

Spring 2022



# CENTENARY EDITION Spring 2022



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### Dates for 2022

- 2 April (Saturday) Annual General Meeting, Orton, Cumbria
- 3 April (Sunday) FPS Trainee judges assessment day, Inglewood EC, Penrith
- 24 April (Sunday) Sandringham Show, Norfolk
- 1 May (Sunday) Dorset Fell Show, Moreton EC,
  Dorset
- 13 May (Friday) Centenary Launch & Parade, Royal Windsor Horse Show
- 14 May (Saturday) Centenary Launch, Parade & Display at Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Cumbria
- 12 June South Cumbria Show, Crooklands

- 29 May Festival of Fells Spring Show, Rodbaston EC, Staffordshire
- 7-14 August Centenary Celebrations, Cumbria: see page 52 for details
- 7 August (Sunday) Breed Show & Centenary Celebrations, Dalemain, Cumbria
- 11 September (Sunday) Southern Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture
- 1 October FPS Magazine copy deadline, Autumn 2022
- 29 October, Show and Sale, NW Auctions, Crooklands 26 November - Foal & Youngstock Show, Newton Rigg,

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#### Disclaimer

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### Chairman's Report - Spring 2022

Hopefully when this report is published life will have returned to as near normal as possible after this horrid pandemic. Two years ago the only Zoom I had heard of was the ice lolly, today I have taken part in numerous Zoom meetings on behalf of the society! Meetings with Fell pony groups in Sweden and Denmark, talks for the NPS and BSPS, in addition to those with Council and various other Committees. Most of the Council have been able to take part in these meetings and from now on have decided to hold 3 of the 6 meetings held every 2 months by this method. Hopefully this will encourage more members from farther afield than Cumbria to stand for election.

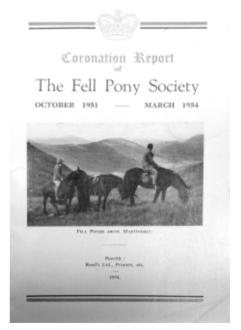
Not only has Covid resulted in new obstacles for the Society to face but Brexit has caused additional problems especially when dealing with the export of ponies and registrations from our Continental societies. For much of the last two years Katherine and Christine Greenhow have had to work from home where possible and have been confronting issues which no-one seems to have envisaged never mind having thought what the solutions might be. As ever as a Society we are indebted to our office staff and treasurer, Elizabeth, for all their hard work. Christine is stepping down as Admin Assistant and staying on as a casual. Kirsten Laidlow has recently joined us as our part time Admin Assistant. I thank Christine on your behalf and welcome Kirsten to the FPS Office.

Fell pony registrations and membership of the Society have increased over the last two years and so has the average price of a registered pony. Long may it continue. Demand exceeds supply and most advertised on the FPS website are sold quickly.

Mrs Edna Harrison, breeder of 16 Catterlen Fell ponies since 2002, passed away recently. So too did Mr Bob Brickell, breeder of 23 Brickell ponies since 2008, and Mr Peter Lawson, a former panel judge. Our condolences go to their families and friends.

As a Society we are now in our Centenary year and there are several events planned as part of the celebrations. Thanks go to our hard-working committee for organising these. The 100 miles event is already well under way and it is heartening to see so many of you meeting together, often for the first time, to put some miles on the clock. I am afraid I will not be taking part but I enjoy hearing your exploits and look forward to meeting many of you at one or more of the other events during this year.

Best wishes and stay safe, Peter



From the FPS papers in the Cumbria County Archive, Kendal - the Coronation Report of the Society, 1951-54. Today's Magazine is still being printed by Reed's in Penrith.

### From Our President - Spring 2022

The start of each New Year brings with it a flurry of New Year resolutions, fuelled by a renewed sense of optimism.

The pandemic ushered in change the speed of which has left some people feeling out of touch, disorientated, isolated and lonely, but it also highlighted rather than diminished the value of the natural world. Ponies who need our care and attention bring routine, order and purpose into our lives and in doing so contribute to our physical, mental and social wellbeing.

2022 marks 100 years of the Fell Pony Society as we know it. In 1922 the society evolved from what had been a subcommittee of the NPS, and its purpose remains the same, to promote and preserve the breed. Members are encouraged to enjoy and get involved with our centenary celebrations which includes a variety of events and activities intended to cater for people and ponies of all ages and abilities wherever they live. Let us all resolve to make this year a joyous celebration of memories made and memories to make.

Christine Morton

### **Editorial**

My thanks as usual to all our contributors. You provide the components for this publication - I just bolt them together.

Thank you also to our eagle-eyed proof readers Katherine, Peter, Eileen and Claire whose attention to detail saves me from sleepless nights.

The extraordinary amount of hard work that has gone into the last year of planning for the Centenary now seems to be paying off. We have plenty of interest from a variety of media ranging from equestrian and country magazines to the Herald (the local Penrith newspaper) and already over 150 people registered for the "100 Miles with a Fell Pony" Challenge - and it's only the beginning of February.

There will be bags of photographs and personal accounts of the Challenge for me to put on the web site Centenary Gallery and in the Magazine.

Together with the whirlwind of events during the Centenary Week in August and the 3-week-long art exhibition at Shap Old Courthouse, it looks like the Autumn edition will be a bumper issue.

If you're likely to send me material in the Autumn, please check the submission guidelines (Spring Issue 2021, page 65) which are also available from the FPS web site, as a link on the Magazines page.

Sue Millard

PS the copy deadline for the next issue of the Magazine is 1st October 2022.

### From the Office

- Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website. They are only available by applying to the office. Do not photocopy the form. We are receiving a number of forms where the description is very difficult to read and the location of the chip has not been recorded by the vet. The description must be printed in block letters. All whorls must be recorded in black ink and all white must be recorded in red ink. Please read the guidance notes carefully prior to completion of the forms. Any forms incomplete or incorrectly completed will be returned.
- Passport Applications / Vet Report Forms / DNA & FIS sample packets. Please make sure that the full registered name with correct spelling is recorded (stable/pet names are not acceptable).
- The current Equine Identification regulations require the **applications for foal passports** to arrive with the Society within 6 months of birth or 30 November whichever is the later. However in addition to the above, FPS regulations require applications to be received by no later than 31 December (irrespective of age) or the application will be treated as late and will require late registration fees and confirmation of the sire and dam by DNA. Double fees may also apply if applications are received during December.
- Service books are not issued automatically. If you need a book you must request one. Service certificates / notifications of coverings online must be notified by 31 December in the year of covering; if not, any resulting foal will have to be DNA typed to confirm the sire prior to registration. If you choose to input the details online you will receive an email acknowledging the successful receipt. If you don't receive an email the information has not been received and you should contact the Society without delay.
- When completing stallion service certificates please complete all the details fully, including full name and registration number of stallion and mare and full dates of covering to include at least month and year. Month on its own with no year is unacceptable.
- Any **changes to a passport** should in the first instance be notified to the Fell Pony Society. Please do not notify the Central Equine Database; the Society will do this once the changes have been verified.

