horse family in the past. Most of our animals have simply turned up looking for a home, including at one point an in-foal mare who subsequently went out on loan to a highly reputable home, only to return with yet another foal at foot. Those two half-brothers lived with us until their deaths at the age of 26 and 20 respectively. The elder, Merlin, was one of the best horses I've ever known. Heck, we even relocated to a derelict property in Scotland to ensure we could keep the menagerie in a lovely country home. The ponies had stables before we had running water or heat in the house.

"No animal in need turned away," seems to be our motto. Over the years we've homed cats, dogs, ponies, the occasional hare, hedgehog, bat, or squirrel in temporary need, and (briefly) pigeons and once, a peacock. The pigeons are usually just passing through. Finally, things had settled down nicely as a two-pony, one cat, one dog household without too many interruptions. I suppose should have been aware that somewhere fate, or a recording angel, or something, was examining the records and muttering "Is that all? About time they had another. Better make it two, in fact."

After making a few enquiries to see if anyone else would like to provide a place for Foalsyke Jenny and Foalsyke April, formerly of the Grahamsley Fell Pony Stud, the inner voice grew more insistent and persuasive. "Go on, you know you want to. And you'll cope. You always do." It's not easy finding a home for retirees, as anyone who has tried will know. The world is full of horses and ponies "suitable as companions" looking for homes.

"But two more! I'm getting too old for this malarky," I protested to the inner voice. "Most of my peers are planning their next trip to the Algarve, or Saga river cruise, or contemplating a round of golf followed by an evening at a very expensive restaurant before returning to their very tidy, clean homes."



“Jane Dotchin’s a lot older than you and look what she does,” said my inner voice, which is its comeback to any excuse. “John Whitaker took part in the Olympics in his 50s. You don’t like golf. Flying is bad for the planet. Ponies are cool.”

I’m sure you can see where this is going.

In March this year, Jenny and April came to live with Captain Pugwash (Pugsy) and Grahamsley Danny Boy (Dan). Guess what? They’re lovely, lovely mares and it’s great having a herd of four. Jenny has turned out to have an adventurous spirit like her son (we don’t call him Houdani for nothing). She has invented a new role for herself in conservation grazing by venturing up into a steep overgrown part of our land that in 27 years of living here no other pony has ever entered.

April alternates between loving comfort and occupying the biggest stable we have, to standing out in the teeth of a howling gale in true Fell pony fashion. Jenny’s the big and boisterous one. April is quietly determined with a knack of getting what she wants without a fuss.

We’ve negotiated tick and midge season successfully (the worst time of year), navigated the shifting herd dynamics, avoided laminitis, to which both Danny and Jenny are prone, and coped with doubling

up on footcare, vet care, forage and everything else.

Homing the mares has been made possible by George Birrell of Kronospan Forestry generously letting us have access to several acres of open ground in the forest right next to our own property. Also, thanks to Morag McGill for hinting to George, and Ben Edmondson of Clerkhill Farm, Eskdalemuir, who let us have interim grazing while we were sorting out the new land. I’d also like to send my very best wishes to the Tacon family, especially David and Tracey, who set up the Grahamsley Stud, where the mares lived until they were nineteen.

Where we keep them is near perfect Fell Pony habitat - unimproved hill grazing within the forest, and varied terrain with lots of wild herbs such as meadowsweet, sad thistles (which they love), dandelion, yarrow, and willow (which they also love).

Now I’ve got over the shock of being a four-pony family, and organising all it entails, I’m looking forward to learning more about the new arrivals and having some fun with them next year. These two retirees give every indication of wanting to get the most from their later years, and that sounds good to me too!

Miriam A Bibby

Rundales Princess

So very proud of our Bess (Rundales Princess) at Arthington show yesterday in the ridden Concours d’elegance class. We won the class and the award for best turned out and then went on to win the Concours Championship and trophy.

The aim in the Concours classes is for there to be an overall picture of elegance and we think it’s great that a Fell can show them how elegance is done!

Ann Marie Troy



Arthington Show 2024

Guards Ponies



This year's breeding season at Guards Fell Ponies has been a truly exciting time as we begin the next phase of our breeding programme. The highlight of the season has undoubtedly been the arrival of our gorgeous colt foal by Wildhoeve Adiction, out of our young mare Guards Milly. He's brimming with energy and personality, and we're really excited to watch him develop.

A particularly exciting aspect of this year is the promising future of our retained fillies. We've been lucky enough keep six fillies by our previous stallion Quarryhouse Gay Gordon, with their dams going back to the original Guards ponies. We hope they will play a key role in our next generation, five of them ran with a stallion this year, and we're looking forward to seeing what next year brings in terms of foals.

