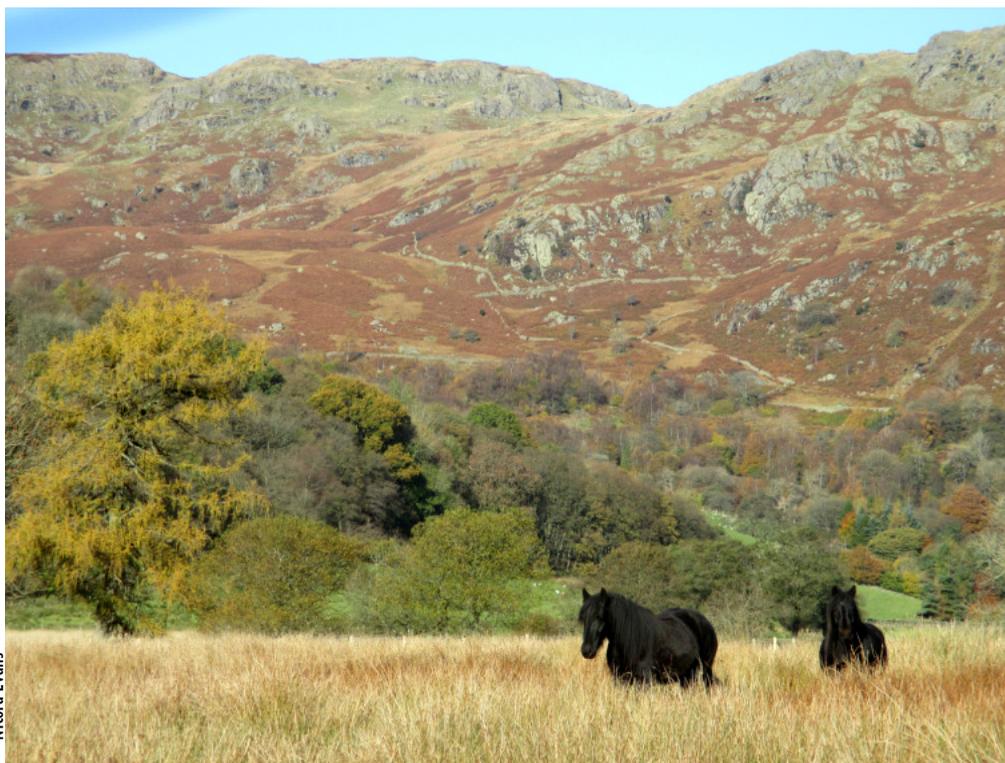




THE FELL PONY SOCIETY MAGAZINE

SPRING 2017 - Volume 34



Nicola Evans

Brocklebank Honey Bee and Dalehead Rupert Bear on conservation grazing duty, Kentmere



Victoria Tollman

2016 Equus Survival Trust's Stewardship Awards of North America (SANA)

Most Versatile Pony in Show

(in-hand breed class, ridden breed class, and at least one open discipline)

Littletree Born Supremacy, with Allison Wolff.



THE FELL PONYSOCIETY

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To retire 2018: Miss B Bell, Mr J Potter, Mr C Roberts, Mr D Wilkinson.

To retire 2019: Mr G H B Mallinson, Mr P Metcalfe, Mr W S Potter, Miss C Simpson.

To retire 2020: Mrs A Bell, Mrs S Charlton, Mrs G M Cockbain, Mr M Goddard.

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Advance Notice of FPS Dates for 2017

1 April (Sat) - FPS AGM, Orton, Penrith, Cumbria	17 September - Performance Trials, Linnel Wood, Hexham
20 May - Stallion Show, Dalemain, Penrith	28 October - Annual Show and Sale
11 June - South Cumbria Show, Crooklands, Kendal	12 November - NWSG Foal and Youngstock Show, Newton Rigg
18 June - Derbyshire Fell & Dales Show	
6 August - Breed Show, Dalemain, Penrith	Please always check for up to date information on the FPS web site's Calendar of Events and Area Support Groups pages.
10 September - Southern Breed Show	

1 September - deadline for FPS Magazine, Autumn 2017



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Disclaimer

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Editorial

I looked on my bookshelf for inspiration for this editorial, and I see that it was in 1975, when Mrs Sylvia McCosh was the Hon. Editor of the “Fell Pony News”, that it first became a magazine with a glossy cover. That edition—the third—expanded the old Newsletter into 40 pages, into which were packed snippets about ponies and owners, a few monochrome photographs and some articles, 3 reports of Annual Breed Shows and 4 of the Autumn Sales.

This edition of the Magazine will be my 18th since I started as Editor in 2008. The FPS now publishes 2 issues a year, with 90+ pages of news and articles and both mono and colour photos. We print 1,300–1,350 copies of every issue.

Our Spring issue always has a fairly tight deadline, because it carries the notice of the Annual General Meeting which has to go out 3 weeks before the meeting takes place. I’ve received the usual huge amount of material about the ponies and their achievements, and I am grateful that our contributors have again made the effort to get their copy and photos to me well in time. I am very aware that the magazine is entirely “what you make it”, so
Thank You!

The wonders of technology mean that photos and documents almost all come to me by e-mail, so I do very little typing-up of handwritten copy, unlike the days when Mrs McCosh was Editor. However, with the Magazine now being twice as big as the old Fell Pony News, I think the editing probably still takes as much time as it did in 1975! My only request to contributors this time around is: when you e-mail me, please be very specific in your Subject Header so I don’t end up with dozens of messages called “FPS Magazine”—I do lose track of what is in them, and there are currently 126 e-mails on my laptop just for this issue!

My next job, with this Magazine “put to bed”, will be to upload the Autumn 2016 issue to the FPS web site “Newsletters”, so you can go back into the archives to look up historic Fell pony photographs, articles and events.

Sue Millard

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President's Report

It will be over 50 years since I became a member of the FPS, and as you would expect there have been many changes. I think the membership was about 200, mainly from the North West, now we are spread across Britain and indeed have 3 Overseas Branches and the membership currently stands at around 1200. The ponies have also slightly altered, now mainly used for pleasure riding and driving. Their inherited versatility and good temperament make them suitable for a variety of equine sports, not to mention a huge variety of owners, riders etc !!

A flourishing Society is very important for the long term future of The Fell Pony. Somehow the ponies usually bring out the best in their humans and our Society is indebted to so many of our members who give generously their time and effort to keep all our events and activities running. I congratulate our Chairman and Vice Chairman for their tireless and thoughtful work on our behalf. As for the job of President, the last 2 years have been an absolute pleasure for me, meeting so many old friends and enjoying our lovely ponies. The weekend at Windsor was definitely 'the icing on the cake', such an honour for us all and The Fell Pony Society at its very best.

On a personal note, I do thank you all for the mass of letters and cards I have received since the autumn with such kind messages, mostly completely untrue but none the less very much appreciated. Are not we the lucky ones? Such good company, such good ponies and such a good outlook! What fun!

My sincere Good Wishes to you all,

Mary.



Apologies

Apology to Mrs Elyned D Ashcroft on behalf of Mrs Eileen A Walker in respect of the 2016 AGM:

I apologise for the statement I made at the AGM on 2 April 2016 in which I considered that your call to the scrutineer late the previous evening (the day before the Council election results were due to be announced) amounted to intimidation, which I accept was inappropriate and has caused you upset.

I accept that in calling the scrutineer you did not request access to the result of the ballot of the election due to be announced the next day.

Apology to Mrs Elyned D Ashcroft on behalf of Mr Andrew Thorpe in respect of the 2016 AGM:

I apologise for the allegation I made at the AGM on 2 April 2016 (after the Council election results were announced) which was inappropriate and has caused you upset.



Chairman's Report—January 2017

I would like to wish you all a belated 'Happy New Year'. The weather has been really kind to us this winter so as I write this report at the end of January, the grass continues to grow and the ponies are remarkably fat. I began to hay my broodmares on Christmas Eve and today I have given a big bale of hay to my young-stock, which is the first additional feed they have had this winter. I know that many of you are already planning your showing calendar so let us hope that we do not get severe lambing storms during April when the outdoor shows begin.

Sadly we have lost one valued member and Fell pony supporter since I wrote my last report. Mr E J Faragher from the Isle of Man had been a member and pony owner since 2013. We send our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

In the autumn the Society was invited to have a promotional stand and to take a pony to Your Horse Live to be held at Stoneleigh. They were holding a special Rare Breeds display and thought the FPS should take part in it. I invited Jane Rawden to take up this challenge and she in turn invited Victoria Parker to join her. Jane's pony Murthwaite Looks Promising, a.k.a. Cappy, was selected to be patted and pampered for the weekend. The event proved to be very busy and successful with lots of visitors and very positive comments on Facebook. It was unable to attend this event but one council member reported that the FPS stand was by far the best one at the show. Vicky Parker has written a separate article about this event which appears later in the magazine. (p77). Very well done to everyone involved for promoting the breed. Also congratulations to all ponies, owners and riders who qualified for HOYS and Olympia.

Vicky is also very interested in dressage with her Fell pony and you may remember the team 'Bounced Back' story in the spring 2016 magazine. Vicky has set up a Fell Dressage page on Facebook and has successfully managed to get seven Fell pony teams together to take part in the British Dressage Team Quest competitions throughout the country, this year. Each team had to come up with a team name and register with Quest Club to take part. In the Northern Region we have Fell Factor, Fell O Holics & Bat Out Of Fell, North West Region has Fell About Laughing & The Northern Fells, Eastern Region has Red Hot Fell'ies and the Southern Region has Wishfell Thinking. I hope you all enjoy the experience and I look forward to reading about your successes in the autumn magazine.

I am delighted to see from the Society accounts that we have, once again, made a profit. A great deal of this is due to the generosity of members who sponsor classes at our shows and supported the auction of gifts and promises held last October. We have recently been informed of a generous donation from 'The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration'. Your FPS Council will need to decide how best to invest/spend this money to safeguard/promote the Fell pony. Also the

Patron's Fund has kindly donated £2,500 following my application, to buy equipment.

Finally I would like to thank all members of Council for their continued support during what has been a rather difficult year. Also I would like to thank our very supportive and active retiring President, Mary Longsdon, who has been great fun to work with. The FPS Office team, Katherine, Carol and Elizabeth, have coped admirably with increased workloads and deadlines and are a credit to the FPS.

Best Wishes

Eileen





Secretary and Treasurer's Report

The number of foal registrations has increased slightly from 2015 with a total of 260 registered to date (compared to last year's total of 255) and for the first time since 2013 there has pleasingly been an increase in the number of foals born from mares in semi feral herds, a list compiled by Council.

The RBST have yet to confirm our position on the Watchlist for this year, as for the first time they are collating 3 years' figures. The Watchlist will be published in May.

I would like to thank Council for their support, particularly Eileen and Andrew, and also Carol and Elizabeth who complete the office team, for their hard work.

As you will see from the accounts included in your magazine, the Society has made a profit in the last financial year. This was due to the funds raised from generous sponsorship received for the shows in 2016, donations from members, proceeds from the Promise Auction held in October and Royalties from the sale of the 'Carltonlima Emma' Breyer model.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board have yet to confirm award of the grant for 2017, for reasons beyond their control.

Thank you to all those who have renewed their 2017 membership already and we look forward to receiving payments from those outstanding, in due course.

Best wishes

Katherine Wilkinson



Election of President

The term of office of our President Miss M G Longsdon, MBE, ends in 2017.

Nominations for this position needed to be with the Society by 1 January. One nomination has been received, for Mrs Jean Ward, who has indicated that she is willing to stand.

Members will be asked if they approve this appointment at the AGM.



From the Office

- It is a legal requirement that change of ownership should be notified to the Society within 30 days of the change. Also don't forget to send in the passport for updating when a pony has been gelded. There should be a form in the back of the passport or you can download one from the website. It's also good for the Society to have an accurate record of where the ponies are!
- It also a legal requirement to return the passport to the Society when a pony dies; it can of course be returned to you, if requested, after cancellation.
- Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website. They are only available by applying to the office or from Secretary at the Stallion and Breed Show and October sale. Do not photocopy the form. Please read the guidance notes carefully prior to completion of the forms. Any forms incomplete or incorrectly completed will be returned.
- Sending items by mail into the office:
 - It is recommended that passports are posted in a padded and envelope and by Royal Mail 'Signed For', and passports will be returned to you in the same way.
 - Please address the envelope correctly! We're still receiving mail addressed to 'Ion House, Great Asby', by members, although we moved in 2014!
 - Please also check the weight of your envelope with the Post Office prior to posting. We often receive items of mail with a fee to pay as they have been underpaid. A passport cannot be sent on an ordinary stamp/large letter stamp, it's too heavy!
 - We do also receive many stamped addressed envelopes for the return of items, which is very much appreciated.

Katherine



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Company No 3233346
Registered Charity No 1104945

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on 1st April 2017 at 1.00 pm
At Orton Market Hall, Orton, Cumbria CA10 3RJ

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
 - 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 2 April 2016
 - 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 4 Chairman's Report
 - 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - 6 Election of Council
 - 7 Election of President
 - 8 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2016
 - 9 Resolution to appoint Brosnans Chartered Accountants as Accountants to the Society
 - 10 Reports from Sub-Committees
 - 11 Approval of Honorary member
 - 12 Any Other Business
- Members should notify the Secretary, in writing, of any matters relating to the Accounts, or any matter requiring a detailed answer that they wish to include in the Agenda under "Any Other Business". The Society's officers can then respond fully to any concerns. However such business, if not raised in this way, will not be discussed. Notifications must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday 10th March 2017.
- 13 Presentation of Awards

Notice of General Meeting - Memorandum and Articles of Association

5.2 The accidental omission to give notice to, or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Directions to Orton Market Hall CA10 3RJ

From Junction 38 of the M6, take the B6260, signed to Orton and Appleby. Follow the road for three miles to Orton - the Market Hall is in the centre of the

ACCOUNTS

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2016. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered Charity number

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Mr P Metcalfe
Mrs C S Millard
Mr W Potter
Mr C C Roberts
Mrs C H Robinson
Miss C E Simpson
Mr D Wilkinson
Mr M R Goddard
Mrs A W Bell
Ms R J Brunskill
Mr J Potter

Chairman
Vice Chairman

- appointed 2.4.16
- appointed 2.4.16

Company Secretary

Mrs K Wilkinson

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

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COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Fell Pony Society is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It was incorporated on 2nd August 1996 and registered as a charity with effect from 9th November 2004. The company is governed by the Board of Directors and Trustees in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

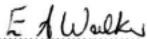
The company's principal activity during the year was acting as a breed society.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity. This review encompassed the nature of the Society's continued commitments and future growth. The review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, a general reserve equivalent to approximately 75% or 9 months of fund expenditure should be maintained.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on10.10.17..... and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E A Walker - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2016 set out on pages five to thirteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Adam Brosnan.

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Date: *18/01/2017*.....