#### For example

- change of address/contact details of the current owner
- castration
- change of ownership
- notification of death
- change in 'food chain status'.

If you are unsure of the procedure then please ask.

- Transfer to Gelding. When notifying a 'Transfer to Gelding' please complete the top section of the form, but be careful only to complete this section if the colt/stallion is to become a gelding! This can be notified at the same time as a change in ownership.
- Stallion License Applications. Please allow plenty of time for the license to be processed; the colt/stallion cannot be used for stud purposes until the Stallion License has been issued. Part of the requirement for Stallion Licensing is for the pony to be DNA typed. This is currently done through Weatherbys and we are experiencing long delays, sometimes months, before receiving the DNA report.

• Passports are returned by Royal Mail 'Signed For' in the UK, and with a proof of posting if going overseas. If you wish to have your passport posted by 'Special Delivery' in the UK or 'International Track and Sign' overseas, please add £5.00 to the fee and let us know you wish to have it returned this way.

Best wishes
Katherine Wilkinson

### Secretary and Treasurer's Report

With the Society's Centenary upon us we are all looking forward to the many ways we can celebrate this amazing milestone. Now as we are resuming normality following the effects of the Covid pandemic on all of our lives, it is hoped we can do whatever we choose to enjoy our ponies. The Centenary committee have been working hard with the arrangements, so all the details will be on the FPS website and facebook pages. Look out for the Display Team too who will be out and about at several events this year, promoting the breed.

The number of foal registrations has increased from 2020 with a total of 319 registered to date. Membership for 2021 totalled 1062 which is an increase on 2020 and almost the same as pre-Covid. We are receiving several new memberships which is encouraging and we are continuing to receive a good number of passports to transfer ownership.

Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership for 2022. Some who normally pay by Standing Order need to send an additional £5 to cover the increase in fees, introduced in 2021 and adjust the Standing order for 2023! You will not be eligible to vote for Council and at the AGM until you have renewed your membership.

The Society does not take card payments, therefore payments cannot be taken over the phone. Instead you can send a cheque/PO made payable to 'The Fell Pony Society' or pay by bank transfer (please ensure your name is used as the reference). Bank details are in the magazine, page 10, and on the Society's website.

As you will see from the accounts included in your magazine, they are showing a loss in the last financial year. However, just to remind members the Society received a substantial bequest back in 2018, and included in this was a legacy for the upkeep of 2 Fell ponies. If we remove the amount of £13,766 from the expenditure, which was paid for the upkeep pf these 2 ponies up to 31 October 2021, we see a more realistic figure of a profit, £3,138. Income from subscriptions shows an increase reflecting the increase in rates from 2021.

The Society is very grateful for donations received from members during the year as well as generous sponsorship received for the Breed show in 2021, and continuing royalties from the sale of the 'Carltonlima Emma' Breyer model.

I would like to thank Council for their continued support, as well as my colleagues for all their hard work, Chris and Elizabeth, and welcome our new member of the team, Kirsten who joined us in January.

Best wishes Katherine



### Fees & Charges

All fees in £ sterling (	(GBP) UI	Κ	Overs	eas
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
To Register Colt or Gel	ding - registra	ations received to	30 November	
	£10	£20	£15	£25
To Register Filly - regis	strations rece	ived to 30 Novemb	er	
	£15	£30	£20	£35
To Register Colt or Gel	ding - registra	ations received 1 -	31 December	
	£20	£40	£25	£45
To Register Filly - regis	strations rece	ived 1 - 31 Decem	oer	
	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration (does	s not include	cost of parentage	test)	
	£50	£100	£55	£105
Transfer of Ownership	(UK)			
	£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding	FoC	FoC	FoC	FoC
Register a Prefix				
- UK Rate	£45	£55	£60	£70
FIS test kit	£40	£50	£45	£55
DNA kit	£50	£60	£55	£65
Duplicate Passport (do	es not include	e cost of parentage	e test)	
	£50	£60	£55	£65

### 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 GB 86 LOYD 3016 2800 2548 96.

All bank transfers should be in English pounds sterling and any charges should be paid in the country of origin. Also, our bank makes a charge for the receipt of an electronic transfer from overseas, so please add £2 for transactions up to £100 and £7 for transactions greater than £100. Please ensure that you use your name as the reference when sending a payment by bank transfer.



### Membership Fees

UK	Overseas
£30	£40
£20	£30
£20	£30
£60	£80
	£30 £20 £20

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

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

Family membership may be applied for by married or co-habiting couples and their children under the age of 18 years, all residing at the same address. The two adult members enjoy the rights and privileges of full membership, and the children the rights and privileges of junior membership. Full details are in section 2 of the Articles of Association. Please note that Family membership does not apply to adult couples without children; in these cases the membership is for 2 Full memberships (separate membership forms required).

#### Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually.

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. You must have paid your annual subscription, and received and signed your membership card, BEFORE the Annual General Meeting, to be eligible for any vote at the meeting. Please have your membership card ready to show on arrival.

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



### **FPS Stallion Licensing**

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

<sup>\*</sup> If already DNA typed please apply to the office for appropriate fees.

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

### The FPS Sales List, Grassroots, & FPS Member Directory

The Sales list of Fell Ponies for sale on the FPS web site can be found at http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/sales\_list.htm.

If you wish to advertise Fell Ponies for sale or place a Wanted Ad, THIS SERVICE IS FREE TO FPS MEMBERS. Each advertisement is shown for 3 months, after which time it will be reviewed. Please submit details to the FPS Secretary by email, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Non-members can advertise for the fee of £10 for 3 months. Fell Pony related items such as carriages and saddles can also be advertised on the FPS website, subject to approval. The list is updated with fresh adverts as they are received.

FPS members can also flag ponies for sale on the FPS Online Stud Book Grassroots Database via the Manage Your Herd option. Members need to give permission, if not already done, for potential buyers to see their address, phone number and email address. Please check with the FPS Secretary if you are unsure.

Listing in the **Member Directory** on the FPS web site 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> If already FIS tested, proof will be required - either sight of Certificate or confirmation from a relevant laboratory that the colt/stallion has been tested.



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Company No 3233346
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NOTICE OF
FXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### To be held on Saturday 2 April 2022 at 1.00pm At Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Fell Pony Society will be held at Orton Market Hall, Orton, Penrith, Cumbria on Saturday 2 April 2022 at 1.00pm for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution which will be proposed as a Special Resolution.