I was reintroduced to the world of Fell Ponies by my grandparents (custodians of the Guards ponies for the past 40 or more years) after living away for university and then work for almost 10 years.

During the last few years I've had the pleasure of getting to know so many lovely, like-minded people within the Fell Pony community, all of whom share the same passion and dedication to preserving its heritage.

Looking ahead, I'm hoping to get out more with my ridden pony Guards Charlie, whom I backed last year. He loves going out hacking and is showing great enthusiasm for jumping too.

His older brother Guards Commodore has had great success in workers classes, so perhaps he will share the same passion!

My great-grandfathers Richard and Johnny Little had so much success with Guards ponies in the show ring back in the day, and it's always been a source of pride for our family. They set such a high standard, and I would love to follow in their footsteps and attend more showing classes too.

Our focus remains on breeding 'old-fashioned-style' ponies with kind temperaments, reflecting the very best of the Fell Pony breed.

This year's colt is already showing great promise, and with the next generation of fillies, we're excited about what lies ahead.

Charlotte Pattinson
Guards Fell Ponies

NPS Dressage Supreme Championships

In May this year, five Fell ponies travelled to Bury Farm Equestrian Centre near Milton Keynes for the NPS Dressage Supreme Championships. None of us were aware that the other Fells were going to be there so we were delighted to discover a number of other lovely Fell people and ponies already there and that there were enough of us to put a Fell team together for the team competition. The Friday evening developed into a gathering of gin, fizz, cake and many Fell and Dales pony stories; it was great to share experiences and to laugh, a lot, with like minded people.

And so to Saturday, and the competition!

Lucy Greenwood and Drybarrows Belgravia travelled from Hampshire to compete at Prelim and Novice level. Lucy bought 8 year old "Minnie" in 2021 as an unbroken 5 year old from Mark Ringstone, who had bred Ringstone Belladonna from Minnie and had plans to keep her as a brood mare. Lucy managed to persuade Mark to part with her and since then has broken her in and has done a variety of things with her, including hunting with the South Downs Blood hounds, arena eventing, fun rides and most recently, working equitation. Lucy and Minnie affiliated with British Dressage this year and competed at the

Area Festival in August in the Dressage to Music prelim category. Much to their surprise they won their category and will compete at the national championships in October.

Lucy notes, "Sometimes BD can be quite a serious place and I consider it Minnie's mission to make the other competitors smile. That's what I try to remember, not the scores."

Of her day at Bury Farm, Lucy said, "It was just so amazing to get Minnie out of our little van and see four other Fells getting ready to compete! We don't see many Fells in Hampshire and it was lovely to feel our strength in numbers at the Championships. I really hope other Fell owners are encouraged to qualify for next year as it was a very friendly and supportive day out. There is starting to be a real community of Fells doing dressage and I hope it continues to grow."

Louise Younger was there with two ponies, Wellbrow Norman and Wellbrow Dodger. They travelled from Scotland to Bury Farm, arriving two days before the event to give the ponies time to recover from the journey. The team at Bury Farm were so welcoming and friendly, and it was great to be able to relax before competition day.

Lucy Greenwood and Drybarrows Belgravia



Louise Younger and Wellbrow Dodger





Louise Younger and Wellbrow Norman

On the Saturday Wellbrow Dodger came out of his stable very enthusiastically, clearly ready for the tests ahead!

Louise concurs with Lucy: "it was great to be at an event of this nature and be warming up with other Fells amongst all the Welshies and Connemaras!" Dodger was completely unfazed by the big indoor competition arena, and chose to ignore the spectators from the café altogether. After a short breather, the Novice test was outside. "I think my ponies preferred the outdoor arenas - the temperature difference between Scotland and Milton Keynes was remarkable, so the boys were much happier out in the breeze. Dodger was great in his Novice test, I was so pleased with him."

At age 20, Wellbrow Norman was the senior statesman of the Fell contingent. Louise commented, "He just loves it! Norman has a very varied life with lots of hacking, he now shows as a Veteran, and he really enjoys dressage events. He is a real show off and loves dressage because he truly believes that, being the only pony in the arena, everyone will be watching him!"

The Veteran tests were scheduled for late morning, so Norman had a chance for more relaxation before trotting down his Prelim centre line. Norman has a very loyal team of followers, probably because he is grey and the hours of preparation time ensure that he is spotless and twinkling when out at events - Bury Farm was no exception, with all sorts of people wanting to take his photo and learn about Fell ponies, especially grey ones !