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	37,193	-	37,193	28,999
Activities for generating funds	3	5,736	-	5,736	2,926
Investment income	4	29	-	29	29
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
	5				
Fees		20,215	-	20,215	19,380
Grants		-	5,270	5,270	4,020
Sales		6,865	-	6,865	7,441
Shows and Other Events		25,593	-	25,593	6,678
Pony Sales List		250	-	250	418
Total incoming resources		95,881	5,270	101,151	69,891
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
	6				
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects		85,815	2,908	88,723	47,053
Governance costs		-	-	-	16,356
Total resources expended		85,815	2,908	88,723	63,409
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		10,066	2,362	12,428	6,482
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		75,991	987	76,978	70,496
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		86,057	3,349	89,406	76,978

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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 OCTOBER 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	13,285	-	13,285	13,322
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		5,397	-	5,397	5,093
Debtors	13	75	-	75	253
Prepayments and accrued income		2,291	-	2,291	2,213
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>70,877</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>74,226</u>	<u>61,358</u>
		78,640	3,349	81,989	68,917
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(5,868)	-	(5,868)	(5,261)
		<u>72,772</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>76,121</u>	<u>63,656</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>72,772</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>76,121</u>	<u>63,656</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>86,057</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>89,406</u>	<u>76,978</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>86,057</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>89,406</u>	<u>76,978</u>
FUNDS					
	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				86,057	75,991
Restricted funds:					
Horsrace Betting Levy Board				<u>3,349</u>	<u>987</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>89,406</u>	<u>76,978</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31 OCTOBER 2016

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2016.

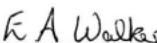
The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2016 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on10.10.2017..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs E A Walker -Trustee


.....
Mr A Thorpe -Trustee

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Equipment	- 25% on reducing balance
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STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2016	2015
	£	£
Donations	8,070	1,452
Subscriptions	28,438	26,706
Affiliation Fees	<u>685</u>	<u>841</u>
	<u>37,193</u>	<u>28,999</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2016	2015
	£	£
Advertising/Sponsorship	1,723	1,421
200 Club	966	1,478
Raffle	614	-
Promise Auction	<u>2,433</u>	<u>27</u>
	<u>5,736</u>	<u>2,926</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2016	2015
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>

5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2016	2015
		£	£
Registration	Fees	4,395	4,375
Transfers	Fees	7,960	9,955
Duplicate Passports	Fees	495	655
Prefix Applications	Fees	970	520
Stallion Licences	Fees	4,100	2,315
Passports	Fees	20	60
DNA	Fees	2,275	1,500
Horsrace Betting Levy			
Board	Grants	5,270	4,020
Stud Books and Gifts	Sales	6,865	7,441
Shows and Other Events	Shows and Other Events	25,593	6,678
Pony Sales List	Pony Sales List	<u>250</u>	<u>418</u>
		<u>58,193</u>	<u>37,937</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (See note 7) £	Support costs (See note 8) £	Totals £
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	<u>70,544</u>	<u>18,179</u>	<u>88,723</u>

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2016 £	2015 £
Staff costs	16,750	15,337
Insurance	3,130	3,102
Telephone	629	628
Advertising	128	310
Show and Exhibition Expenses	25,744	6,888
Prizes - Premiums (H.B.L.B)	3,490	3,640
Affiliation Fees	324	175
Prefix Registrations	490	265
Postage	2,402	2,583
Printing and Stationery	4,119	3,832
Computer Expenses	1,003	1,003
Travelling Expenses	307	184
200 Club	1,102	1,128
DNA Expenses	3,985	2,622
Stud Books and Gifts	6,177	4,808
FIS Expenses	<u>764</u>	<u>548</u>
	<u>70,544</u>	<u>47,053</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	<u>18,179</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

8. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Management

	2016	2015
	Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	Total activities
	£	£
Salaries and Wages	5,511	5,119
Insurance	353	343
Telephone	210	209
Honoraria	500	450
Postages	4,250	4,250
Printing and Stationery	4,226	2,834
Computer Expenses	345	334
Room Hire	1,255	1,335
Office Overheads	200	200
Accountancy Charges	1,292	1,233
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	<u>37</u>	<u>49</u>
	<u>18,179</u>	<u>16,356</u>

9. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2016	2015
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>37</u>	<u>49</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2016 nor for the year ended 31 October 2015.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2016 nor for the year ended 31 October 2015.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

11. STAFF COSTS

	2016	2015
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>22,261</u>	<u>20,456</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2016	2015
Administration	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Trophies £	Equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 November 2015 and 31 October 2016	<u>13,175</u>	<u>6,647</u>	<u>19,822</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 November 2015	-	6,500	6,500
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>
At 31 October 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>6,537</u>	<u>6,537</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 October 2016	<u>13,175</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>13,285</u>
At 31 October 2015	<u>13,175</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>13,322</u>

Trophies have been brought into the accounts at their current market value. If depreciation had been provided as required by Financial Accounting Standard No 15 the additional depreciation charge would have been in the region of £3,294.

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2016	2015
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>75</u>	<u>253</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2016	2015
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,935	3,305
Social security and other taxes	186	188
Accruals	<u>1,747</u>	<u>1,768</u>
	<u>5,868</u>	<u>5,261</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.11.15	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.16
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	75,991	10,066	86,057
Restricted funds			
Horserace Betting Levy Board	987	2,362	3,349
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>76,978</u>	<u>12,428</u>	<u>89,406</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	95,881	(85,815)	10,066
Restricted funds			
Horserace Betting Levy Board	5,270	(2,908)	2,362
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,151</u>	<u>(88,723)</u>	<u>12,428</u>

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	8,070	1,452
Subscriptions	28,438	26,706
Affiliation Fees	<u>685</u>	<u>841</u>
	37,193	28,999
Activities for generating funds		
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200 Club	966	1,478
Raffle	614	-
Promise Auction	<u>2,433</u>	<u>27</u>
	5,736	2,926
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	29	29
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Horserace Betting Levy Board	5,270	4,020
Stud Books and Gifts	6,865	7,441
Shows and Other Events	25,593	6,678
Pony Sales List	250	418
Registration	4,395	4,375
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Duplicate Passports	495	655
Prefix Applications	970	520
Stallion Licences	4,100	2,315
Passports	20	60
DNA	<u>2,275</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>58,193</u>	<u>37,937</u>
Total incoming resources	101,151	69,891

RESOURCES EXPENDED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016

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Accountancy Charges	1,292	1,233
Depreciation	<u>37</u>	<u>49</u>
	<u>18,179</u>	<u>16,356</u>
Total resources expended	88,723	63,409
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Net income	<u>12,428</u>	<u>6,482</u>



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Fees & Charges

	UK		Overseas	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Registration				
to 30 November				
Colt	£10	£20	£15	£25
Filly	£15	£30	£20	£35
December				
Colt	£20	£40	£25	£45
Filly	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration	£50	£100	£55	£105
(does not include cost of parentage test)				
Transfer	£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding	FOC	FOC	FOC	FOC
Prefix	£40	£50	£60	£70
Stallion Licence	See page 31			
FIS Kit	£40	£50	£45	£55
DNA Kit	£50	£60	£55	£65
Duplicate Passport	£50	£60	£55	£65
(does not include cost of parentage test)				

FELL PONY SOCIETY BANK DETAILS

Account Name: The Fell Pony Society Limited.

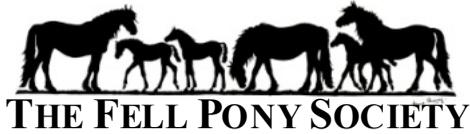
Bank: Lloyds, Penrith.

Address: 5 - 6 King Street, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7AP.

Sort Code: 30-16-28. Account Number: 00254896.

BIC LOYDGB21572. IBAN GB86 LOYD 3016 2800 2548 96.

All Bank transfers should be in English pounds sterling - 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 - please add £2 for transactions up to £100 and £7 for transactions greater than £100.



Membership Fees

Membership Type	UK Fee	Overseas Fee
Full	£25	£30
Associate	£15	£20
Junior	£15	£20
Family	£50	£60

The range of overseas membership types has been extended to mirror 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.

Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually.

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 or to vote at an EGM/AGM if his/her subscription has not been paid by the date of the meeting (1 April 2017).

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



FPS Stallion Licensing

It is compulsory for a colt/stallion to be FIS tested before a Stallion License can be issued. The fees for a Stallion License application are:

	To include DNA & FIS kits	If already FIS tested*
UK member	£120	£80
UK non member	£240	£200
Over seas member	£125	£85
Over seas non-member	£245	£205

If already FIS tested, proof will be required (either sight of Certificate or confirmation from a relevant laboratory, eg. AHT, that colt/stallion has been tested).

If already DNA typed please apply to the office for appropriate fees.

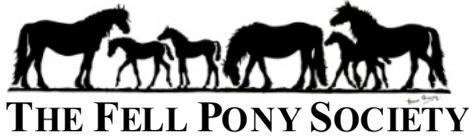
FPS Member Directory & Sales List

Listing in the Member Directory on the website is purely voluntary, and free. The Directory page is http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/member_dir.htm

If you wish your details to be added please complete the form online. Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate. Listings will be removed if current FPS membership lapses.

The Sales list of Fell Ponies for sale is http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/sales_list.htm. It is updated with fresh adverts as they are received. Each advert costs £10 per pony, for 3 months. Stud advertisements cost £30 for 12 months. There is a printable form on the web site to guide you when writing your advert. Please send it with a cheque payable to 'The Fell Pony Society' to: FPS Sales List, Bank House, Appleby.

To use either of these services you can also e-mail the FPS Office, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk. (The Society's electronic banking details are on p29 of this Magazine.)



Sub-Committees

Conservation Grazing Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Eileen A Walker , Telephone: 01388 763607.

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Mrs CH Robinson, Mrs S Charlton, Miss R Dalton, Miss N Evans and Mr A Thorpe

Judges Sub-Committee

Chairman: Miss Georgina Callister , 53 Meadowvale, Seaton, Workington, Cumbria CA14 1SD. Telephone: 01900 66526.

Secretary: Ms Anne Armstrong-Foxton, Beckside, Rosehill, Gilsland, Carlisle, CA87DP. E-mail: anne.a_foxton@btinternet.com

Master judges and reserves are chosen at random from the FPS Panel at a Council meeting to serve on this Committee. Of these, two are selected to remain on for two years to maintain continuity.

Overseas Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Sue Millard, Daw Bank, Greenholme, Tebay, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3TA. Telephone: 01539 624636. E-mail: sue@dawbank.co.uk

Mrs GM Callister , Mr GHB Mallinson, Mr C Roberts and Mrs CH Robinson.

Show Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs CH Robinson, North Fell Dyke, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4SH. Telephone: 01946 861 302.

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Secretary: Miss R Brunskill. E-mail: fpsshowsecretary@hotmail.com

Mr I Brunskill, Mr M Goddard, Mr B Mallinson, Miss H Mawrey and Mr D Wilkinson.

Promotions Sub-Committee

Chairman: Mrs Susan Brunskill, The Ramblings, Renwick, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 1JT. Tel: 01768 870844. E-mail: Hynholme@hotmail.com

Secretary: Mrs Alison Bell. Treasurer: Rachael Brunskill.

Mrs S Millard, Mrs K Ellis, Mrs CH Robinson and Miss N Evans.



Council Elections 2017

The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr P Boustead, Miss R Brunskill and Mrs S Brunskill. Miss J Glass has retired from Council. Two new candidates have been proposed: Miss J Rawden and Mrs D Slack. There are therefore four places to fill and five candidates.

Please use your postal voting paper enclosed with this magazine. Complete and return it to the Official Scrutineer, NOT to the Office.

New Candidates for 2017

MISS JANE RAWDEN

Proposed by Miss M G Longsdon, MBE and Seconded by Mr G H B Mallinson.

Fell ponies have been a major part of my life since I was very young.

One of many people who have been truly inspirational in helping me understand and respect the breed is Jane Glass, who is retiring from Council. Having recently started my own business, I am now able to dedicate time and energy to support the Society further.

My commitment would be to keep the breed true to type and to share the versatility of Fells. Recent examples of my proactivity are:

Attending Your Horse Live with my Fell Murthwaite Looks Promising, promoting the breed to a diverse range of people.

Encouraging a team of Fells to qualify and compete at the 2016 NPS dressage finals, resulting in a team win. Four individuals who didn't know each other prior to the competition are now firm friends and have continued competing.

Showing is my passion and I believe it provides real value in promoting the breed. People may remember my bay fell Wolds Woodcock and I have high hopes for my youngster Bracklinn Glayva. I thoroughly enjoy our visits to the Breed/Southern Breed/Stallion Show, meeting fellow owners young and old - a place to feel proud, to watch, to learn and to enjoy our breed.

I would value the opportunity to give something back for everything Fells have given me; if elected I will work passionately to help sustain traditional Fell pony characteristics and promote Fells to all.



MRS DIANA SLACK, prefix Raisbeck

Proposed by Mrs G M Cockbain
and Seconded by Mr P Boustead.

I have been a member of the Fell Pony Society since the late 1970s and since then I have attended a high percentage of the meetings. Over the years I have backed and broken a considerable number of ponies for the hill breeders.

Although a small breeder I have bred a number of ponies that have been successful not only in the show ring but also in pony club and driving events. A mare of mine was placed first equal at Horse of the Year Show ridden Fells, Dales and Highlands. I have had experience of trekking with a pony of my breeding on the lower slopes of the mountains of Switzerland and snigging with the same pony in the Swiss forests.

I live 900 feet above sea level near Kirkby Stephen so in the heart of Fell Pony country and I frequently attend shows. I feel it is essential to keep brood mares and young stock on the fell where possible to ensure the Fell Pony retains its natural characteristics and if elected for council I hope I can contribute to the future well-being of the Fell Pony breed.



Council Members Standing for Re-election

Numbers in brackets represent the number of regular meetings which have not been attended by those Council members serving over the past five years.

MR PETER BOUSTEAD (5)

I have been a Fell Pony Society member for about 40 years and, apart from a brief period of absence due to work commitments, a Council member for about 30. During this time I have been Chair of the Judges Assessment committee and Chief Steward at the Breed Show. Furthermore, I have given talks and demonstrations on the Fell Pony throughout Britain and abroad, not only promoting the breed, but also helping the society to achieve its charitable aim of furthering education. There have been many welcome developments over



this period such as the Area Support Groups and the Young Persons Group. Some have been less welcome such as the declining number of ponies bred on their native fells and the changes in the way of going of Fells largely due to the rising popularity of ridden classes. Hopefully I can work towards stemming these developments and also make the Council more accessible to members throughout the Country whatever their employment.

MISS RACHAEL BRUNSKILL (1)

I have been involved with Fell ponies since becoming hooked as a child and now keep a small number of breeding mares. I took over the role of show secretary after being assistant secretary for a number of years and now have been privileged to be a council member for the last 12 months.

During my time as a member of the FPS I have volunteered regularly & tried to promote our ponies wherever possible. During the last 18 months I have been part of the promotions team and have attended shows and country fairs with my ponies and the official FPS trade stand. I even did a live piece



for Bay radio at Westmorland county show on how great our ponies are!

Being part of the younger generation, I would like to encourage younger members to enjoy and promote this amazing breed, help the society to move forward whilst maintaining our true to type ponies.



MRS SUSAN BRUNSKILL (1)

I have been a member of the Society for over twenty years, and along with my husband and daughter we have a small number of breeding mares and breed under the Hynholme prefix. Where we breed true to type ponies in line with our breed standard

During my time as a member I have been involved with the show committee, and have been in the

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merchandise tent for a number of years. I have stewarded at both the Breed show and the Stallion show.