Amend:

#### 18 BRFFD STANDARD

#### COLOUR AND MARKINGS

#### FROM

An excess of white markings is discouraged, ie. a blaze or stripe, or white below lower eye level and above nostrils.

TO

An excess of white markings, including flesh marks, is discouraged, ie a blaze or stripe, or white and/or flesh marks, below lower eye level and above nostrils.

#### 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 village opposite Kennedy's Chocolates.



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NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Saturday 2 April 2022 immediately following the EGM
At Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ

#### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 2021
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Council
- 7 Approval of Honorary Members
- 8 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2021
- 9 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co Accountants as Accountants to the Society
- 10 FPS Centenary Committee report
- 11 Reports from Sub-Committees
- 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 11th March 2022.

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.

### **Accounts**

### The Fell Pony Society

(A company limited by guarantee)

#### Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 October 2021

Company registration number: 03233346 Charity registration number: 1104945



#### Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name The Fell Pony Society

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Company registration number 03233346

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P Metcalfe, Vice Chariman

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R J Brunskill
S A Charlton
G M Cockbain
R M Eastwood
M R Goddard
G H B Mallinson
C S Millard
J Potter

W S Potter
J L Rawden
C C Roberts
C H Robinson
C E Simpson
D J Stack
A Thorpe

E A Walker D Wilkinson

Secretary K Wilkinson

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#### Reference and Administrative Details

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#### Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and compty with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

#### Structure, governance and management

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

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks.

#### Trustees recruitment and training

Trustees are appointed as per the Society's Memorandum & Articles, 8.1 - 8.6.6, as follows -

Council consists of twenty members of the Society. Four members of the Council retire each year but are eligible for immediate re-election at the Annual General Meeting without further nomination. Members shall not be eligible for election to the Council unless they have been Voting Members of the Society for a period of at least five consecutive years.

Nominations for the Council shall be delivered to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms will be supplied by the Secretary on request. Nomination forms must be signed by two members qualified to vote at the meeting (the proposer and seconder respectively) and the person proposed must sign the nomination form to signify his or her willingness to be appointed.

The person proposed shall include in the nomination form a statement not exceeding 250 words in support of his or her election. No written canvassing other than the statement in the nomination form shall be permitted.

Election to the Council shall be by way of secret postal vote as follows:

The proposer shall have responsibility for ensuring that the nomination is given to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting.

Ballot papers listing all validly nominated candidates shall be posted to all paid up members entitled to vote at their addresses set out in the register of members not less than twenty one clear days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting.

Completed ballot papers shall be returned to the scrutineer appointed by the Council in a sealed envelope marked "Fell Pony Society Election of Council" to reach the scrutineer not less than ten days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting and it is the responsibility of members to ensure delivery. Non UK residents may return their ballot paper by facsimile or e-mail to the scrutineer.

Only correctly completed ballot papers shall be valid and no other form of vote will be accepted.

The validity of any ballot paper shall be determined by the scrutineer.

The result of the ballot shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Newly elected trustees are issued with a Declaration of Eligibility and a Confidentiality Statement to read and sign. A pack is also issued with guidance of good practice and roles and responsibilities as a trustee.

New information sent to the Society by the Charity Commission is forwarded to all trustees.

#### Objectives and activities

The Fell Pony Society's aim is to foster and keep pure the old breed of pony which has roamed the northern fells for years and to circulate knowledge and general information about the pony breed.

The Society's principal activity during the year was acting as a Breed Society and Passport Issuing Office (approved by DEFRA), dealing with registration of ponies/issuing and updating of passports, applications for memberships, publishing a Stud Book and producing two magazines.

#### Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

In determining these objectives and activities the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

#### Achievements and performance

The overall number of members increased in 2021 to the level pre Covid. Many events could continue as normal which is reflected in an increase in merchandise sales and income from shows and events. Interest in the Fell Pony continues to thrive and sales of ponies increased, which was reflected in the income from transfers of ownership. Some income from the registration of foals was received in the next financial year, the number of foals registered in 2021 increased on the previous year.

The Secretary returned to working from the office in August with the part time staff where possible.

The Society very much looks forward to celebrating its Centenary in 2022.

#### Financial review

See analysis following report and statements.

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.

The total unrestricted reserves held by the charity at 31 October 2021 were £227,943 with free reserves of £214,743, which exceeds the current reserves policy.

#### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

P Boustood

Trustee

Date: 11/01/2022

#### Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees (who are also directors of The Fell Pony Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

#### The Fell Pony Society

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

#### Basis of 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 statement 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 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reportingby 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.

Joanne Thomlinson FCA Dodd & Co Limited Chartered Accountants

18 January 2022

FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

The Fell Pony Society

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	4,263	8,500	12,763	9,546
Other trading activities	3	789	-	789	270
Investment income	4	23	-	23	107
Income from charitable activities	5	61,438	-	61,438	46,512
Total income and endowments		66,513	8,500	75,013	56,435
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		68,498	17,143	85,641	74,790
Total expenditure		68,498	17,143	85,641	74,790
Net movements in funds		(1,985)	(8,643)	(10,628)	(18,355)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		229,928	26,724	256,652	275,007
Total funds carried forward		227,943	18,081	246,024	256,652

All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above periods.

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### Company registration number: 03233346

#### Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2021

		20	21	20:	20
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible assets	11		13,200		13,209
Current assets Stocks and work in progress Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12 -	4,780 2,544 231,225 238,549		5,533 1,993 244,004 251,530	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13 _	(5,725)		(8,087)	
Net current assets			232,824		243,443
Net assets			246,024		256,652
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			18,081		26,724
Unrestricted funds Unrestricted income funds			227,943		229,928
Total charity funds			246,024		256,652

For the financial year ended 31 October 2021, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 18 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

P Boustead

Trustee

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The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Note

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Peter Boustead and Paul Metcalfe have correctly signed on page 20, page 6 of the accounts, with 11 January as the date of the council meeting but the accountants have on page 24, page 8 of the accounts (above), typed 18 January.

We confirm that Peter and Paul signed the accounts after they were approved by Council on 11 January.

We have asked the accountants to correct the date on the final copy of the accounts.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Chartties: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis of preparation

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

#### Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

#### Income and endowments

Donations and grants are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and self-ement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deterred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fullfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fullfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administoriexecutor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the state to the asset having been transferred to the Charty

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Equipment 25% reducing balance basis

Trophies Not depreciated

The trophies are included at market value and as the residual value is likely to be at least equal to their cost, no depreciation has been charged on these assets.

#### Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

#### Trade Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### Liabilities

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Operating leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, if an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, if an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

## The Fell Pony Society Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 €
Donations and legacies				
Legacies and bequests	200		200	
Donations	4,063		4,083	3,546
	4,263	-	4,263	3,546
Grants				
Horserace betting levy board		8,500	8,500	6,000
	4,263	8,500	12,763	9,546

Of the donations and legacies income in 2020, £3,546 related to unrestricted funds and £6,000 related to restricted funds.

#### 3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Advertising and sponsorship	789		789	270

All of the other trading activities income in 2020 related to unrestricted funds.

#### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	23	-	23	107

All of the investment income in 2020 related to unrestricted funds.

# The Fell Pony Society Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### 5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Subscriptions	30,710	-	30,710	24,130
Affiliation fees	32	-	32	353
Al permit	100	-	100	50
Miscellaneous	507	-	507	12
FIS income	2,735	-	2,735	2,595
Stud books and promotional merchandise	4,865	-	4,865	2,857
Shows and other events	4,314	-	4,314	-
Registration	4,620	-	4,620	4,995
Transfers	7,955	-	7,955	6,940
Stallion licences	3,750	-	3,750	2,245
DNA	705	-	705	1,470
Pony sales list	170	-	170	90
Duplicate passports	315	-	315	420
Prefix applications	660	-	660	355
	61,438		61,438	46,512

All of the income from charitable activities in 2020 related to unrestricted funds.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### 6 Expenditure

	Promoting and running the society	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Upkeep of fell ponies	13,766	13,766	9,600
Show and exhibition expenses	5,891	5,891	1,064
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	3,377	3,377	4,735
Stud books and promotional merchandise	3,700	3,700	2,878
Staff costs	24,269	24,269	23,124
Affiliation fees	50	50	182
Prefix registrations	397	397	150
FIS expenses	3,297	3,297	1,776
Advertising	7,500	7,500	-
DNA expenses	1,812	1,812	2,243
Honoraria	640	640	1,130
	64,699	64,699	46,882
Support costs			
Insurance	3,476	3,476	3,411
Telephone	773	773	995
Office expenses	134	134	223
Computer expenses	1,117	1,117	1,070
Printing, stationery and equipment	5,291	5,291	8,511
Postage	6,311	6,311	8,046
Office rent	1,200	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire			24
Accountancy fees	1,231	1,231	976
Independent examiner's fee	600	600	600
Legal and professional fees	800	800	2,840
Depreciation of equipment	9	9	12
	20,942	20,942	27,908
	85,641	85,641	74,790

Of the expenditure in 2020, £60,273 related to unrestricted funds and £14,517 related to restricted funds.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### 7 Governance costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,231	976
Independent examiner's fee	600	600
Trustee meeeting venue hire		24
Legal and professional fees	800	2,840
	2,631	4,440

#### 8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year 1 trustee received a honorarium totalling £640 (2020 - £630).

#### 9 Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	9	12

#### 10 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	24,269	23,124

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2020 - No. 0).

The key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £0 (2020 - £0).

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Trophies £	Total €
Cost			
As at 1 November 2020 and 31 October 2021	6,647	13,175	19,822
Depreciation			
As at 1 November 2020	6,613		6,613
Charge for the year	9		9
As at 31 October 2021	6,622		6,622
Net book value			
As at 31 October 2021	25	13,175	13,200
As at 31 October 2020	34	13,175	13,209

#### 12 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	2,544	1,993

#### 13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	3,023	5,804
Other creditors	177	173
Accruals and deferred income	2,525	2,110
	5,725	8,087

#### 14 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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#### 15 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 October 2021 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Oth	Other	
	2021 £	2020 £	
Within two and five years	1,955	2,666	

#### 16 Related parties

#### Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

#### 17 Analysis of funds

	At 1 November 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Funds General fund	229,928	68,513	(68,498)	227,943
Restricted Funds Horserace Betting Levy Board Fell Pony Upkeep	2,324 24,400	8,500	(3,377) (13,766)	7,447 10,634
	26,724	8,500	(17,143)	18,081
	256,652	75,013	(85,641)	246,024

Horserace Betting Levy Board - grant received to cover prize expenditure and premiums payable.

Fell Pony Upkeep - legacy received for the upkeep of two fell ponies.

# The Fell Pony Society Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

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Prior period

	At 1 November 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2020
	£	ε	£	£
General Funds				
General fund	239,766	50,435	(60,273)	229,928
Restricted Funds				
Horserace Betting Levy Fund	1,241	6,000	(4,917)	2,324
Fell Pony Upkeep	34,000		(9,600)	24,400
	35,241	6,000	(14,517)	26,724
	275,007	56,435	(74,790)	256,652

#### 18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,200		13,200	13,209
Current assets Creditors: Amounts falling due	220,468	18,081	238,549	251,530
within one year	(5,725)	-	(5,725)	(8,087)
Net assets	227,943	18,081	246,024	256,652
Prior period				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	€	£
Tangible assets	13,209	-	13,209	13,221
Current assets	224,806	26,724	251,530	268,899
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(8,087)		(8,087)	(7,113)
Net assets	229,928	26,724	256,652	275,007

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The Fell Pony Society

Detailed Income and Expenditure Analysis for the Year Ended 31 October 2021

Income	2021 £	2020 £
Donations	4,063	3.546
Legacies and bequests	200	-,
Advertising and sponsorship	789	270
Deposit account interest	23	107
Subscriptions	30,710	24,130
Affiliation fees	32	353
Al permit	100	50
Miscellaneous	507	12
FIS income	2.735	2.595
Stud books and promotional merchandise	4.865	2.857
Shows and other events	4,314	2,007
Registration	4,620	4.995
Transfers	7,955	6.940
Stallion licences	3,750	2.245
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Insurance	3,476	3,411
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Printing, stationery and equipment	5,291	8,511
Postage	6,311	8,046
Office rent	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire		24
Sundry and advertising expenses	7,500	-
Accountancy and independent examiner's fee	1,831	1,576
Legal and professional fees	800	2,840
Depreciation of equipment	9	12
	85,641	74,790
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	(10,628)	(18,355)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.

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### Trimming - New Rules

Many equestrian bodies, shows and Breed Societies have introduced the following rule change:

Trimming of the horse's sensory hairs around the mouth, nose, eyes and ears is not permitted, as this may reduce the horse's sensory ability.

The Society's rules already state the following:

#### **RULES FOR PONIES**

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

FPS Council agree that the welfare of the pony is paramount and that FPS panel judges are expected to take relevant action if this rule is broken. Spot checks of ponies may also be done at FPS shows.

### Learning With Fells 2022



The Society will consider applications from adult as well as junior members. Priority will be given to those aged 10 - 18 years of age.