Jane Rawden and Bracklinn Glayva

Jane Rawden qualified with her pony Bracklinn Glayva, who is starting his dressage career following the retirement of Jane's other Fell, Murthwaite Looks Promising, aka Cappy. They arrived at Bury Farm with no expectations and somewhat hesitant in not knowing how Glayva would cope with the atmosphere and being on his own in a ring.

Jane recalls, "Glayva's first test was indoors and as we waited in the collecting ring all I could hope for was to trot in, enjoy the music and the beautiful drapes all around the edge, and hope for no shying at the canteen, judges or rather large flower pots. The steward called us through the tunnel, big deep breath and we trotted in. Down the centre we headed, focussing on C to try our best for a straight line. As we went through each movement we knew we were getting close to our final centre line and hopefully a square halt. And that's it, we did it, salute and breathe. Glayva had done his first posh dressage test."

The next test was in one of the outdoor arenas with not only big flower pots but some fabulous flying (and flapping!) flags. Jane remembers, "Again we headed down the centre line and worked through each movement. A slight argument commenced as we took our 20m circle, where on the previous test we cantered before X. This time it was canter *at* X BUT Mr Glayva thought he knew best! There was literally a debate, with him saying, 'We are meant to be cantering' and me saying, 'NO not yet,' and Glayva going, 'I'll take this into my own hooves and take the canter NOW!' The rest

of the test was good and again a lovely sense of achievement as we did our final halt and salute.”

The Fell ponies were well placed both individually and overall as a team. After the event, we all headed our separate ways but aiming to try to qualify and meet up again, same time, same place, next year. We had a great time, and really showed how our special breed can hold their own against the other native breeds and how Fell pony people seem to make things great fun.

Qualifiers for the NPS Championships 2025 are held all over the country; the best place to find out where they are being held is the NPS Dressage Facebook Group, which publishes regular updates as more venues are added. Alternatively, if you need more information, or if you would like to encourage your local venue to hold a qualifier contact Angela Kember of the NPS via email: angela.kember@icloud.com for more information.

Lucy Greenwood, Louise Younger
and Jane Rawden

Peanut to Dance at Your Horse Live

12 year old Fell stallion, Conkertree Peanut, bred by Aylin Kay (Germany) and owned by Rebekah Adshead (Shropshire) is looking forward to starring amongst Gaynor Colbourn's Dancing Horses at Your Horse Live this November.

With 4 shows over the 9th & 10th November, there will be plenty of opportunity to see 12.3hh "Pea" strutting his stuff to Gaynor's live music, alongside 8

other horses & riders of all shapes and sizes in an exciting and inspiring display, to show that dressage is for all breeds and to highlight the joy of riding to music.

Pea has competed up to Advanced Medium so far, with the aim of reaching Prix St Georges in the not too distant future... I hope he can inspire many more riders and ponies to take on the dressage world!

Rebekah Adshead





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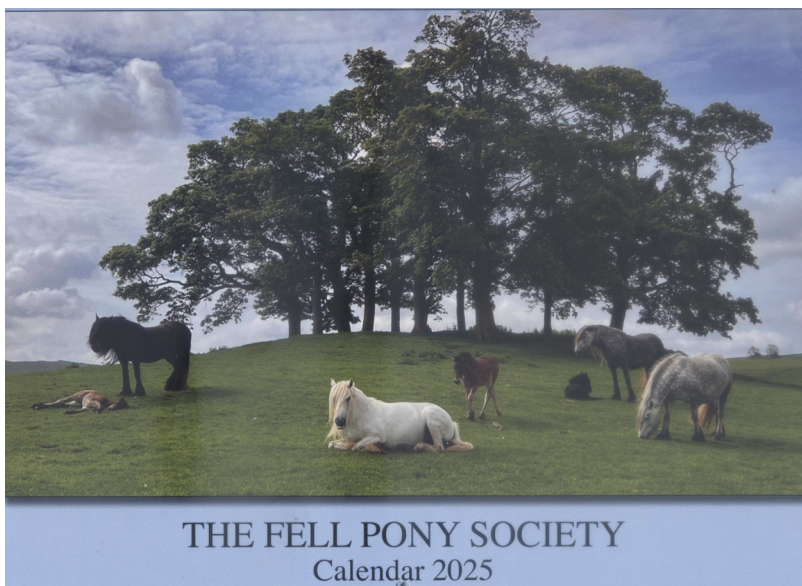
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