I have been on council for the last five years, and during that time I have worked tirelessly to promote the Fell pony in various ways. As recently as 2015 I have set up the promotions team, taking ponies and the merchandise and information tent around the country to various events, helping to promote our wonderful ponies, encouraging our younger members to be involved. I will continue to be as active as I possibly can be, and I look forward to 2017 and the challenges that will come with it.



FPS Colt & Stallion Grading Scheme

A new colt and stallion grading scheme was introduced in the spring of 2016. Ponies aged 2yrs and 3yrs were graded at Newton Rigg Agricultural College near Penrith and at the FPS Southern Breed Show at Berkshire Agricultural College.

Gold Awards and £50 Premiums were paid to:

Carrock Stride The Nite FP72419C, Mrs G Cockbain

Wellbrow Mikado FP 72283C*, Mr A Thorpe

The scheme is being offered to 2yrs, 3yrs, 4yrs & 5yrs old colts and stallions during 2017. Full details and an application form can be found on the FPS Website under Stallion Listings, or obtained from the FPS Office.

Eileen A Walker



Advertising Fees for Magazine

Full page	£60
Half page	£30
Quarter page	£15
Small box.....	£10
Picture in any of the preceding	+£10
Classified, text only	£2 per 20

words

Please send your advertisement to the Secretary, by 1st September (Autumn issue) or 1st February (Spring issue), with the appropriate fee payable to FPS.



FPS Southern Breed Show 2016

The 27th Fell Pony Society Southern Fell Show took place at a new venue of Berkshire College of Agriculture on 11 September 2016.

The day dawned... well... very misty, after the terrible rain of the day before. However, the sun soon did its job and burnt through to give a wonderful sunny day with brilliant close up views of the local Red Kite population.

Entries were up on previous years, possibly due to the change of venue with its very easy access from main motorways, and the ground was excellent given the weather the previous day.

The day's showing judges were Mrs Glenis Cockbain, Mr John Cockbain and Mrs Penny Randell, with Miss Jessica Blowers judging the working hunter pony ring, Mr Matthew Powers taking time off from his duties at Windsor Castle to judge the driving class, and local BD list judge Mrs Kathy Marsden kindly joining us to judge the dressage.

The youngstock classes started with a win for Mr and Mrs G Miller's homebred colt Highbrook Young Master in the foal class. In the yearling class the Millers were again successful with Deepghyll Bring It On, bred by Miss C Savage. The two year old class was won by Miss H Wallis and Mrs A Torode's homebred Brocklebank Courvoisier and the three year old class by Mrs C Pewters' Wellbrow Glimmer, bred by Mr A Thorpe, who went on to take the Youngstock Supreme with the Millers' Deepghyll Bring It On as Reserve.

Mrs J Minns had a very successful show with her two beautiful mares, Greenholme Caitlin and Murthwaite Magic Moment, each taking the two top spots in the in-hand mare classes, with Caitlin also taking the Ridden Olympia qualifier, Ridden Mare Champion, Reserve Mare Championship and Ridden Championship, and Murthwaite Magic Moment taking Mare Champion, Reserve In-hand Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion.

The in-hand gelding class 4-8 years was won by Mrs C Pewter's Brackenbank Oscar, and the 9 and over class by Ms S Duckhouse's Chestermann Dandy. Chestermann Dandy took the Gelding Championship with Brackenbank Oscar as reserve. In the Open Ridden Geldings the open top spot was taken by Greenholme Yabadabadoo, owned by Ms N Mayling and ridden by Miss Holly Mayling, and the Novice Geldings by Mrs C Pewter's Brackenbank Oscar.

The ever consistent grey Greenholme Yabadabadoo showed the versatility of the breed by winning three flat showing classes and the intermediate WHP class, placing third in the Olympia Qualifier and in the Prelim dressage class, as well as being awarded Children's Ridden Champion, WHP Champion and Reserve Ridden Champion.

Mrs D Vychinski's homebred five year old stallion Boutime Wooster headed the in-hand stallions and went on to take both the show In-hand Championship and

the Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy for the winner of the Inter-Area In-hand Championship. The Inter-Area competition is for ponies representing the different area support groups of the FPS, and this is the second year running that Boutime Wooster has won it for Midlands West Support Group. Reserve Champion was Mr G Guy's Severnvalle Mary Rose, representing South West Support Group. Boutime Wooster continued his success by taking the Supreme Championship at the end of a very long, warm and sunny day.

Mr and Mrs AG Parker's Banksgate Shannon was superbly turned out for the driving class and judge Mr Power, who is used to driving the Queen's Fells at Windsor, was delighted to award Banksgate Shannon first place, and a Fell Pony Society Special Rosette.

The Southern Show prides itself on offering a good range of children's classes. Master Liam Bruno won the Young Handler class with Mr G Guy's Severnvalle Sadie, kindly loaned for the class by Mr Guy as Liam's mum's young ponies were too much of a handful! Some parents do go above and beyond for their children and Mr G Miller certainly proved this in the fancy dress class by wearing a dragon onesie to accompany daughter and dragon-slayer Miss Bunty Miller on her mother's Dalefoot Sinbad. Miss Sonyarisa Duckhouse managed to persuade her mother to take part in the fancy dress as well, winning with an extremely colourful costume and the ever-patient Chestermann Dandy. Bunty and Dalefoot Sinbad also won the Child Lead-Rein, with Miss Amy Duffin on her mother's Brocklebank Hendricks a close second. Miss Bethany Hughes, on her first visit to the Southern Show, had a successful day with her mother's versatile gelding Wellbrow Duke. The pair won the Child 6-12 years, Novice Working Hunter Pony, stood Reserve in the Children's Championship and won the Child Best Turned Out Championship.

The Groovy Hooves Championships is for ponies taking part in dressage, jumping and handy pony, with positions calculated on a points system using the best placing in each section. Miss Anna Meadows, with her mother's homebred Aylestone Chamelee, won the Novice Dressage and Open Working Hunter, as well as placing well in the handy pony, to win the championship and the Groovy Hooves Trophy. Miss Bethany Hughes and Wellbrow Duke won both the Walk and Trot Dressage and Prelim Dressage and Novice Working Hunter Pony, but scored just below Aylestone Chamelee in the handy pony to come a very close second overall. Ms D McGrail's Lydvale Jet placed third and Mrs A Adcock's Townend Lib III fourth. All participants in the championship received special groovy rosettes.

The Southern Show couldn't function without its dedicated band of hard working volunteers and its generous sponsors, including Mr and Mrs R Muttitt of Seatallan Engineering Ltd and the many people who sponsored classes this year.

Jules Jordan

RESULTS in full

IN-HAND

1. Stallions

- 1st Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski
- 2nd Fairlawn Dominic - Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin
- 3rd Wellbrow Edwin - Miss Z Marsden
- 4th Underwoods Xeus - Mrs S Baldwin

2. Mares 4 - 8 year in-hand

- 1st Greenholme Caitlin - Mrs J Minns
- 2nd Banksgate Song Bird - Mrs & Mrs AG Parker
- 3rd Severnvale Mary Rose - Mr G Guy
- 4th Hardendale Blossom - Mrs L Bennett
- 5th Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows & Miss AM Meadows

3. Mares 9 years and over

- 1st Murthwaite Magic Moment - Mrs J Minns
- 2nd Banksgate Shannon - Mr & Mrs AG Parker
- 3rd Littletree Ladybird - Mr & Mrs AG Parker
- 4th Severnvale Sadie - Mr G Guy
- 5th Severnvale Grace - Mr G Guy
- 6th Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows

4. Broodmares

- 1st Drybarrows Jess II - Mrs FV Miller
- 2nd Severnvale Gypsy Rose - Mr G Guy
- 3rd Llancloudy Jezebel - Mrs S Petritz

5. Foals

- 1st Highbrook Young Master - Mr & Mrs G Miller
- 2nd Severnvale Queen of the Vale - Mr G Guy & Miss L Russell
- 3rd Richmond Grace - Mrs S Petritz

6. Geldings 4 - 8 years

- 1st Brackenbank Oscar - Mrs C Pewter
- 2nd Brocklebank Hendricks - Ms J Duffin

7. Geldings 9 years & over

- 1st Chesterman Dandy - Ms S Duckhouse
- 2nd Dalefoot Sinbad - Mrs FV Miller

8. Yearling

- 1st Deepghyll Bring It On - Mr & Mrs G Miller
- 2nd Greenrivers Ruth Lea - Mr K Turner (ex hb. Ms E Drewett)
- 3rd Midtown Joker - Miss Z Marsden
- 4th Severnvale Poppy - Mr G Guy

9. Two year old

- 1st Brocklebank Courvoisier - Miss H Wallis & Mrs A Torode
- 2nd Holling Rum - Mrs C Pewter
- 3rd Wellbrow Heather - Mrs C Pewter

10. Three year old

- 1st Wellbrow Glimmer - Mrs C Pewter
- 2nd Severnvale Navaeh - Mrs J Reed
- 3rd Meadowvalley The Governor - Ms E Drewett

11. Veteran, 15 years and over

- 1st Severnvale Sadie - Mr G Guy

12. Pair class

- 1st Aylestone Chamelee & Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows & Miss AM Meadows

RIDDEN

13. Stallions

- 1st Fairlawn Dominic - Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin

14. Mares

- 1st Greenholme Caitlin - Mrs J Minns
- 2nd Richmond Affra - Mrs P Marsh
- 3rd Banksgate Song Bird - Mr & Mrs AG Parker

15. Geldings

- 1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling;
- 2nd Dalefoot Sinbad - Mrs FV Miller
- 3rd Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider Miss B Griffiths
- 4th Underwoods Tom-Tom - Mrs C Ross-Thompson
- 5th Chestermann Dandy - Ms S Duckhouse

17. Novice mares

- 1st Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows & Miss AM Meadows

2nd Banksgate Song Bird - Mr & Mrs AG Parker
3rd Severn vale Mary Rose - Mr G Guy

18. Novice geldings

1st Brackenbank Oscar - Mrs C Pewter
2nd Chestermann Dandy - Ms S Duckhouse
3rd Wansfell Rambler - Mrs S Bellem
4th Lydvale Jet - Ms D McGrail

19. Traditional Ridden Mares

1st Banksgate Song Bird - Mr & Mrs AG Parker
2nd Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows & Miss AM Meadows
3rd Richmond Affra - Mrs P Marsh
4th Severn vale Mary Rose - Mr G Guy
5th Hardendale Blossom - Mrs L Bennett
6th Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows

20. Traditional Ridden Geldings & Stallions

1st Dalefoot Sinbad - Mrs FV Miller
2nd Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider Miss B Griffiths
3rd Fairlawn Dominic - Mr & Mrs PA Schwarzin

21. Ridden veterans

No competitors forward

22. Ridden pairs

1st Townend Lib & Lydvale Jet - Mrs A Adcock & Mrs D McGrail
2nd Aylestone Chamelee & Wolds Jenny Wren - Mrs IK Meadows & Miss IM Meadows

23. Children - 10 yrs & under lead rein

1st Dalefoot Sinbad - Mrs FV Miller; rider Miss B Miller
2nd Brocklebank Hendricks - Ms J Duffin; rider Miss A Duffin

24. Children - 6-12 years

1st Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider Miss B Griffiths
2nd Underwoods Tom-Tom - Mrs C Ross-Thompson

25. Children 13 - 16 years

1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling; rider Miss N Mayling

26. Novice Working Hunter Pony

1st Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider Miss B Griffiths
2nd Wellbrow Diplomat - Miss Z Marsden
3rd Underwoods Tom-Tom - Mrs C Ross-Thompson
4th Chestermann Dandy - Ms S Duckhouse
5th Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows & Miss AM Meadows
6th Lydvale Jet - Ms D McGrail

27. Intermediate Working Hunter Pony

1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling
2nd Wellbrow Diplomat - Miss Z Marsden
3rd Chestermann Dandy - Ms S Duckhouse
4th Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows
5th Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider Miss B Griffiths

28. Working Hunter Pony

1st Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows

29. Driving

1st Banksgate Shannon - Mr & Mrs AG Parker

30a. Handy Pony - ridden

1st Dalefoot Sinbad - Mrs FV Miller
2nd Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock; rider Katie
=3rd Lydvale Jet - Ms D McGrail, & Townend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock; rider Georgia
4th Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows
5th Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider Miss B Griffiths

30b. Handy Pony - in-hand

1st Dalefoot Sinbad - Mrs FV Miller
2nd Lydvale Jet - Ms D McGrail
3rd Wansfell Rambler - Mrs S Bellem

31. Fancy Dress

1st Chestermann Dandy - Ms S Duckhouse
2nd Dalefoot Sinbad - Mrs FV Miller

32. Young Handler

1st Severn vale Sadie - Mr G Guy; handler Master L Bruno
2nd Brocklebank Hendricks - Ms J Duffin; handler Miss A Duffin

33. Two Generations

1st Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N

Mayling

2nd Underwoods Tom-Tom - Mrs C Ross-
Thompson

3rd Townsend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock

4th Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows

5th Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows &
Miss AM Meadows

34. Dressage - Walk /trot

1st Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider
Miss B Griffiths

2nd Banksgate Song Bird - Mr & Mrs AG
Parker

3rd Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows &
Miss AM Meadows

4th Lydvale Jet - Ms D McGrail

5th Townsend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock

35. Dressage - Preliminary 13

1st Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths

2nd Lydvale Jet - Ms D McGrail

3rd Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N
Mayling

4th Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows

5th Wolds Jenny Wren II - Mrs IK Meadows &
Miss AM Meadows

36. Dressage - Novice 34

1st Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows

2nd Wansfell Rambler - Mrs S Bellem

37. BSPS Olympia Qualifier

1st Greenholme Caitlin - Mrs J Minns; rider
Ms T Bell-Heather

2nd Banksgate Tamlin - Ms TH Hughes; rider
Ms L Elliott

3rd Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N
Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling

4th Fairlawn Dominic - Mr & Mrs PA

Schwarzin; rider Miss F Schwarzin

5th Wellbrow Diplomat - Miss Z Marsden

6th Banksgate Song Bird - Mr & Mrs AG
Parker

Championships

IN-HAND

Gelding championship

Ch. Chestermann Dandy - Ms S Duckhouse

Res. Brackenbank Oscar - Mrs C Pewter

Mare championship

Ch. Murthwaite Magic Moment - Mrs J Minns

Res. Greenholme Caitlin - Mrs J Minns

Youngstock championship

Ch. Wellbrow Glimmer - Mrs C Pewter

Res. Deepghyll Bring It On - Mr & Mrs G
Miller

In-hand Championship

Ch. Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski

Res. Murthwaite Magic Moment - Mrs J
Minns

Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy (Inter- Area In-hand Championship)

Ch. Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski

Res. Severnvalle Mary Rose - Mr G Guy

RIDDEN

Children's Championship

Ch. Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N

Mayling, rider Miss H Mayling

Res. Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths, rider
Miss B Griffiths

Children's Best Turned Out

Championship

Ch. Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths, rider
Miss B Griffiths

Working Hunter Pony Championship

Ch. Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N

Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling

Res. Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider
Miss B Griffiths

Ridden Championship

Ch. Greenholme Caitlin - Mrs J Minns

Res. Greenholme Yabadabadoo - Ms N
Mayling; rider Miss H Mayling

Supreme Championship

Ch. Boutime Wooster - Mrs D Vychinski
Res. Murthwaite Magic Moment - Mrs J Minns

Groovy Hooves Championship

(for ponies taking part in WHP/Two

Generations, Dressage and Handy Pony)

1st Aylestone Chamelee - Mrs IK Meadows

2nd Wellbrow Duke - Mrs L Griffiths; rider

Miss B Griffiths

3rd Lydvale Jet - Ms D McGrail

4th Townsend Lib III - Mrs A Adcock



Southern Breed Show Supreme Champion Boutime Wooster (Mrs Deborah Vychinski) and Reserve Supreme Champion Murthwaite Magic Moment (Mrs J Minns), with judges Mrs Glennis Cockbain, Mr John Cockbain and Mrs Penny Randell.