It is hoped that sufficient numbers will come forward for visits to 2 or 3 studs, with the proviso that we may still have to work within Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office by 30 April.

Email secretary
@fellponysociety.org.uk

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 two visits are attended.

# Help for Owners and Breeders new to Fell ponies

# How to find out what's going on in your Area

Contact your Area
Support Group and check
out the events calendar.
All details are on
the FPS website

# Information you may need

FPS Member Directory & contact details, Stallion Listing and Sales List are all on the FPS website /

# Help with Horse Passport Legislation

Ask the FPS Secretary E-mail: secretary @fellponysociety.org.uk \ Phone: 017683 53100/

New Owner and/or Spreeder of Fell Ponies?
How the Fell Pony
Society can help

### Help with FPS Rules & Regulations

Find forms & documents,
Showing Rules and the
Breed Description
on the FPS website
or contact
the FPS Office

### Help with Breeding

Ask a Council member who is a breeder Contact details in the magazine or on the FPS website

# How to keep

Speak to fellow owners and breeders. Find them through the Member Directory or on our Facebook page, The Fell Pony Society

www.fellponysociety.org.uk

# **Elections for Council**

The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr P Boustead, Miss R Brunskill, and Mrs J Rawden. Mrs D Slack is to retire.

There are 2 new nominations: Mr J Greener and Miss D Meikle. There are 5 candidates for 4 positions on Council.

Election addresses are printed below for members' information. Numbers in brackets () represent the number of regular meetings which have not been attended by those Council members serving over the past 5 years (up to and including January 2020 only).

### New Candidates standing for election



John Greener - prefixes Kinkryhill, Thornlaw

Proposed by Mr G H B Mallinson, seconded by Mr A Thorpe

Over the past 33 years I have bred Fell ponies under the Thornlaw and Kinkryhill prefixes, attempting to retain the movement, substance and durability of the true native pony. My ponies, mainly black and grey, run at 900ft above sea level on sparse ground and as such are extremely hardy, rarely maturing to more than 13.2hh.

During those years I have gained a great deal of pleasure from showing, driving and endurance riding, promoting the versatility of our ponies across the country and would hope

to continue to do so going forward.

I have been a member of the Society for 36 years and previously was fortunate to have a few years as an active council member; 7 years on the Show sub-committee where I took responsibility for Health and Safety risk assessments, ensured that the society complied with current legislation and assisted with setting up the show fields in preparation for show day. I also spent 2 years on the Overseas sub-committee supporting the overseas breeders, answering queries where possible. Unfortunately, I felt unable to stand for re-election then, due to excessive work-related travel, however due to a change in my circumstances now, working part time, I feel that I could once again give the necessary time to working with the society and promoting the ponies.

I would like to stand as an active council member supporting not only our traditional high ground semi feral herds but all members, especially encouraging young people to enjoy the Fell pony as much as I have. I believe strongly in maintaining the traditional breed standard and shall continue to promote the Fell pony as the good all round family pony that it is.



### Miss Diane Meikle - prefix Scotshaven

Proposed by Mr A Smith, seconded by Mr W I Smith

I established the Scotshaven Fell Pony stud some 16 years ago in the most northern tip of Scotland and currently have 12 ponies and have bred 13 to date with 3 in foal for the coming year. I started my equine love of Fell ponies in my teens but it was not until 2003 that I was able to feed my Fell addiction. I have had my fair share of heart break losing a 4 year old to Grass sickness and my second foal to FIS. I am committed to drawing the

attention deserved to this fantastic breed while encouraging it to be kept true to type. I would value the opportunity to give something back for everything Fells have given me. Through experience drawn from my day job I feel I'm in a position to add to the already varied skill set on Council. Id like to bring enthusiasm and be positive in my approach, encouraging where necessary the use of modern platforms to allow the society to communicate with its full membership as much as possible. If elected I will work passionately to help sustain traditional Fell pony characteristics and promote Fells to all.

### Candidates standing for Re-election



### Peter Boustead (0) - prefix Summerhouse

I have been a Fell Pony Society member for over 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, Chief Steward at the Breed Show and since 2018 Chair of the Council. Furthermore, I have given talks and demonstrations on the Fell Pony throughout Britain and in the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany, not only promoting the breed, but also helping the Society achieve its charitable aim of furthering education.

Whilst wanting to preserve the semi-feral hill bred Fell pony, I realise the importance of marketing the pony to meet modern demands, I believe a pony with correct

conformation and meeting breed standards is capable of performing across all disciplines.

There have been many welcome developments over this period such as the Area Support Groups, Learning with Fells, the Display team and recently the Next Generation group. The last two years have been challenging ones for the Society with Brexit and Covid affecting the day to day business as well as the Society events. Hopefully we can put these behind us, enjoy the Centenary celebrations and look forward to the next hundred years.



### Rachael Brunskill (4) - prefix Hynholme

I have been involved with Fell ponies since becoming hooked as a child and now keep a small breeding herd of my own, with my family, under the Hynholme prefix. Since joining the society in the early 90's I have been heavily involved in various society activities and have been privileged to be a council member for the last 6 years.

Over the last 5 years I have been actively involved with the official FPS display team and have attended shows and country fairs, including HOYS with my ponies and the

official FPS trade stand, advocating fell ponies and talking to anyone that would listen, including, most recently, Princess Anne. Prior to that I was a dedicated member of the show committee for over 15 years where latterly, I held the mantle of show secretary for our breed and stallion shows.

I only gave up my place on the show committee because I had moved away from Cumbria. Now I am back home, I am looking forward to getting much more involved once

again and in addition to my council duties and being part of the display team, I have taken over as secretary of the Fell Pony Breeders Association and joined the Conservation and Grazing sub-committee. My aim with these roles is to further educate the public about the benefits and uses of Fell ponies and work with them to support our hill breeders and breeders more widely.

I try and encourage younger members to enjoy and promote this amazing breed and want to continue help the society to move forward whilst maintaining and promoting our true to type ponies, who literally can turn their hooves to anything!



### Jane Rawden (5)

I write this note with reflection and some surprise that I have already completed one term on Council and find myself putting my name forward again.

Fell ponies have been in my life 'forever' and being part of Council has been both interesting and rewarding in equal parts; most of all it has provided me a chance to give something back from the enjoyment I have had because of our fabulous breed. I do my very best to provide a balanced and considered input to all our

discussions and decisions. I give my time when I can to support our activities (pre Covid) which has included helping with the Judges Assessments, supporting the stewarding and setting up of the Stallion and Breed show, and most recently chairing the Centenary celebrations - of which I have provided a separate note in this magazine.

My passion continues to be to keep our breed true to type, to continue to listen and learn from our breeders, to share the versatility of our breed and to encourage anyone with a connection to Fell ponies to be part of the Society. The most fitting example of this recently is the launch of our 100 miles Challenge for the Centenary celebrations, a literally worldwide event where people and ponies are coming together to share their enjoyment, through the power of social media.

On a personal level, I am looking forward to getting back out and about this year showing with Bracklinn Glayva. I am also learning so much having affiliated Murthwaite Looks Promising with British Dressage - there is something quite rewarding seeing a hairy little pony trot down the centre line at some fabulous BD events. Being out and about at shows enables me to listen and understand what people are thinking and feeling, which I try to bring into our discussions and debates during Council meetings.

If re-elected my aim remains the same, and that is to continue to work hard to sustain the traditional Fell pony characteristics and promote our Fell pony to all.



# Postal Voting to Elect Council Members

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

No member is entitled to vote in the election for Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid by 15th February 2022.

You will find the details on Votes of Members under Section 7 of the Articles of Association. Election to the Council is Section 8.6.

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

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

# Results of the 2023 Calendar Competition

The standard of photographs we receive each year from our members keeps getting better and better which makes it very difficult for our judges to make their decisions.

This year the competition was judged by two members of the North West Area Support Group, who will receive a calendar with our grateful thanks. The photographer of each selected photograph qualifies for a free calendar. The overall winner of the calendar competition, Kevin Turner and the runner-up, Nicola Chippendale, will also receive a £10 and £5 FPS Voucher, respectively.

A big thank you to everyone who sent me photographs - they really were all outstanding.

Cover picture Kevin Turner, Wolverhampton January Nicola Chippendale, Cumbria

February Liz Whitley, Cornwall

March Megan Wilkinson, Cumbria
April Christine Jones, Cumbria
May Katie Chippendale, Cumbria
June Isabelle Roker Goodburn, Surrey
July Kevin Turner, Wolverhampton

August FPS Archives

September Rob Bland, Shropshire
October Rebecca Penny, Cheshire
November Gilly Chippendale, Cumbria
December Marlyn Mcinnes, Perthshire

Congratulations to everyone listed above. Calendars should be available at and following the Spring AGM.

So now we look forward to entries for the 2024 calendar.

As before, landscape format images (i.e wider than high) are preferred to portrait format although we still accept good portrait images. Either digital or hard copy have to scale up to the calendar format at 11" X 7" and so have to be of high resolution (300dpi minimum). See FPS website for more information

Thank you again.

Michael Goddard michael.goddard2014@gmail.com

# FPS Show and Sale at NWA Crooklands, 30 October 2021

The annual Fell Pony Society sale of registered ponies is always a popular event, but this year appeared busier than ever, with standing room only around the North West Auctions sale ring, and bids also being taken on-line and by phone.

Of the 91 ponies entered 78 were forward on the day, of which 72 were sold through the ring and one later in the day. The entries included 47 ponies from the Greenholme stud which comprised mares, youngstock and four licensed stallions.

The Sale was preceded by a show which gave potential buyers the opportunity to see the ponies moving and out of the pens. David Wilkinson judged the classes and was pleased with the quality of the ponies in front of him, although the numbers forward were disappointing, with fewer ponies shown than in previous years.

The first class for ponies over 4 years had only one entry from the eight that were eligible; this was Helen Wenden's Greenholme Joanne, a well-bred six-year-old brood mare, scanned in foal to Waverhead Copper. Helen had been allocated lot number 1 but didn't need to worry about being first in the ring as the buyers were warmed up and ready for the off, and the mare sold for the highest price of the day, 6200 guineas, to a family who already own one of her progeny.

Class two was for youngstock one to three years old for which only two ponies came forward for judging. Ray Alderson's lovely typey yearling filly Meadowpark Imari, by Lunesdale Beckham and with the best of Greenholme, Murthwaite and Lunesdale breeding in her pedigree took the red rosette and went onto be sold for 2600gns. Second was Miss R Morland's Lunesdale Robert II, a good quality traditional fell reared yearling colt that went on to be sold at 800gns.

The foal show class was the best supported with five forward, and the strong young colt, Lunesdale Casper, consigned by Bert Morland, caught the judge's attention as soon as he entered the ring. With good bone and hair, this well-presented pony, sired by Lunesdale Union Jack, went onto take the overall championship and was bedecked in rosettes and his first championship sash; with Meadowpark Imari in reserve. Later Casper sold for 4000gns in the sale ring.

Not including the consignment from the Greenholme Stud, where the ponies were catalogued and sold together, the highest prices were reached in class 1 (4 years and over), with an average of 2800gns, topping at 6200gns for Greenholme Joanne. The average price for one to three-year-old ponies was 1900gns, and the top price of 2600gns was realised three times by two two-year-old fillies, and the reserve champion yearling filly. Colt foals topped at 4000gns for Lunesdale Casper and fillies topped at 2600gns for Lunesdale Courtney, while overall foals averaged 1400 gns.

The top price for filly foals in the Greenholme sale was for Greenholme Potential at 3200gns. Greenholme colt foals topped at 4000gns for the grey Greenholme Pegasus. Stallions peaked at 2000gns for the six-year-old Greenholme Jasper; brood mares at 3000gns for the eight-year-old Greenholme Hi-De-Hi; and 1000gns for the yearling gelding Dalefoot Archimedes.

The stud generously selected one of their consignment of foals to be sold in aid of Prostate Cancer UK and Greenholme Popeye made an impressive 800 gns for the charity.

FPS Secretary Katherine Wilkinson and daughter Megan were kept very busy dealing with the transfers of ownership and other Society business as well as sales of Christmas merchandise. Several new memberships were taken from those purchasing a pony.

So, a very successful sale with lots of lovely ponies making excellent prices for the vendors and finding good homes; and a large crowd of Fell pony enthusiasts enjoying a grand day out. Many thanks to North West Auctions and Good Luck to everyone with their new purchases, we hope they bring you lots of fun, and we hope to see you out and about in the future.

### **FPS Pre Sale show**

### Class 1, 4 years and over

1st Greenholme Joanne, vendor Mrs H Wenden

### Class 2, 1,2 & 3 Years

1st Meadowpark Imari, vendor Mr R Alderson

2nd Lunesdale Robert II, vendor Miss R Morland

### Class 3, Colt or filly Foal

1st Lunesdale Casper, vendor Miss R Morland

2nd Nortontowers Milly, vendor Mrs P H Hodgson

3rd Llanerchbrook Boy George, vendor Mrs H Wenden

4th Bowins Bubbles, vendor Mr J Miller

5th Nortontowers Max, vendor Mrs P H Hodgson

Champion Lunesdale Casper Reserve Meadowpark Imari



Helen Wenden's Greenholme Joanne, a well-bred six-year-old brood mare scanned in foal to Waverhead Copper, topped the sale at 6,200 guineas

# NW Area Support Group Foal & Youngstock Show

The NW Area Support Group Foal & Youngstock Show was held at Inglewood Equestrian Centre near Penrith on 7 October.