Southern Show Reserve Champion, Inter-Area Championship for Bewcastle Boy Blue Trophy - Severnvale Mary Rose, owned by Mr G Guy, handled by Miss H Mayling.



Southern Show Driving winner Banksgate Shannon (Mr & Mrs AG Parker), judge Mr Matthew Powers and steward Michael Goddard.



Emma Drewett's son Liam Bruno with George Guy's Severnvale Sadie, winner of the young handler class. Liam also received a mug and badge from the Fantas Fell range.

Southern Show

Right, Pam Marsh and Richmond Affra.

*Below: Sue Petriz with Richmond Grace
(foal) out of Llancloudy Jezebel.*





Colour Photo Section

Claire Simpson



A packed sale room and brisk trade for the FPS Sale at North West Auctions.



Southern Show Costume class—Dalefoot Sinbad being foot perfect despite being led by a dragon (Gordon Miller)



Carrock Elsa pictured above at Ennerdale Show where she was breed champion and supreme champion. Elsa was also champion at Skelton, Appleby, Crosby Ravensworth, Loweswater, Westmorland County and Eggleston, and Youngstock

Katy Downing and Waverhead Ted won the combined training and the native pony dressage class at the Sidesaddle National Championships.



Emmpix



Waverhead Fantasy, Reserve Champion Large M & M at Grampian Foal Show, Aberdeen. Shown by Shanagh Lawson, owned by Frank and Morven Lawson

At the Stallion and Colt Show at Dalemain—Mrs Huddleston's Gelding Champion, Rosefell T Reg shown by Mike Rawlinson



Emma Campbell

Nicola Evans



Examples of habitats being conserved by grazing Fell ponies. Above, Helmside Harrier and Carrock Apache at Clibum Moss National Nature Reserve. Below, Lownthwaite Dunmail, Linnel Rowan Berry, Birkettbank Maisie and Townend Shannon at Sizergh.

Nicola Evans



Nicola Evans



More conservation work: Above, Brocklebank Honey Bee, Townend Shannon and Ickenthaite Ascot at Kentmere. Below, Rackwood Panasonic and Ickenthaite Ascot, Clibum Moss National Nature Reserve.

Nicola Evans





Fell Pony Performance Trials 2016

The Charlton family have held the Fell Pony Performance Trials for Registered Native Ponies in the beautiful setting of The Linnels, near Hexham, for many years. It is a lovely friendly event, where points are collected according to the obstacles tackled and nobody is ever eliminated. Organising the event is a massive commitment, with lots of work behind the scenes. After a break in 2015, Sarah Charlton appealed for some help to take the event forward in 2016 and beyond. Vicky Parker has taken on the challenge, involving friends and the North East Fell Pony Support Group and done a fantastic job for which the Charlton family, competitors and spectators are very grateful.

Vicky Parker continues...

The Fell Pony Performance Trials for Registered Native Ponies came back with a bang for 2016. The event gives the opportunity for all levels of native pony to compete in dressage, cross country and show jumping elements with optional heights right throughout the course, suiting the most novice and experienced competitors alike. This year the event was as popular as ever with classes being over subscribed. Three sections were on offer: Fell Pony, Small Breeds, and Large Breeds Excluding Fells.

Despite rain arriving in the early hours of the morning the sun shone and ponies and competitors had a fantastic day, beginning early with dressage starting at 8.30am. The cross country was as always one of the most popular elements and included 3 choices of jump height right throughout the course, 2 steep hills and a timed section. Show Jumping was the finale to the event with competitors and spectators coming to watch the variety of different breeds take on a working hunter style jumping course.

The day was enjoyed by all and every competitor went away with a rosette for their efforts. One rider and pony however stole the hearts of competitors, photographers and spectators alike. Young Charlotte Heslop and her Exmoor pony Fallon were taking part in their first ever one day event. Charlotte a.k.a. "Charlie" talked to her pony throughout the course, patting and telling Fallon how good she was for jumping each jump, with a smile on her face. They both embodied what the event is for: a day to have fun, compete and enjoy your native pony.

Large Breed Trophy Winners

The large breed honours went to Jo Calwood and Sara Dowdeswell's Connemara Hazelrock Mandate who remarkably were jumping for the first time at the event with the pony classed as a novice. After a 4th place dressage finish Jo showed her experience by jumping a superb double clear of the open fences to take the large breeds title. The pair also won awards for the best Connemara, and the Ochills Novice Pony title.

Small Breed Trophy Winners

There were 3 Exmoors competing as part of the small breed category, all coming from the Moorland Mouse Trust. It was Juliet Rodgers and her own ride Rosefinch who was triumphant taking first position. Juliet started with a fantastic dressage score of 71% taking the lead in the section, and didn't look back, maintaining the lead right

throughout the competition. Juliet dedicates an enormous amount of time to the preservation of the Exmoor pony and works hard to promote the pony as the true all rounder it is.

Fell Pony Trophy Winners

Linnel Tiger Lilly returned home to the Linnel Stud competing and jumping the course for the first time at just 6years old. Tiger Lilly was expertly ridden and produced by Pam Brown and didn't disappoint, jumping all the open fences throughout the course. She was pushed all the way for the title by young upcoming star Charlotte Wilson and Hades Hill Perry but Pam showed her experience by navigating Tiger Lilly to a foot perfect show jumping round and gaining maximum points to cement her place as Champion. Linnel Tiger Lilly was also awarded the Brackenbank Trophy for the best Fell Mare.

The Highlands enjoyed double success. Kristin McMurray from Scotland piloted Trailtrow Tanera to take the Highland Champion Trophy, showing the versatility of the Highland pony, who took on open fences with ease. Chris Grant, a regular attendee at the event, showed his experience by winning the timed dismount, slip rail, jump and gate section of the cross country on Dunedin Rhiona in just 0.33seconds.

A number of other trophies were awarded to Fell ponies. The Fell Pony dressage trophy was won by 6 year old Thornbeck Andrew and Victoria Parker who were taking part in their second performance trials. They scored a massive 80.3%, winning the section by over 4%.

The Fell Newcomer was awarded to Veteran Pony Meadowvalley Free Spirit and his owner Angela Cairns. This was their first time competing at the event after moving up to the North East, and the pair navigated the course with ease, being placed 4th in the dressage and 9th out of 21 ponies over all.

Charlotte Wilson and her pony Hades Hill Perry showed the adults how it's done. This fantastic partnership flew around the open fences showing no fear. This was made even more remarkable by the fact Charlotte is only 10 years old, and in 2014 her dedicated dad led her and her pony around the course. She progressed to win the best junior award and to come 2nd over all against all the adults. A pair to watch out for in the future!

Margaret Plank and her Fell pony Townend Dillon performed superbly to take the Best Senior Trophy. Margaret, who typically competes in Endurance events, showed that both she and Dillon can compete in all disciplines, being 2nd in the dressage, 6th cross country and 4th in the overall Fell standings.

We look forward to welcoming competitors and their Native Ponies back to Linnel Wood for the 2017 competition. Join the Facebook group Fell Pony Performance Trials for Registered Native Ponies to keep up to date with news of the event.

Vicky Parker



Fell Pony Society Annual Show & Sale 2016



Rebecca Bridges

Sale champion Lathomdale Stardust and Michael Woods

The Fell Pony Society held its annual sale of registered Fell ponies at the North West Auctions J36 Rural Auction Centre, near Kendal, Cumbria, on Saturday 29 October. The sale was preceded by three in hand show classes: one for ponies four years and over; one for youngstock one to three years; and one class for foals. The classes were judged by Ruth Eastwood who thoroughly enjoyed the day, and was very pleased with the quality of the ponies forward.

A total of 73 Fell ponies were entered in the sale with 68 forward on the day, an increase of 16 over last year; 56 ponies were sold through the ring. The exciting catalogue offered something for everybody, with a good selection of quality ponies of all ages attracting a large crowd of buyers from all over the UK. Entries included brood mares with excellent bloodlines; youngsters, some that already had impressive show records; licensed colts and older ponies broken to ride and / or drive.

The overall average price was up again this year with filly foals 676gns (170gns higher than 2015) and colt foals averaging 317gns (up 30gns). Youngstock aged one to three years averaged 607gns (down 50gns); and older ponies averaged 659gns (down 70gns), but this probably reflected the fact that there were fewer broken ponies and several older brood mares.

The highest price of the day 1600gns was achieved by Greenholme Kate, a black filly foal by Greenholme Warrior from Misses R.J. & B.K. Potter. This smart filly had been placed 3rd in the foal showing class. The highest priced colt foal was Lathomdale Stardust, by Heltondale Star Boy III which had won the foal showing class and was awarded the overall show championship. This super, sparky colt was bred and shown by Michael Woods and knocked down to the Ringstone Stud of Devon for 1200gns. Michael had previously taken the reserve championship at the



Judge Ruth Eastwood with the reserve champion, Brackenbank Gabriella

2014 sale with another colt foal, a full brother to Stardust. Judge Ruth Eastwood explained that she particularly liked the colt's outlook, good action and limbs.

The Wilkinson family's lovely seven year old mare Brackenbank Gabriella won the class for ponies over four years and took the reserve championship, but returned home after failing to reach her reserve. The highest priced pony over 4 years was Holling Taffy, a four 4 old grey gelding by Stenerskeugh Smoke from Mr. S.D. Sanderson, that had created a lot of interest and sold for 1050gns.

Winner of the show class for ponies one to 3 years old was another super pony bred by the Wilkinsons, Brackenbank Davey's Lad, a 3 year old licensed stallion that was sold for 950 gns by David Howe.

Another successful sale for the vendors, and some super ponies going to lovely new homes. Some were out winning in the show ring for their new owners the week after the sale.

Claire Simpson

Show class results:

Class 1, Ponies 4 years and over

- 1st Brackenbank Gabriella - Wilkinson Family, Murton
- 2nd Rosefell Adrianna - J. Huddleston, Lancaster

Class 2, Ponies 1-3 years

- 1st Brackenbank Davey's Lad - D. Howe, Appleby
- 2nd Nortontowers Gale - P Hodgson, Skipton
- 3rd Kinkryhill Sprite C.E. & B. Fletcher, Heywood

Class 3, Foals

- 1st Lathomdale Star dust - M.J. Woods, Skelmer sdale
- 2nd Lunesdale Black Pepper - C. Morland, Kirkby Stephen
- 3rd Greenholme Kate - R.J. & B.K. Potter, Tebay
- 4th Greenholme Kingsmark - R.J. & B.K. Potter, Tebay
- 5th Rundales Wattaboy - D. Howe, Dufton
- 6th Waverfoot Tom O' The Hill - H. Lightfoot, Skipton

Champion - Lathomdale Star dust

Reserve - Brackenbank Gabriella



FPS NWASG Foal & Youngstock Show

The Fell Pony Society North West Area Support Group held the Foal & Youngstock Show at Newton Rigg College, Penrith on Sunday 13th November.

A last-minute decision to attend the show paid off well for David Thompson, who won the youngstock championship and the overall supreme champion with Drybarrows Another Chapter, a superb yearling filly by Carrock I'm Yer Man, that particularly impressed Judge Paul Metcalfe with her good limbs, flat bone and movement. The filly's name reflects the fact that David is continuing to breed ponies at the Drybarrows stud after the untimely death of his father, Chris Thompson, a very well respected and popular breeder, judge and FPS Council member. David added to his collection of silverware with the Brackenbank trophy donated by the Wilkinson family and the Laura Memorial trophy donated by Catherine Wrigley.



Rebecca Bridges

Foal and Youngstock Show Supreme champion Drybarrows Another Chapter (right) with David Thompson and Lunesdale Burnt Sugar (left with Vicki Kenyon)

Bert and Carole Morland took the reserve supreme championship and the foal championship with the filly Lunesdale Burnt Sugar by Lunesdale Union Jack; winning the trophies for the best filly foal, donated by Bill Potter, and the best foal bred by a hill breeder donated by Mr & Mrs David Howe. Sugar was another

pony that impressed the judge with her good limbs and ground covering movement; and took everything in her stride, despite having only come off the fell and been handled for the first time a week earlier. The reserve champion foal was the second placed filly, Drybarrows Blencathra, owned by Mr G. L. Hutton, and another pony bred by David Thompson.

The reserve champion in the youngstock section was Amanda Batey, with the consistent winner of the class for three year olds, Greenholme Hill Billy. Other class winners were Sophia Tighe's Tighewood S. The Boss, winner of the class for colt foals, and Jane Brain's Hardendale High Society, winner of the class for two year olds.

There was a lovely atmosphere at the show and competitors and spectators enjoyed a lovely, if chilly, Autumn day and a cake stall, which was a new idea that certainly went down well. The NWAG is very grateful to all who helped make the show a success and to show sponsors Alex Wrigley Photography, Mrs H Moss, Mrs Di Slack, Murthwaite Green Trekking Centre, Highbrook Fell Ponies, Debra Graham, 'Muzzle and Snout', and Brackenbank Fell Ponies.

Class 1 Filly Foal

- 1 Lunesdale Burnt Sugar - Mr & Mrs A W Morland
- 2 Drybarrows Blencathra - G L Hutton
- 3 Highbrook The Duchess - G & F Miller
- 4 Brackenbank Ruby - D & K Wilkinson
- 5 Salisbury Diva - F Cowlings
- 6 Bybecck Stella - C Roberts

Class 2 Colt Foal

- 1 Tighewood S. The Boss - S J Tighe
- 2 Wellbrow Jagger - Z Marsden
- 3 Nabside Flash Harry - S Mallinson

Class 3 Yearling

- 1 Drybarrows Another Chapter - D C Thompson
- 2 Midtown Joker - Z Marsden
- 3 Murthwaite TBC - S E James
- 4 Midtown Jemima - SL Hogg

Class 4 Two Year Old

- 1 Hardendale High Society - J Brain
- 2 Stunstead Treacle - J Miller Snr

Class 5 Three Year Old

- 1 Greenholme Hill Billy - A J Batey
- 2 Brackenbank Gino - A Bridges

Foal Champion - Lunesdale Burnt Sugar
Reserve Champion Foal - Drybarrows Blencathra

Youngstock Champion - Drybarrows Another Chapter
Reserve Youngstock Champion - Greenholme Hill Billy

Supreme Champion - Drybarrows Another Chapter
Reserve Supreme Champion - Lunesdale Burnt Sugar



FPS Social & Auction of Promises

The Fell Pony Society held an Auction of Promises and Gifts at the Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith on 15th October 2016. In all, 50 fabulous lots were offered by the society's members and friends, and bids were taken by email up to 15:00 on the day of the auction. After a lovely supper and a few drinks, members and their guests settled down to some fierce but good humoured bidding, with professional auctioneer David Jackson in control of the proceedings.

The highest price on the night was made by Libby Robinson's generous offer of a week's holiday at her farm in France, which raised £370 from the lucky email bidder. Other wonderful breaks included three nights



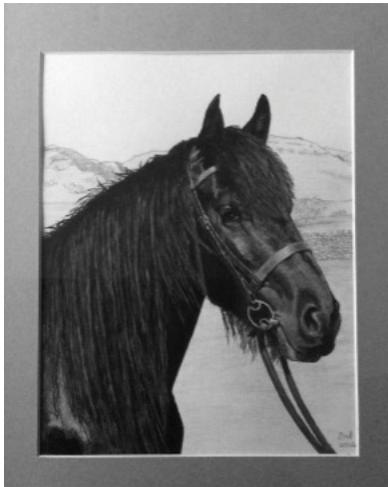
Fell pony cushion created by the super-talented Sharron Camp, and donated by the FPS South West Support Group

in a holiday cottage in Derbyshire, kindly offered by Mary Longsdon; two nights in a holiday cottage near Tebay offered by Sue Millard; and a weekend for people and ponies at the Waverhead stud which is set in the heart of spectacular pony trekking country, offered by Barbara Bell. A narrowboat cruise on the Shropshire Union canal was offered by the Midlands West Supporters group, and keenly contested by email bidders as was a motorbike tour of the Lake District offered by Glenis Cockbain, which produced some ferocious bidding in the room.

Various other opportunities included cross country training at the Linnels offered by the North East Supporters Group; flat training with Anneli Ferrier and with Brian Williams; and a driving taster with Paul Metcalfe.

Among the more unusual lots were the offer of half a day's housework from Colin Roberts and Gordon Miller's offer of a day's labour, which caused some amusement when this was interpreted as "slave for a day"!

Many thanks to all who kindly offered the gifts and promises, unfortunately too many to mention individually; and congratulations to all the successful bidders.



Pony portrait by Sally Miller, Horseface Portraits, donated by the FPS North West Area Support Group

Claire Simpson



Youngstock & Performance Premiums 2016

Well done once again to all of you who took part. As usual there was a huge range of activities competed-in with the Performance and Junior sections, so plenty of ponies are out there flying the Fell Pony flag. It is just a shame that we are still short of competitors in the Youngstock and Driving sections.

Christine Robinson

Foals (3 entries)

- 1st Carrock Lilly. Owner/Exhibitor, J Cockbain 570 points
- 2nd Wellbrow Jagger. O/E, Zoe Marsden 285 points
- 3rd Rackwood Riddler. O/E, E A Walker 150 points

Yearlings (3 entries)

- 1st Midtown Joker. O/E, Zoe Marsden 2035 points
- 2nd Rackwood Rambling Rose. O/E, E A Walker 205 points
- 3rd Rackwood Sophie. O/E, E A Walker 60 points

Two year Olds (2 entries)

- 1st Carrock Elsa. O/E, J Cockbain 1230 points
- 2nd Hardendale High Society. O/E, Jane Brain 970 points

Three Year Olds - No entries

4 year old & over In Hand (8 entries)

- 1st Ruby III. Owner/Exib. Carrie-Anne Richardson 1250 points
- 2nd Chestermann Dandy. O/E, Sonyarisa Duckhouse 840 points
- 3rd Wellbrow Edwin. O/E, Zoe Marsden 745 points
- 4th Bracklinn Maggie. O/E, Sharron Camp 490 points
- 5th Wellbrow Freddie. O/E, Zoe Marsden 405 points
- 6th Lydvale Jet. O/E, Dianna McGrail 260 points

4 year old & over Performance (16 entries)

- 1st Lunesdale War Dance. O/E, Sophie Jones 3340 points
- 2nd Dalefoot Rio. O/E, Lucy Jones 2690

points

- 3rd Chestermann Dandy. O/E, Sonyarisa Duckhouse 2510 points
- 4th Wellbrow Duke. Owner Lynn Griffiths. Exhib. Bethany Griffiths 2410 points
- 5th Lydvale Jet. O/E, Dianna McGrail 1860 points
- 6th Wellbrow Diplomat. O/E, Zoe Marsden 880 points

Junior Points (6 entries)

- 1st Lunesdale War Dance & Sophie Jones 3340 points
- 2nd Dalefoot Rio & Lucy Jones 2690 points
- 3rd Wellbrow Duke & Bethany Griffiths 2410 points
- 4th Emily Cheetham & Greenholme Kirstie 270 points
- 5th = Emily Cheetham & Boyndlie Black Rose 100 points
= Sophie Jones & Greenholme Friar Tuck 100 points

Dressage (4 entries)

- 1st Wellbrow Duke & Bethany Griffiths 780 points
- 2nd Lydvale Jet & Dianna McGrail 580 points
- 3rd Chestermann Dandy & Sonyarisa Duckhouse 480 points
- 4th Lathomdale Belinda & Carrie-Anne Richardson 250 points

Driving (2 entries)

- 1st Stennerskeugh Smoke. O/E, Gilly Chippendale 1180 points
- 2nd Brackenthwaite Duke. O/E, Teresa Whitehead 700 points

Champion Stallion - Greenholme Warrior
Champion Mare - Townend Sugar



Area Support Groups

Contact details are given in each Group's report and can also be found on the FPS web site, <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UKAreaSupportGroups.htm>





South West Area Support Group

As many of you may already know, Leanne Russell, has taken over being the South West Fell Pony area Co-ordinator for the group. Although I am still going to be around to help organise events for the area, it will be good to have a fresh face and new ideas after I have run the group for the last 16 years.

We already have a good selection of events organised for this year which we hope you will all enjoy.

If any one would like to run an event or help out please contact your area representative.

Michael Goddard

South West Area Events

On **Saturday 18th March** we are very lucky to have Vyv Wood-Gee to come down from Lockerbie to talk about her remarkable journeys riding across Britain with her two fell ponies Mikado and Magic.

We will be meeting in the evening with Wimborne Riding club at Holt village Hall to listen to Vyv's tales

To book your place and more information contact Michael.

The **Dorset Fell and Dales show** will be held on Sunday April 30th 2017 at Hurn Bridge Equestrian centre, Parley Lane Dorset BH23 6AD.

It is the second year we will be having Dales classes with a great selection to enter for both Fell & Dales ponies.

This year's judge is Mr Colin Turner who is coming down from Lancashire to judge. Mr Turner is on both the Fell and Dales panels, so a great opportunity for everyone.

For more information contact Sharron Camp, sharron.camp@montybear.co.uk, www.dorsetfellshow.co.uk

On **Saturday 1st July** we will be running a fun ride which is planned to start and to finish at the Cotswold Farm Park in Gloucestershire, the home of Adam Henson. The route is approximately 10 miles with an optional short cut by 3 miles. Refreshments available from Adam's Kitchen shop.

For more information contact Leanne Russell Tel 07907726428

On **Sunday 27th August** The Ringstone Fell pony stud have very kindly agreed to have a Open day at Ringstone Farm near Oakford, Tiverton, Devon.

It will be a great opportunity to view a good select of Fell ponies; the stud is currently standing three young Fell stallions and good selection of mares and young stock. On the day we are planning a breed talk on type and judging Fell ponies, working from the FPS scale of points.

A big Thank you to Mark and Keith for inviting the Group.

More information will be sent to all South west FPS members when all the details have been confirmed.

To book your place contact Michael Goddard.

South West Support Group Contact Details

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Dorset Fell Show Secretary. Sharron Camp, - email
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Gloucestershire

George Guy & Leanne Russell, Tel 07907726428



North of Scotland Area Support Group

The Fell Pony Society North of Scotland area group are planning a busy 2017 with a social get together at Redwings Horse Sanctuary at Forfar and an interesting hands-on Working Pony Day in the Highlands.

On Sunday 14th May there will be the 2nd Highland, Fell and Dales Scotland show at Brechin Castle as well as the usual classes at the Royal Highland Show in June. And every week throughout the year Scottish Fell ponies will be showing, long distance riding, pony clubbing, hacking, jumping, driving, dressaging etc etc!

North of Scotland area rep is Jacqueline Cheetham, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire
Tel 01346 541250 or email fellponies@btinternet.com



Midlands West Area Support Group

Last year's season concluded with the following events:

Pleasure Ride, Sunday October 9th 2016. Setting out from Eland Lodge Equestrian Centre, Marchington, Uttoxeter. This was a well attended event, with the ride being led by Kate White and Jess Kelly. Riders were out for several hours, enjoying a very pleasant ride through the Staffordshire countryside in glorious weather for the time of year. It was good to see such a good turnout of Fells and a special mention of our honorary Fell for the day - Monty the Shire. It was also good that several members from the Midlands East FPSS Group were able to join us. Many thanks to John, owner of Eland Lodge, who very kindly let us meet and park at Eland Lodge and use their facilities.

Annual Group Luncheon, 30th 2016 at the home of Mrs Elizabeth Marshall, Oaks Green, Sudbury. Another well attended luncheon courtesy of Elizabeth. This year we were treated to an excellent talk by Fiona Dillon on TREC in which she competes with her Fell pony. Also in attendance was Tamara Habberley, who also competes with her Fell and who made some very informative and interesting comments about competing alongside Fiona. As a result many of our Group members are keen to find out more and we hope we might be able to hold a taster event for members to have a go.

As usual Elizabeth was the perfect hostess providing us with a super meal and Fiona had a tough time selecting the three pudding competition winners, each of which were presented with the hotly contested engraved wooden spoons. The Fell photo show had some nice entries, as did the annual Group Newsletter caption competition and the afternoon concluded with a raffle which are always so generously supported and bring in very welcome funds for the Group. Many thanks to Janet and Georgina for bringing the FPS merchandise and a big thank you to Elizabeth for kindly hosting the event.

Christmas Get Together, Saturday 3rd December 2016. Following the successful pre-Christmas get together in 2015 organised by Debbie Roberts-Jones, Debbie very kindly undertook to organise another one at The Dragon in Montgomeryshire. Thank you again to everyone who attended, especially those of you who had some distance to travel.

You can always see news and photographs of our events on our Group website or on Facebook.

EVENTS FOR 2017

Saturday February 4th, Group Awards 2016 Luncheon. To be held at the Hollybush Inn, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ. This is where we intend to thank our members for all their hard work in various activities promoting the Fell breed during the previous year. This will be our first stand alone presentation event and we are hoping for a good turnout. All entrants will receive a fabulous rosette and there are several trophies to be awarded for Performance, Happy Hacking and Driving. Mary Longsdon MBE will be presenting the awards alongside Elizabeth

Marshall. Full results and photographs will be available on Group site following the event.

SATURDAY 8th April 2017 ~

Spring Festival of Fells Show .

To be held at Radfords Equestrian, Lower House Farm, Llanymynech, Near Oswestry, Shropshire, SY22 6LG. The show will commence at 9.30am. We are pleased to announce that our Fell Pony judge will be Mrs Jenny Crane. There will be the usual full section of registered Fell Pony classes for both ridden and in hand, plus several fun classes, a trekking class, dressage classes and a working hunter section. There will also be opportunity for Midlands West members to qualify for the Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter Area Challenge (final to be held at the Southern Fell Pony Society Breed Show in September). This show is also a qualifier for the NCPA Pony of The Year show. The schedule with full details and entry form will be

available to download from www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk Alternatively please contact show organiser Debbie Roberts-Jones on 01691 652843 or send a LARGE SAE to Diane Key, Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, Stafford ST18 9PQ.

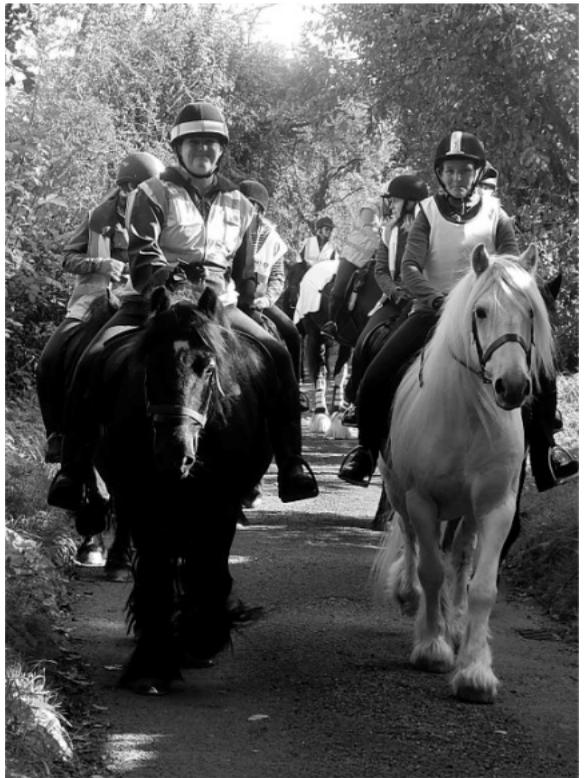
May 2017, Date TBA ~ Talk and Demonstration on Equine Acupuncture. To be held probably at Seighford, Stafford. More details will be available later.

Derbyshire Fell and Dales Show ~ Sunday June 18th 2017 will take place at Barleyfields Equestrian Centre, Etwell, Derbyshire. We are pleased to announce that our Fell pony judge will be Beverley Hodgson (Inglegarth Fell Ponies). Schedules will be available to download from www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk or by sending a large SAE to Diane Key, Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ telephone 01785 282922.

Sponsors for both shows are very welcome ~ Please contact the organisers.

LATER EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2017

Fell Pony Camp ~ The weekend of the 23rd, 24th & 25th June. Steph and John Adams will be holding another Fell Pony Camping weekend at Bunkhouse Tipi



The Pleasure ride from Marchington was well attended and riders spent several hours in the saddle.

and Camping, Woodhouse Farm Ltd, Wood House, St Harmon, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5LY, UK. If you are interested please contact Steph on 01597 8700 8.

Pleasure Ride - There are several rides being planned for this season including a beach ride. Details of these will be available from our Group website or Facebook page.

If you would like to join the Midlands West Fell Pony Support Group please contact Barry Stamp at Ivy Cottage, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ Telephone number 01785 822723. A membership form is available to download from our website. Please send a £5 cheque made payable to the Fell Pony Society Midlands West with your name and address and if applicable email address details. If you would like a receipt please include a SAE. Alternatively you can now complete a standing order form to pay your subscription. Again this form is available on our website www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk.

For more details about the group please visit the website or contact Diane Key at diane@fellpony.me.uk.



Midlands East Area Support Group

Show Dates 2017

6th May The Fell, Dales and Friends Show will be held on the Royal estate at Sandringham, by kind permission of Her Majesty the Queen. Fun show open to all equines. The nearest postcode for the showground is PE13 6AZ, there will be signs up on the day. Contact Jean Bateson 07969 084120 or see our Facebook group Sandringham Fell, Dales and Friends Show.

7th May Fell Pony & Friends Show at Gotham, Nottingham. NG11 0LE
Contact Christine Poole 07817 442293 or see our Facebook group Fell Pony & Friends.

21st May Icen Native Pony Show, Cambs. Contact Bev Halls 07534 283282

11th June Fell Pony & Friends Show at Gotham, Nottingham. NG11 0LE.
Contact Christine Poole 07817 442293 or see our Facebook group Fell Pony & Friends.

25th June Blaston Agricultural Show, Fell classes
secretary@blastonshow.co.uk.

10th Sept FPS Southern Breed Show contact Georgina Blair 07796 685992.