Competitors and spectators alike were pleased to have the opportunity to use the indoor arena to escape the bitter wind, although some of the hill-bred foals found the prospect of being indoors a little daunting and some didn't show themselves as well as they might have done as a result. Once all the entrants for the first class were settled inside the day began with the judging of the filly foals and judge Debbie Chadwick chose Gilly Chippendale's Lammerside Hazel (s. Heltondale Prince V x d. Stockleylane Annie) as her winner. Although only 5 months old this lovely youngster caught the eye with her sparky presence as she entered the ring.

The largest class of the day with 8 entries, was for colt foals and was won by John Cockbain with his very typey youngster Carrock Duke (s. Carrock Stride the Nite x d. Carrock Elsa). David and Katherine Wilkinson took second place with Bybeck Angelo. The judge commented that both ponies had an abundance of good Fell pony characteristics, including very good bone and feather; the quality of the ponies in this class was further evidenced by the fact that these two colt foals went on to take the foal championship and reserve; and then the overall supreme championship and reserve at the end of the day.

There were fewer entries forward in the youngstock classes, but the winner of the yearling class was Gilly Chippendale with Lammerside Eclipse, a full sister of her winning fill foal; again a very typey pony and a previous winner at the Fell Pony Breed Show. The class for two-year-olds and the youngstock championship was taken by John Cockbain with Carrock Daenerys, another sired by Carrock Stride The Night, dam Carrock Sugar. Second in the class for two-year-olds was Mrs Lamb who also took the youngstock reserve championship with Fellsides Cheap as Chips, bred by Amanda Batey.

Many thanks to the judge, organisers, competitors; and all the spectators, who all appeared to be enjoying a good catch up and contribute to making this such an enjoyable event.

Claire Simpson

### Foal & Youngstock Show Results

### Class 1. Filly Foal

1st Lammerside Hazel, FP7059, Owner & Breeder Mrs G Chippendale

2nd Greenholme Promise, FP7083, Owner Mr R Relph-Briggs, Breeder Misses RJ & BK Potter

3rd Halstone Tiger-Lily, FP7103, Owner & Breeder Mr D Atkinson

### Class 2. Colt Foal

1st Carrock Duke, FP73396C, Owner & Breeder Mr JW Cockbain 2nd Bybeck Angelo, FP73364C, Owner Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson, Breeder Mr C Roberts 3rd Setmabanning Poldark, FP73448C, Owner & Breeder Mr M Fearon



Sale Show winners with Judge, David Wilkinson: left, 1,2 & 3 Years winner Meadowpark Imari, vendor Mr R Alderson; right, Foal winner and Champion, Lunesdale Casper, vendor Miss R Morland



Foal & Youngstock show: Full sisters Lammerside Hazel (left) and Lammerside Eclipse (right) by Heltondale Prince V out of Stockleylane Annie, with owner breeder Gilly Chippendale



Zoe Marsden's Wellbrow Diplomat, Best of Breed at Olympia, ridden by Brian Williams



Linda Wiggin competing with her daughter Fiona Bubb's 15-year-old gelding Raisbeck Cappuccino



The Postma family's stallion Sleddale Eddie in the lead of a unicorn turnout with his sons Knillis van het Westerkwartier (gelding) or Odin van het Westerkwartier (also an approved stallion).



Ella Fairburn and Holling Wilkie



South East Group - Charlotte Knight and Scotshaven Bella Augusta



Sandringham Show: the Supreme Fell Championship was awarded to Helen Wenden's Brocklebank Chardonnay who received the Sunnybrowe Jack Memorial Trophy from judge Hayley Reynolds.

### Class 3. Yearling

1st Lammerside Eclipse, FP6907, Owner & Breeder Mrs G Chippendale 2nd Bracklinn Lockdown, FP73299C, Owner Miss H Reynolds, Breeder Mr A Smith 3rd Greenholme OMG, FP6971, Owner Miss E Wilson, Breeder Mr WS Potter

### Class 4. Two Year Old

1st Carrock Daenerys, FP6736, Owner & Breeder, Mr J W Cockbain 2nd Fellsides Cheap as Chips, FP6772, Owner Mrs SJ Lamb, Breeder Mrs AJ Batey 3rd Deepghyll Dealer, FP73163G, Owner Miss J Harvey, Breeder Miss C Savage

Foal Champion Carrock Duke
Reserve and Highest Placed Hill Bred Foal Bybeck Angelo
Youngstock Champion Carrock Daenerys
Reserve Fellsides Cheap as Chips
Supreme Champion Carrock Duke
Reserve Bybeck Angelo



Judge Debbie Chadwick and trainee judge Ben Thorpe with the Foal & Youngstock Show Supreme Champion Carrock Duke (left) Owner & Breeder Mr J W Cockbain, and Reserve Bybeck Angelo, Owner Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson, Breeder Mr C Roberts

# Sandringham Fell Show, 10 October 2021

### held on the Royal Sandringham Estate by kind permission of HM The Queen

After a cancellation in 2020 and a postponement in 2021 the Sandringham Fell Show finally went ahead in October with an unfamiliar autumnal feel to the park.

Despite the rain several lorries were on the park early. Under a damp sky the roof and cupola of Sandringham House peeped through the tree tops with a hint of the blue skies to come.

Judge Miss Hayley Reynolds, fresh from a very productive week at HOYS soon found her first winner in Helen Wenden's foal Llancherbrook Grey Goose, shown alongside his dam.

Llancherbrook Grey Goose went on the become the Youngstock Champion with Gaynor Wareham's Hillhead Port Ellen standing Reserve Champion.

Lydvale Jacob owned by Gemma Chambers and Katie Saberton was the in hand stallion class winner.

The in hand mare class was well supported and the eventual winner was Helen Wenden's Brocklebank Chardonnay with Gemma Chambers' and Katie Saberton's Highbrook The Dutchess in second place and Sarah Nelson's Brackenthwaite Bonnie in third.

The in hand gelding winner was Bracklinn Glayva shown by Jane Rawden,

Inhand Fell Champion was Brocklebank Chardonnay with Highbrook The Dutchess in Reserve spot.

After lunch the ridden classes had several ponies forward. The adult ridden class was won by Sarah Nelson and Brackenthwaite Bonnie with Lindsay Walton and Townend Kirsten in second place, Holly Greathead and Cheshirefells Black beauty in third and Jane Rawden and Bracklinn Glayva in fourth.