24th Sept Fell Pony & Friends Show at Gotham, Nottingham. NG11 0LE.
Contact Christine Poole 07817 442293 or see our Facebook group Fell Pony & Friends.

TBC Fell Pony & Friends Christmas Show & Fun Day - venue TBC
Contact Christine Poole 07817 442293 or see our Facebook group Fell Pony & Friends.



North East Area Support Group

North East Area Support Group - Spring 2017

Looking back over the last twelve months, the North East FPS Group has had a very busy and exciting time. We keep trying new events to involve non riders as well as our happy hackers and competitive showing members. Our handy pony fun day last August was well supported but we've learned that socials involving food are always popular.

Our 2017 events calendar has begun with the annual Sunday Lunch held on 5th February at The Holiday Inn close to the A1 on the outskirts of Darlington. An excellent meal followed by the chance to catch up with old and new friends and learn what is planned for the coming year. Also, the opportunity for you to tell us what you would like to do here in the North East.

Dressage is becoming more and more popular with Fell pony owners so we are helping to run a Native Pony Dressage Competition on March 12th at East Durham



Handy Pony Fun Day held at Abbots Close Farm near Crook on 14th August 2016. At the May Pole—the rope is being held by Ruby Williams—Sue Green rides Rackwood Anne.

College (Houghall Campus). All classes are open to registered pure bred mountain and moorland ponies. Classes offered at Introductory, Preliminary and Novice levels. This is a brand new venue so please come and support this event. Email eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk for a schedule. The North East FPS Group has more than one team taking part in this year's British Dressage Team Quest Competition so look out for more details and hopefully, team photos, in the autumn magazine. Good luck to all competitors.

Our much loved annual Hairy Camp will take place between Friday 5th May and Sunday 7th May at Linnel Wood, near Hexham. Our thanks go to the Charlton family for allowing us to invade their homestead for the weekend and use their fabulous facilities. Application forms will be available at the Sunday Lunch or later from Chris Grant at hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk.

This year's Native Pony Festival will take place on Sunday 21st May at Crescent Farm, Throckley, near Newcastle. There will be separate In-hand classes for all native breeds as well as mixed ridden and WHP classes. The schedule will be available soon so please look on the new website at www.nativeponyfestival.co.uk

Early in July we are planning a pleasure ride on Cotherstone Moor. Helen Gallagher has agreed to plan the route and lead us through this beautiful countryside. The views are quite breath-taking so well worth the journey to join us. Further details will be available early June.



Handy Pony Fun Day: Steppings tones. Yvonne Wilkinson with Holling Brian, a.k.a. Obi.

Many members have requested a stud visit, so as Rackwood Fell Ponies are celebrating 40 years of breeding this year, we are considering a summer picnic and visit to see the ponies on Sunday 20th August. Full details will be circulated towards the end of June.

Finally, our year will conclude with the Native Pony Performance Trials to be held at Linnel Wood, near Hexham on Sunday 17th September. This event has been running for many years and organised by members of the Charlton family and friends but the North East FPS Group agreed to take over the major part of this work last year and will continue to do so during 2017. Schedules will be available from Vicky Parker by emailing vix2000en@hotmail.com. This is a fun day out for all either as a competitor or spectator.

Good luck to everyone and enjoy your summer.

Eileen A Walker



FPS Young Person's Group

Fell Pony Society Young Person's Group Bulletin 2017

The Young Person's Group committees try to arrange a variety of events that appeal to all and are open to all ages. 2016 was another successful year with a wonderful talk at Lownthwaite that ended with a real sight to behold, which was seeing them on the fell. It is a delight to see newcomers and meet other Fell enthusiasts and we are very thankful for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Fell breed.

2017: Open to all ages

1st April, The Young Person's Group AGM at 11.00am, The George Hotel in Orton. Please do come along if you are interested in finding out what we do, or would like to be involved in holding events in your area. It's a group for all FPS members under the age of 35, and you will be made very welcome.

19th March, Somerford Park: Fell Pony Fun Ride—Somerford offers up to 7 miles of off road riding with optional cross-country jumps for everyone to come and get involved. It really is a fabulous venue for winter and would be great for all ages of pony. We have received a lot of interest in this event so we are hoping for a great turnout and enjoyable day for all.

ADDRESS: Somerford Park Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 4SW.

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES our planned Bybeck Stud visit supposed to go ahead in August has been CANCELLED.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page and the FPS Website Events Calendar.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

The Young Person's Group is looking to recruit new committee members, so if you know anyone who is under 35, lives anywhere in the country, and is a member of the FPS and has a passion for sharing their enthusiasm for Fell Ponies, then please get in contact. Even better come along to our AGM mentioned above and meet the committee.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone all the best for a great year with your ponies, and we look forward to seeing some of you at our events this year.

Contact:

Facebook: The Fell Pony Society Young Persons Group

Allie Slack (Chairperson): allieslack@gmail.com 07942800203

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Overseas Branch News: Fell Pony Society of North America

The Fell Pony Society of North America, Inc. 2016 Branch Report

2016 saw big changes for Fell Pony Society of North America, Inc. (FPSNA). Longtime Chairman, Mary Jean Gould-Earley stepped down after many years of hard work within the organization. FPSNA would not be what it is today without her dedication, and we wish her all the best as she spends more time with her family and her wonderful Fell ponies! FPSNA is now under the guiding hand of Chairman, Melissa Kreuzer. Her commitment to the breed for the past decade has made her the ideal successor to take over the reins and usher FPSNA forward.

Our members were very active promoting their ponies in 2016. FPSNA member Barbara Levchak had a fantastic breed demo with Laurelhighland Brown Sugar and Laurelhighland Precious on March 5, 2016, at the Virginia-North Carolina Horse Festival. In addition to the Virginia Expo, FPSNA also had a presence for the first time ever at the Illinois Horse Fair March 4th- 6th, hosted by members Will and Jenni Moser of Hardenberg Feathered Horses. They brought two Fells, mare Mustahevonen Rheged's Lemon Drop, and yearling filly DreamHayven Destiny. They did a fantastic job representing our wonderful breed for 3 days straight. Melissa Kreuzer exhibited Lunesdale White Heather for eight weekends at Georgia Renaissance Festival, and Lunesdale White Heather along with DreamHayven Endora for another nine weekends at Bristol

Renaissance Faire in Kenosha, Wisconsin. All of our members did a fantastic job setting up their booths, presenting their ponies, and sharing our amazing breed and our association with the public.

The FPSNA Performance Premium & Awards Program for 2016 had an excellent year with a total of seventeen ponies enrolled. This program serves as our annual North American Fell Pony Championships, and most, if not all Fell owners in North America can participate if they wish, through competitions held across North America. Ponies successfully earned points in our Performance Division through a variety of competitions - ridden (flat, hunter, etc.), dressage, gymkhana, etc., including both open and Mountain & Moorland events. We also had entries in our Handy Pony Division, earning points as ambassadors. We are pleased to announce the 2016 Supreme Champion is Stennerskeugh Danny Boy, owned by Melissa Kreuzer and Jenni Moser, and shown by Melissa Kreuzer. Reserve Supreme Champion went to Laurelhighland Frivolity, owned by Lisa Lindholm and shown by Kate Mikulay. Laurelhighland Frivolity also won the Born in North America High Point Performance Award. Stennerskeugh Danny Boy also won Born Overseas - FPS High Point Performance Award. DreamHayven Endora, owned and shown by Melissa Kreuzer, won Born in North America - High Point Handy Pony Award.

2016 Results

A. 1.1. Open Ridden

Stenner skeugh Danny Boy 1,480 1 Melissa Kreuzer / Jenni Moser Melissa Kreuzer
Laurelhighland Rose Petal 220 2 Rene Bender Laura Beeman
Broughhill Hadrian's Wall 60 3 Rene Bender Rene Bender

A. 1.3. Junior Ridden

Lunesdale White Heather 240 1 Melissa Kreuzer Greta Kreuzer
Laurelhighland Rose Petal 90 2 Rene Bender Kiley Ganjouee
Laurelhighland Rose Petal 50 3 Rene Bender Kara Ganjouee

A. 2.4. Three-Year-Old In-Hand

Fellegend Westminster Abbey 20 1 Rene Bender Nicole Vaillancourt

A. 2.5. Four-Year-Old and Over In-Hand

Stenner skeugh Danny Boy 310 1 Melissa Kreuzer / Jenni Moser Melissa Kreuzer
Murthwaite Mercy 130 2 Helen Rich B. Bufalo; A. Biondino
Laurelhighland Frivolity 120 3 Lisa Lindholm Kate Mikulay
DreamHayven Double Agent 80 4 Helen Rich Nichole Jansen
Ralfland Ranger 55 5 Lee Ann Loughlin Lee Ann Loughlin
Laurelhighland Rose Petal 20 6 Rene Bender Laura Beeman

A. 3.1. Open Dressage

Laurelhighland Frivolity 1,080 1 Lisa Lindholm Kate Mikulay
Laurelhighland Victor 395 2 Lisa Lindholm Kate Mikulay

A. 4.1. Open Driving

Murthwaite Mercy 760 1 Helen Rich Nichole Jansen
DreamHayven Double Agent 310 2 Helen Rich Helen Rich

A. 5.1.1. Grand Champion Ridden Performance Pony

Stenner skeugh Danny Boy 1,480 CH Melissa Kreuzer / Jenni Moser Melissa Kreuzer

A. 5.1.2. Reserve Grand Champion Ridden Performance Pony

Laurelhighland Frivolity 1,080 RES Lisa Lindholm Kate Mikulay

A. 6.1.1. Overall Grand Champion Performance Pony (Ridden &/or in Harness)

Stenner skeugh Danny Boy 1,480 CH Melissa Kreuzer / Jenni Moser Melissa Kreuzer

A. 6.1.2. Overall Reserve Grand Champion performance Pony (Ridden &/or in Harness)

Laurelhighland Frivolity 1,080 RES Lisa Lindholm Kate Mikulay

A. 6.3.1. Grand Champion In-Hand Pony

Stenner skeugh Danny Boy 310 CH Melissa Kreuzer / Jenni Moser Melissa Kreuzer
Murthwaite Mercy 130 RES Helen Rich B. Bufalo; A. Biondino

A. 6.4.1. Supreme Champion (Overall Champion In-Hand and Performance Pony)

Stenner skeugh Danny Boy 1,790 CH Melissa Kreuzer / Jenni Moser Melissa Kreuzer

A. 6.4.2. Reserve Supreme Champion (Overall Champion In-Hand and Performance Pony)

Laurelhighland Frivolity 1,200 RES Lisa Lindholm Kate Mikulay

A. 7.1. Mare Progeny Performance Premium

Lownthwaite Monarch 1,290 Drs E T & M J Gould-Earley

A. 7.2. Stallion Progeny Performance Premium

Waterhead Robbie (dcd) 1,730 Drs E T & M J Gould-Earley

A. 8.0. Born in North America - High Point Performance Award

Laurelhighland Frivolity 1,080 Lisa Lindholm Kate Mikulay Drs E T & M J Gould-Earley

A. 8.1. Born Overseas - FPS High Point Performance Award

Stenner skeugh Danny Boy 1,790 Melissa Kreuzer / Jenni Moser Melissa Kreuzer Robert N. Beaty

B. 8.1. Ambassador Pony

Lunesdale White Heather 720 1 Melissa Kreuzer Melissa Kreuzer
DreamHayven Endora 260 2 Melissa Kreuzer Melissa Kreuzer



Above, Barbara Levchak with Laurelhighland Brown Sugar and Laurelhighland Precious, at the Virginia-North Carolina Horse Festival.

Right, Laurelhighland Frivolity, owned by Lisa Lindholm, being shown / ridden / trained by Kate Mikulay. Res SU CH and USDF All Breeds Award Winner.



FPSNA members Jenni & Will Moser of Hardenberg Feathered Horses at the Illinois Horse Fair. They exhibited two Fells, mare Mus tahevonen Rheged's Lemon Drop, and yearling filly DreamHayven Destiny.

Broughhill Hadrian's Wall 20 3 Rene
Bender Rene Bender

**B. 3. Born in North America - High Point
Handy Pony Award**

DreamHayven Endora 260 1 Melissa
Kreuzer Melissa Kreuzer

**Divisions/subdivisions without winners this
year are not shown above.*

Since 2008, FPSNA has sponsored the USDF/ Adequan® All-Breeds Awards Program for Fell Ponies. The winner of the 2016 All-Breeds Award for Fell Ponies was Laurelhighland Frivolity, owned by Lisa Lindholm. Frivolity achieved a 65.227% median score in Open Training Level, shown under the direction of Kate Mikulay. FPSNA is proud to be a Participating Organization in this USDF National recognition program, and plans to offer the opportunity to members once again in 2017.

FPSNA was very proud to unveil a redesigned format of our news magazine, The Fell Pony Express, in 2016. It is in its 15th year of circulation both in North America and abroad, and we greatly enjoy hearing from our readers overseas. Previously published twice a year, we will be bringing forward a third edition to delight our members, beginning in 2017.

We look forward to many more exciting changes in the upcoming year, and send our best wishes to you and your ponies in 2017!

The FPSNA Council

www.fpsna.org

www.facebook.com/fellponysociety

Terie Overbey,

FPS/FPSNA Branch Representative



Dennis Purcell.

*Handy Pony Division Champion Stennerskeugh Danny Boy at the St John Obstacle, ridden
by Melissa Kreuzer.*



Overseas Branch News: Fell Pony Conservancy of North America

Fells Take Top Honors at the 2016 Equus Survival Trust's Stewardship Awards of North America (SANA)

The Fell Conservancy was the host organization for last June's Fell Pony Nationals at the conservation nonprofit Equus Survival Trust's Stewardship Awards of North America (SANA). Unlike the Fells homeland in the UK, even singular breed classes for Fells in North America are extremely rare due to the small numbers and widely scattered geography of the breeders and owners, as much as 3,000 miles apart. To date, SANA has held the 2 largest gatherings and largest class lists offered in North America.

This is only the 2nd time a Fell Pony Nationals has been held on our side of the pond, with the last one hosted in 2008, also by the Fell Conservancy. The pony classes were open to any FPS registered Fell, and the judges were UK Platinum judges Robin Avery and Christopher Patrick of Lancashire, flown over from England.

Fells had their own Breed classes & championships (both in-hand and ridden) and also competed in the Open pony classes for Supreme Pony show championships. In attendance were over two dozen ponies from the following breeds: Dartmoors, Fells, Dales, Newfoundland Ponies, and Swedish Gotlands.

2016 FELL PONY NATIONALS

hosted by FELL PONY SOCIETY &
CONSERVANCY of the AMERICAS

Most Versatile Pony in Show

(to qualify must compete in-hand breed, ridden breed, and at least one open discipline)

- Littletree Born Supremacy, Fell pony gelding

Owner/Trainer/Exhibitor Allison Wolff, KY

Most Versatile, Fell Pony Breed

(to qualify must compete in-hand, ridden, and at least one open discipline)

- Littletree Born Supremacy - Fell pony gelding

Most Versatile Pony in Dressage

(highest score from all dressage classes for ponies)

- Littletree Born Supremacy - Fell pony gelding

In-Hand Pony - Breed Classes

1st - Fell Mares

Littletree Tia Maria

Owner/Handler Heather Kyle, KY

1st - Fell Geldings

Fell Pony - Littletree Tia Maria

Owner/Handler Heather Kyle, KY

Fell Pony Supreme Championship

SUPREME CH - Littletree Tia Maria

Owner/Handler Heather Kyle, KY

RES SUPREME CH - Scafellpike Back In Black

Owner/Handler Brandy Murry, KY

SUPREME PONY SHOW CHAMPION - TOP

FIVE

SUPREME CH - Littletree Tia Maria

Owner/Handler Heather Kyle, KY

5th place/SUPREME CH - Scafellpike Back In Black

Owner/Handler Brandy Murry, KY

Ridden Pony - Breed Classes

Open Large Pony - Stallions & Geldings (Dales & Fells)

1st - Littletree Born Supremacy - gelding

Owner/Trainer/Rider Allison Wolff, KY

2016 Equus Survival Trust's Stewardship Awards of North America

*Most Versatile Pony in Show
(in-hand breed class, ridden breed class,
and at least one open discipline)
Littletree Born Supremacy, Allison Wolff.*

Tom Corbett



Littletree Sirius Black, Heather Kyle



Tom Corbett

Garrighyll Payden

Victoria Tollman



3rd - Garrighyll Harry Brown - gelding
 Owner/Rider Steven Waddell
Open Large Pony - Mares (Dales & Fells)
 1st - Scafellpike Back In Black
 Owner Brandy Murry, KY

SUPREME RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP

SUPREME CHAMPION - Littletree Born
 Supremacy

Owner/Trainer/Rider Allison Wolff, KY
RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION - Scafellpike
 Back In Black
 Owner/Handler Brandy Murry, KY

Specialty Classes

Historical Costume - Top Five (Horses & Ponies, 16 entries, 5 Licensed Judges

1st - Garrighyll Gandalf - Grey Fell Gelding
 Owner/Handler / Costume Maker - Dr. Alison
 Emslie-Smith

Open Disciplines

Open Pony Dressage

1st Level

1st - Littletree Born Supremacy
 Owner/Trainer/Rider Allison Wolff, KY

Open Pony Driving - 4 entries

Timed Obstacles (Cones)

1st - Garrighyll Harry Brown - gelding
 Owner/Driver Steven Waddell

**In-Hand Trail Obstacles - 16 entries/
 Horses & Ponies**

2nd - Garrighyll Harry Brown - gelding
 Owner/Handler Steven Waddell

**Ridden Trail Obstacles - 12 entries/Horses
 & Ponies**

5th - Garrighyll Harry Brown - gelding.
 Owner/Rider Steven Waddell



Tom Corbett



Tom Corbett

*Left, Supreme Pony Champion, Littletree Tia Maria, Heather Kyle.
 Right, Garrighyll Harry Brown, 1st in the Driven Obstacles, with Steven Waddell.*

The Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas was established in 1999, and incorporated in 2004 as a 501c3 nonprofit Registered Overseas Branch of the Fell Pony Society (UK). Its mission is to protect the genetic diversity, character, temperament, and breed type as defined by the FPS through collective conservation, education, and promotional efforts in North America.

<http://www.endangeredequines.com/fellponyindex.html>

Victoria Tollman

Victoria Tollman is the Secretary of the Fell Conservancy and the oldest operating Fell pony breeder in North America; her farm prefix is BroughHill.



Results of the 2018 FPS Calendar Competition

Many thanks to all of you who contributed your photographs for selection in the 2018 calendar and thanks too to the judges who were members of the North West Support Group. There were fewer entries this year so I hope more of you will consider sending in your favourite photographs for the 2019 calendar. Two calendars will be on their way to the judges after the Spring AGM. The photographer of every selected image qualifies for a free calendar, and the overall winner, Katherine Wilkinson, and the runner-up, Keeley McClarence, will receive a £10 and a £5 FPS voucher respectively.

Cover picture	Katherine Wilkinson	Cumbria
January	Andrew Burton	Suffolk
February	Keeley McClarence	Yorkshire
March	Mick Smith	Leicestershire
April	Sarah Davison	Staffordshire
May	Fell Pony Society	Archives
June	Mark Gallagher	Co. Durham
July	Anthony Reynolds Equine Photographer, Wales	
August	Tracey Wilson-Cockbain	Cumbria
September	Jen Bernard	Cumbria
October	Sarah Davison	Staffordshire
November	Poppy Fisher	Warwickshire
December	Helen Gallagher	Co. Durham.

Congratulations to all the above. Calendars should be available at the Spring AGM and thereafter. So now we look forward to entries for the 2019 calendar. As before landscape format images (i.e. wider than high) are preferred to portrait format although we still accept a limited number of good portrait images. Either digital or hard copy photographic prints can be submitted remembering that digital images have to scale up to the calendar format at 11" x 7" and so have to be of high resolution (300dpi minimum). Remember to give full details of the ponies shown and please submit no more than 3 photos in any submission. Please use a Drop Box facility if you want to submit more than one photograph electronically at the same time; otherwise send only one photograph per e-mail as broadband speeds are often slow in rural areas!

Professionally taken photographs are eligible providing the photographer is prepared to waive copyright for their inclusion in the calendar. Remember that only two professional photographs can be selected by the judges and that such images cannot be included in the calendar competition. If you do submit professionally taken photographs please make sure that you identify which photographs they are, together with a waiver statement from the photographer, when you send them in. I am stepping down as co-ordinator of the calendar so keep an eye open for an announcement on the Society web-page for the deadline date for submissions of photographs for the 2019 calendar and any further instructions. I have really enjoyed seeing everyone's photos over the last 6 years and I hope that you make the 2019 entry a bumper one for my successor!

Barbara Dunne



The Edinburgh Prize for Driving—2016



Katie Chippendale

Presented to the Society by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, this prize is awarded internationally to a single or multiple turnout of registered Fell ponies, for achievement in Driving.

The winner for 2016 was the 12-year-old grey Stennerskeugh Smoke, driven by Gilly Chippendale to a varnished Ralli car. They won a multitude of driving prizes, including at the Fell breed show, the Royal Highland show and the British Driving Society (BDS) Scottish show, where they won both the Country turnout and the style and performance classes. As well as making an appearance at Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, they won both their M&M classes at the British Driving Society national championships at Addington.

The Prize will be presented at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Edinburgh Prize 2017

All ponies in the turnout must be registered Fell Ponies and the owner or the driver must be a member of The Fell Pony Society, of the Netherlands Fell Pony Society, or of an FPS-recognised Overseas Branch. We encourage all drivers to take part, whatever their discipline—it does not have to be showing—any organised activity that can be vouched for with an official's signature and date will qualify.

Participating drivers should complete a record form over the year, with relevant signatures confirming their achievements. The form can be found on the FPS web site, <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/forms/AwardsScheme.EntryForm.pdf>. It should be returned to the Society Office by 2 January 2018.



Fell Ponies Out and About—Looking Back...

Looking Back...

Another excellent year in the show ring saw good numbers of Fell ponies qualifying for HOYS and Olympia, and Becki Penny's super young stallion, Townend Schubert, taking the HOYS Fell & Dales Championship for the second year in succession. 'Bert' also partnered 13-year-old Kinvara Garner who had the honour, and challenge, of playing the Queen as a young girl learning to ride - all in front of Her Majesty herself - in a star-studded, live, ITV broadcast.

Waverhead Ted was the mount of the junior open rider of the year at the Side Saddle National Championships. Mary Goodridge (15) only rode Ted for the first time the day before the championships, but the pair gelled straight away. The competition is judged in three parts, an equitation test, a jumping round and turnout.



Multi-talented Ted also won the combined training and the native pony dressage class at the same event with his owner Katy Downing. (left)

Team One Fell Swoop became the NPS Novice Dressage Team Champions, and team member Amy Small took the Junior and overall reserve supreme championship in the Dressage to Music section. Other dressage successes include Elizabeth Wilkinson and Black Prince Bobby who won the Regional Dressage to Music Championships at Bishop Burton, qualifying for and

subsequently competing at the BD National Music Finals. This year we believe we will see seven Team Quest Fell pony dressage teams strutting their stuff in various parts of the country; we are very much looking forward to hearing about their adventures.

Jo Hillman and Ashness Black Rupert further demonstrated the versatility of the Fell pony by taking seventh place in their class at the TREC GB SEIB National Championships. Jo and Roo are in their third year of competition which involves orienteering, control of paces and obstacles.

Gilly Chippendale and Stenerskeugh Smoke topped off an excellent year when they trotted to victory in the Mountain and Moorland section of the British Driving Society National Championships.

The FPS Display Team had a busy season performing a historical and educational display, Introducing the Fell Pony, at various shows and country fairs. They have a full schedule of displays planned for 2017.

Visitors to Your Horse Live were very impressed by the FPS stand *and* the photogenic Murthwaite Looks Promising (*below*).

Well done to everyone! A super year for our Fell ponies, despite the doom and gloom elsewhere.

Claire Simpson



Fell Ponies Out and About—Looking Through...



The 'Fellfie' frame at Your Horse Live brought in a great deal of interest and people were keen to get a picture with Cappy, who was more than happy to pose in return for a Polo.

Murthwaite Looks Promising, a.k.a. Cappy, Jane Rawden and I headed down to Stoneleigh to represent the Fell Pony as part of the rare breed section of “Your Horse Live”. We were supported by the North East Fell Pony Support Group in producing display material especially for the event. By 8.45am we were ready for the crowds to descend. Saturday was extremely busy from start to finish and at points we were unable to move from outside the stand. Cappy drew in the crowds whilst Jane and I talked to a wide range of people, from those who own Fells to others who had never seen one before. We were hand-delivered teas and coffees from current Fell owners, which were much appreciated by us both! A number of new members visited the Fell Group following the weekend especially to see their

Fellfie photo. Christmas cards fully sold out on the Saturday and people made donations to the charity box throughout the weekend.

Backstage we had the honour of rubbing shoulders with the likes of Monty Roberts, Lorenzo and Charlotte Dujardin. The best testimony to the success of our display has to be that a member of the public who visited us has now gone out and bought their very own Fell Pony! It was a pleasure to represent the Fell Pony at this weekend to raise the profile of this fantastic breed.

Vicky Parker



Fell Ponies Out and About—and Looking Forward...

We are now looking forward to 2017, and dates for all the usual annual FPS events are available on the FPS website. The Area Support and Young Persons Groups are also hard at work arranging many interesting, informative and fun events for the coming year. Some events are restricted to FPS members and registered Fell ponies; other events are open to all; some are free to enter and others require a nominal charge to cover expenses; most require attendees to sign up in advance. Further details can be found by following the Area Support Group links from www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UKAreaSupportGroups.htm.

Some extra dates

On Sunday 14th May there is the second **Highland, Fell and Dales Scotland Show** at Brechin Castle, as well as the usual classes at the Royal Highland Show in June.

The **North West ASG** is holding an informal 'Introduction to Driving' day at Newton Rigg in September. The aim will be to give members the opportunity to learn about carts and harness, to ask questions and to experience driving one or more of the turnouts. The final event will be the Foal & Youngstock Show held at Newton Rigg on Sunday 12th November.

The **South East ASG** will again be running monthly clinics and other events in conjunction with the SE Connemara Group, eg a flat/jumping clinic held on Saturday 18th February with Badr Al Omran at Eastlands Livery Yard. There will be Dressage on Saturday 11th March at the South of England Showground, which will include NPS and hopefully Quest qualifiers. The SE Area Connemara Show, which will be held on Sunday 21st May, will include classes for all registered M & Ms. On Sunday 12th November, there will be a WHP Show. Both will be held at Felbridge Showground.

North West Area Support Group for further details on events please contact Secretary: Amanda Bridges, Tel 07809 419464 or email amanda.bridges91@gmail.com, or see http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/UK_Area_groups/Northwest/index.htm or <https://www.facebook.com/nwasg>.

Wishing you lots of fun with your Fell friends in 2017.

Claire Simpson



People and Ponies: The Beginning of a Fell Pony Addiction

Having ridden since the age of six but never had the opportunity to own my own pony, in 2011 I decided to look for a pony to part loan. I went to view several who were lovely but just not for me. Then one day when searching the internet, I came across a stocky, black, hairy pony advertised for part loan locally, described as 14.1hh and a 'Fell pony', a breed I wasn't particularly familiar with. The advert said she had mild COPD but that it caused her no problems. The day came to view her and when I saw that funny little face with a big fluffy forelock looking over the stable door at me it was love at first sight. I went on to loan Gem for 5 years! As I researched the breed and bloodlines, I discovered that Gem was in fact a registered Fell pony, Ludworth Jemma. We would hack out for hours exploring the country park and bridleways beyond. She loved to jump and we even went out and did a dressage test.

Gradually however, she began to slow down over the years as the COPD took hold. At this point I took her on full loan so that I could try every treatment that the vet could offer. Sadly, in February this year we lost her aged just 14. It was heartbreaking. Although she was never mine, I loved her like my own and I was blessed to have her in my life.

Over the subsequent months I found Gem had left a huge hole in my life. Although she could never be replaced, I knew I had so much love to give another pony. In May this year aged 31 I finally bought my first pony (better late than never)! A Fell pony of course! Meet Longdendale Bono AKA. Reuben.

He has put a smile firmly back on my face. Aged 13, he is a 13.2hh pocket rocket who loves long hacks, jumping and a good gallop. He has also tried his hoof at dressage. He has proven to be bold, brave, sensible, fun, gentle and honest. I love him with all my heart and look forward to all the adventures we'll have together over the years to come.

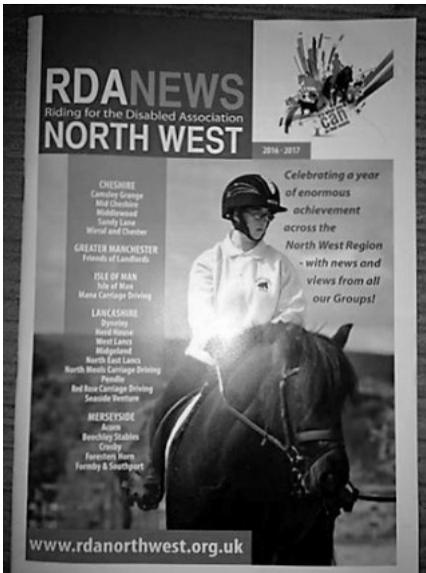
The Fell pony is such a fun and versatile breed for children and adults alike and I am thoroughly addicted!

Helen Moore





People and Ponies: Brackenbank Flash Harry



Here are two photos of Brackenbank Flash Harry. One has been used on the front of the RDA North West official Magazine; his rider Louise Bylis is disabled. The North West Regional Show in May was her first ever competition and he took her to a first placing, which qualified her for the National Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucester. 402 competitors took part there and he carried her to a 4th placing.

The other photo is my daughter Annie riding Harry in the jumping section, where he had a clear round with no time penalties but was penalised for his “exuberance” and came 5th.

I feel these photos show how Fell ponies will adapt to their riders’ needs. Annie enjoys jumping him and is not phased by him (but we have worked with success to calm

him down jumping) whereas when Louise and other disabled members of the RDA group (West Lancs RDA) are riding him, some of whom are severely disabled, he becomes a calm gentle pony who looks after his charges.

When he went to the Regional and National Championships he carried his six riders into 5 first placings and one second at the Regionals, and at the Nationals they took 3 firsts, one third, one second and a fifth.



Best wishes
Gwen Wordley

*Brackenbank Flash Harry
enjoying some
“exuberant” jumping.*



People and Ponies: Hollie Brown and Townend Stardust



I'm writing to tell you about my Pony Townend Stardust's success at the first British Dressage Native Pony National Dressage Championships, in October this year. Stardust, a.k.a William, is a 6 year old Fell pony.

We had qualified for the Preliminary and Novice categories, so we decided we would go to Solihull to compete in the Championships. It's 3 hours drive from us.

Our first test was the Prelim. After warming up well in a very busy warm area, I was excited to perform the test. He was absolutely fantastic! Then it was a long wait for the results—we were in the lead, but we had to wait for the last 3 scores. Once all the scores were up a massive smile fell across my face because he had done it—we won! We had a score of 74.62% and couldn't believe it! What a star he is!

We had a 4 hour wait for the Novice category, so we were very tired for our next test. But William being the star he is tried his heart out and gained 68.18% to claim a creditable 5th place.

He has also qualified for the Area Festival Finals at Hartpury in April in Novice and we have the Winter Regionals at Bishop Burton in February. My ultimate aim with him would be to get him to Advanced Medium. He truly is a star!

Hollie Brown



People and Ponies, USA: Dr Alison Emslie-Smith and Garrighyll Gandalf

OVERALL CLASS WINNER of the Large HISTORICAL COSTUME CLASS at SANA - USA

In the 2016 SANA show, I wanted to participate in as many events as possible but I was limited because I was unable to ride or drive for medical reasons. SANA shows, however, include a historical interpretation costume class. This is intended to highlight some aspect of the background of a breed and act as an educational tool. The entry must portray a period of time in the breed's history while a narration is read aloud to the spectators. The entry is then judged by 5 judges for Best of Breed as well as Top Five in Class, and Best Overall in class. Of the 120+ classes offer, the Historical Class is one of the most popular and competition between the breeds is fierce, but fun and educational.

As a keen knitter and spinner, I have long been interested in the great historical importance of production hand knitting (mostly stockings) in the rural economy of the dales on the eastern and western sides of the Pennines.

Dent was a centre of this cottage industry and the "Terrible Knitters of Dent" were legendary for their speed and skill! (It must be emphasized that "terrible" in this instance means "awesome" rather than what we usually mean by terrible.) My grey gelding Geordie (Garrighyll Gandalf) and I portrayed an 18th century hand knitter and her pack pony carrying fleece and yarn back to supply the hand knitters of a remote community in upper Dentsdale after bringing the knitted items down to the merchants in town. *(Photo on back cover)*

In the preceding months, I spent time combing through charity shops looking for clothes that could be adapted to copy the historical print on the cover of my copy of "Old Handknitters of the Dales". At the same time, I acquired a wooden packsaddle, sewed some simple canvas bags, and procured a thick woollen saddle blanket to kit out my pony. Geordie had never carried a pack saddle previously. Maybe it was breed memory, but he took to it like a duck to water and didn't seem to mind the saddle, bulky canvas bags, raw fleece and cones of yarn at all. I packed my laced clogs, antique Cumbrian wooden knitting sheath and some steel double pointed needles for additional authenticity, then wrote a script narrative, and we were ready to go.

The SANA show was in Virginia, and the temperatures were in the 90s; humidity was really high. Both Geordie and I were a bit overwhelmed by the heat. I was just glad I had avoided the heavy wool garments that were standard in the 18th century. Even so, we were both extremely hot and sweaty by the time we had finished. I am very proud of Geordie, he had never been to a show before and he was a real trooper.

Dr. Alison Emslie-Smith

Dr. Emslie-Smith is a British citizen who has been living in Minnesota, USA, for some 40 years, with a herd of more than 40 ponies.



People and Ponies: Townend Sugar



Townend Sugar with handler Imogen Cockbain and brother Connor



Endurance Results 2016

Highest Distance (Competitive)

1 Sarah Norris, Tynebank Harry (176 km)

Highest Distance (Pleasure)

1 Margaret Plank, Townend Dillon (143 km; Accumulative 336 km)

2 Angela Long, Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu (55km)

3 Liz Worthy, Dalewin Beauty (48km; Accumulative 2,210km)

Congratulations to all of you, and a happy and healthy 2017 to all ponies and riders.

Fiona Carradus



Greenholme Bracken Goes Western

I will try to explain the different type of roping-classes (events) that we ride in, with help from Wikipedia (most of the text is from Wikipedia). In USA they use real calves in roping. That is not allowed in Sweden so instead we use a dummy calf, on a kind of sleigh behind a four-wheeler. The rider starts in a start box (roping box). The driver of the four-wheeler starts when the rider nods.

Dummy Tying

The goal of this timed event is for the rider to catch the calf by throwing a loop of rope from a lasso around its neck, dismount from the horse, run to the calf, and restrain it by tying three legs together, in as short a time as possible. The roper ties three of the calf's legs together with a short rope known as a tie-down rope or "piggin' string". The piggin' string is often carried between the roper's teeth until he uses it. The horse is trained to assist the roper by slowly backing away from the calf to maintain a steady tension on the rope. When the tie is complete, the roper throws his hands in the air to signal "time" and stop the clock. The roper then returns to his horse.

Dummy Roping

The goal of this timed event is for the rider to catch the calf by throwing a loop of rope from a lariat/lasso around its neck, dismount from the horse, run to the calf and put his hand on the calf and then his hand in the air, in as short time as possible. The roper then returns to his horse. So it's pretty much like dummy tying but without the tying part.

Dummy stopping

In stopping the rider doesn't jump off the horse when the calf is caught. Instead he makes a dally (wraps the rope around the rubber covered saddle horn). Time is stopped when the calf hits the ground.

Break away roping

The rope is tied to the saddle horn with a string. Once the rope is around the calf's neck, the roper signals the horse to stop suddenly. When the calf hits the end of the rope, the rope is pulled tight and the string breaks. The breaking of the string marks the end of the run. The rope usually has a small white flag at the end that makes the moment the rope breaks more easily seen by the timer. Time is stopped when the white flag hits the ground. The fastest run wins.

Team sorting/ranch sorting

Christian and Bracken also competes in Team Sorting. In this timed-event real calves are being used (it's allowed even in Sweden). Team Sorting is an event that pits a team of two riders on horseback against the clock. Teamwork is the key with both riders working in harmony to cut out the correct cattle and drive them to the pen while keeping the wrong numbered cattle back.



Greenholme Bracken wearing his gear for Western roping competitions.

At the beginning, there are ten calves at the end of one of the pens with numbers on their sides for identification. The judge raises the flag and when the riders cross the gap between the two pens the clock starts and the competition begins. The team of two riders have to move the cattle one at a time from one pen to the other in numerical order, starting with a random number called by the judge. The fastest time wins. If a calf gets from one pen to the other out of order, then the team is disqualified.

Our Results

Kinna Ropers Spring Meeting - won all 4 classes (Dummy Breaking, Dummy Stopping, Dummy Roping and Dummy Tying)

Brastad Rodeo Western Challenge - second place (Dummy Tying match roping - one long class)

High Chaparral Horse Show - Second place in Team Sorting, First place in Dummy stopping. First place in dummy tying. Second place in Dummy roping.

Scandinavian Match Roping Championship (SMRC) - second place (Dummy Tying match roping - one long class which lasts a whole day and is very tough)

Backamo - Second place in Dummy Break away.

High point roping cup (includes results from Kinna, Brastad, SMRC and Backamo. 1st place! That was his goal for the year.

SM (Swedish Championship) - Second place in Dummy Tying. In 2015 he won this class and got second place in Dummy Stopping so he wasn't so pleased with himself this year.

Sara Andréasson



Fell Pony Photography Project: Emma Campbell



I was first captivated by Cumbria's rare native breed while watching the Stallion Show at Dalemain House, Ullswater, last year. (*Opposite, top photo*) The sun was shining and, as it glistened on the stallions' coats, it struck me just how truly magnificent this hardy breed was. As an equestrian photographer, I was taken back by their beauty.

I started photographing horses while I was at Bishop Burton agricultural college in Yorkshire, studying a BSc (Hons) in Equine Science and Business. Building my photography skills with film Pentax K1000 and ME Super cameras, I went on to freelance for publications such as Horse and Hound magazine. But I'd rarely photographed a Fell. So, there I was at the show ground, mesmerised by their impressive movement, as they floated with huge presence across the show ring. A true delight to photograph, in a stunning location.

Thoughts of a photography project didn't surface until I started visiting clients and friends to photograph their ponies, of which, many were often Fells. I found out just what great characters they were and adored their personalities.

It was in Autumn last year, after I'd been out onto the fells at Shap (with the kind permission of Bill Potter) photographing some stunning Greenholme Fell ponies, that I thought more about a project. That evening I photographed a stallion and mare talking to each other (*opposite, middle photo*), and the photo went on to win an award at The Guild of Photographers. It became The Guild's chosen 'Image of the Day' on Facebook (19k followers). The publicity, and potential reach from one image, made me think about what could be done to help promote the breed. When you add to the mix the stunning locations we have in the Lake District, a photography project seemed inevitable.

The project started with the kind support of the Fell Pony Society, who added a post on their Facebook page, requesting volunteers. The response was overwhelming. Huge thanks to everyone that contacted me! Unfortunately I can't visit everyone, but hopefully through those I meet, my aim will be to show just how versatile this breed is.

The first photo shoots have already taken place and despite being booked in January the weather was kind. Meeting so many different owners and their ponies has been a fantastic experience and an honour, and I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone else in the next few months.

A selected number of the photographs from the project will be displayed on my stand at the Photography Show, Rheged, in May (13-14), and I am also looking to finding a long term home in Cumbria to display them. All the selected exhibition images will also be available on my website from 15th May.

If anyone would like to know more about my work, please visit - <https://ejcampbell.photography/>.

Emma Campbell

Other photos by Emma appear elsewhere this issue.



Learning With Fells—2017

What is Learning With Fells?

The Society set up the Learning With Fells scheme in 2008 to encourage young FPS members to learn more about breeding semi-feral Fell ponies. Council arranged with breeders, particularly those who run ponies on their “native heath” “above the fell wall”, for a small group of young FPS members to visit 2 or 3 studs during the year and learn about the traditional management practices of our breed—with some of the challenges of terrain, weather and bureaucracy thrown into the mix!

Council have agreed again this year that applications will be taken from adult as well as junior members. Priority will be given to those aged 10–18 years of age.



These are hands-on and physically active days often involving travel by quad bike up onto the tops of the hills where the semi-feral herds run.

How to Apply

We are in the process of making the necessary arrangements, and there will probably be 2 studs involved this year.

If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office by 3 April 2017. Email secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Any members who took part in the 2016 scheme may be considered for 2017, so please let the office know.

There is a bursary, payable from the Mary & Henderson Dodd Memorial Fund, of £50 for each participant to assist with travelling expenses, provided at least 2 visits are attended.



Probationer Judges Scheme—2017

We are always looking for committed people who wish to join the Probationer Judges scheme. If you are interested, you should try to get as much experience as possible with Fell Ponies, visiting them in their native habitat, perhaps stewarding at events and attending shows to observe Fell Showing Classes prior to your application. You must have been a full senior member of the FPS for a minimum of 3 consecutive years.

The assessment day for probationer judges in 2017 will be held on Sunday 12 November, in the morning prior to the NWSG Foal and Youngstock Show at Newton Rigg College, Nr Penrith. A good selection of ponies is required for the trainees to assess, including youngstock, (foals to 3 year olds), in hand 4 years and over, and ridden ponies.

It is hoped that members showing ponies at the Foal & Youngstock Show will be prepared to come along a little earlier to allow their ponies to take part in the assessment. Travelling expenses of 30p a mile, up to a maximum of £50, will be offered to those who have agreed to supply a pony or ponies and who have come along especially. Please contact Anne Armstrong-Foxton if you can help, by emailing anne.a_foxton@btinternet.com by 1 November. Expenses will not be paid to anyone who has not made arrangements with Anne prior to 12 November.

Suggestions for shows which hold Fell Pony breed classes, and can take a probationer judge, should be passed onto Anne.

Within the next 12 months or so we will be looking for a replacement Secretary of the Probationer Judges Scheme. If anyone would like to know more about what's involved please contact Anne.

For further details about the scheme and how to apply please see the Society's website. <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/ProbationerScheme.htm>



Ponies Past: Carrock Pollyanna 1987—2016

Carrock Pollyanna (sire Lunesdale Jerry, dam Bleaberry Candy) born 14.5.1987, sadly passed away on 14.4.2016; a pony much loved by all the family, who won numerous awards in the show ring. A special thanks to Anne and Tony Higgins for looking after her so well in her retirement. RIP Polly, you have left us with some wonderful memories.

Glenis and John Cockbain



Ponies Past: Tebay Tommy (1987—2016)



Helen Bailey

Mr T on one of his first explorations of his retirement area, with Sue Millard at the reins

We were privileged to have T on loan for the last three years of his life. Tebay Tommy, a.k.a. Mr T, a.k.a. just “T”, came to us in the summer of 2013 on loan from Sue Millard whose daughter Jen had taught us to drive. He was the perfect choice for us novice drivers, sure of his job, always willing to point out a convenient place to turn round and head for home, happy living on his own or in company and becoming more communicative the longer he stayed. Or perhaps it was that we came to understand him better. There was certainly no mistaking that he didn’t like being disturbed when snoozing. When I startled him out of a doze by inadvertently whacking him with my empty bucket he double barrelled me - fortunately only pride was hurt.

As he slowed down, we did less, but continued to go on the odd drive and enjoy his company. In December 2015 another Fell, Dalehead Navigator, arrived to take over driving duties (though not yet taught to do so) and T happily showed him the ropes of standing to be harnessed. When the carriage came out however it was pretty clear that he really thought that was his job.

When he didn’t come out of the winter well Sue and I agreed we shouldn’t put him through another winter and after a good summer out on the fell he was peacefully put to sleep. He remains on the fell and our thanks go to Sue for letting us have those last years with him.

Helen Bailey

Society Merchandise Price List

CLOTHING	Price	P & P	Total	CARDS			
BASEBALL CAPS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	CALENDARS	£5.50	£1.50	£ 7.00
CHILD'S T SHIRTS	£10.00	£3.00	£13.00	CHRISTMAS CARDS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£ 3.50
CREW NECK S/SHIRTS (ADULT)	£17.50	£3.00	£20.50	NOTELETS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£ 3.50
FLEECE JACKETS	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	POST CARDS PACK 10	£1.50	£1.00	£ 2.50
FLEECE S/SHIRT+COLLAR	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	POST CARDS PACK 12	£2.00	£1.00	£ 3.00
FLEECE WAISTCOATS (ADULT)	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	BOOKS/CD/DVDS			
FULL ZIP HOODY	£24.00	£3.00	£27.00	A5 BINDERS	£7.00	£3.00	£10.00
HATS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	BRITISH HORSE&PONY BREEDS	£19.00	£3.00	£22.00
HI-VIS WAISTCOATS	£10.00	£1.50	£11.50	DVD - The Fell Pony	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
HOODY over head	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	DVD - Windsor	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
JACKETS - Reversible	£26.00	£3.00	£29.00	DVD - FP Events 1995-1997	£5.00	£1.50	£ 6.50
POLO SHIRTS	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	FELL DIAMONDS	£5.00	£1.50	£ 6.50
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