Libby Wenden did a lovely show to win the child rider class on Brocklebank Laffite,

The Traditional class was won by a Dales pony with Bracklinn Glayva second, Rachael Nicholls' Highbrook Dawn Run ridden by Leanne Nicholls third and Charlotte Stone's Wellbrow Buttons fourth.

Hayley chose Brackenthwaite Bonnie as her Ridden Champion with Townend Kirsten Reserve.

During the day farrier Tim Murfitt spent time judging all the ponies' feet. He went from ring to ring assessing both trimmed and shod feet. His eventual winner and recipient of the Bommer Trophy for best shod pony went to Wellbrow Buttons and the best trimmed award to the foal Llancherbrook Grey Goose. The trophy was presented by Mrs Sarah Bellow who kindly donated the trophy.

The afternoon was filled with WHP classes and dressage, open to any breed of pony or horse. The Fells made a good showing and came away with several rosettes.

The Very Novice Working Hunter was won by Libby Wenden and Brocklebank Laffite, with Sarah Nelson and Brackenthwaite Bonnie being placed third. Brackenthwaite Bonnie was placed sixth in the Novice class and also went on to be crowned Best Working Hunter Fell pony and Working Hunter Champion.

Holly Greathead and Cheshirefells Black Beauty came second in the Novice class. The ridden classes came to an end with Hayley judging the Supreme Champion Fell pony from the morning and afternoon Champions.

Supreme Fell Champion was awarded to Brocklebank Chardonnay who received the Sunnybrowe Jack Memorial Trophy donated by Ms Sarah Prior, a new addition to our silverware this year in memory of Sarah's stunning Fell stallion. Reserve Supreme was Brackenthwaite Bonnie.

The dressage classes didn't have as many entries as normal this year but the Fell ponies came away with three first places, Wellbrow Buttons in Intro C and Townend Kirsten in both Prelim 1 and Novice 27.

As always the day drew to an end with the judging of all the Supreme Champions by both the Ring 1 judge (Fell and Friends) Hayley Reynolds and Ring 2 judge (Dales, Exmoor and WHP) Mrs Ellen Maxwell-Jones. They saw each best of breed perform and agreed on their winner as Brocklebank Chardonnay with foal at foot and Threeshires Edgar (Exmoor) as Reserve. The winner was presented with the Murthwaite Need 2 Roam Memorial Trophy kindly donated by our fabulous rosette and sash maker Kate Scorey-Sayer.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us and made our show another success. Without our helpers we would not be able to hold the show. So thanks go out to the people who helped to build and take down the rings and jump course, the secretaries, the runners, the stewards and the judges. Without our competitors driving their beautiful ponies the length and breadth of the country the show would be nothing......thank you to all of you.

We will be back in our more familiar Spring slot next year on Sunday 24th April 2022. We hope to see you all again in the centenary year of The Fell Pony Society. There will be special Sandringham Show commemorative rosettes for all Fell pony entries to celebrate 100 years of our Society.

We are pleased to announce that Mr Chris Grant will be our judge for next year. Jean Bateson



Llanerchbrook Grey Goose showing definite contempt for portrait photographs - or possibly for Mum telling him off



Gemma Chambers and Katie Saberton's Lydvale Jacob

# IT'S HERE! The Fell Pony Society Centenary

We would like everyone who has a connection with the Fell Pony to celebrate 100 years of the FPS, to continue to provide education on the heritage of the Fell Pony, to increase our membership ... and of course, to have FUN! Whatever your level of involvement with Fell Ponies, we hope there is something you'll love to join in.

- ALL YEAR "100 Miles with a Fell" Challenge (throughout UK, overseas, and throughout the year) with T shirts and bridle discs to advertise the activity, and rosettes for all who complete.
- ALL YEAR Area Support Groups and Overseas Branch activities (throughout UK, overseas, and throughout the year) see the Area Support Groups page in the Magazine or on the FPS web site for contact details and find out what's on in your area.
  - Special edition 2022 Calendar on sale now.
  - FPS Centenary Branded Merchandise (see inside front cover) on sale now.
- April Centenary Book (taster inside back cover) about mares and stallions and their families over the last 100 years print and e-book.
  - 13 May (Friday) Launch: Parade of Fells at Windsor Horse Show
  - 14 May (Saturday) Launch: Stallion Show at Dalemain

FPS Display Team

Parade of Stallions

Centenary Pennant starts its journey round the all UK Area Groups - super media / photo opportunity!

- May Video Conformation and Type, particularly for new owners, new breeders, and trainee judges DVD, plus mini-videos to be available for download.
- 30 July 21 August Exhibition at the Old Courthouse, Shap. Artwork and much more. We will also be using the Old Courthouse as a base for displays and unmounted events, workshops and talks (see opposite page). To book places please email: ianet@theoldcourthouse.org
  - 7 August (Sunday) Breed Show at Dalemain
- 13 August (Saturday) FPS Centenary Ball at the fabulous Castle Green Hotel, Kendal. Tickets, £35 per head, will go on sale in the middle of March and will be available to collect at the AGM and Stallion Show. Each booking for a full table of 10 people will receive a complimentary bottle of wine so start getting your friends together so you can take advantage of this special offer. The evening will include a reception drink, a three course meal, an auction of promises and special gifts, presentation of 100 Mile Challenge rosettes, and a disco. If you need overnight accommodation at the hotel, book it by telephone to get a discount, reference "Fell Pony Society", (+44) 0 1539 734000. Full details will be posted on our website and Facebook page when finalised so please put the date in your diary.

### 2022 CENTENARY SUB-COMMITTEE

Jane RawdenGlenis CockbainVictoria ParkerKatherine WilkinsonSue MillardNicola ChippendaleEileen WalkerJanet WoodSamantha AudleyClaire SimpsonCath WrigleyLiz Whitley

Please get in touch if you have more ideas for your area!



### Events at the Old Courthouse, Shap

The Old Courthouse will be the base for unmounted events, workshops and talks.

• Sat 30th July - Sun 21st August: Exhibition at the Old Courthouse, Shap. Artwork and much more.

*Opening times for Exhibition* (subject to confirmation later in the year)

Sat/Mon 10am-5pm Sun/Tue/Thu/Fri 2pm-5pm Wednesday CLOSED

- Sat 30 July (evening): The making of the Centenary Book an evening with Sue Millard, Clive Richardson, Barbara Bell, Sarah Charlton, Liz Whitley
- Sat 6 Aug 10am-4.30pm: Creating a Pony Portrait in Needlefelt, with Jane Makes.
- Mon 8 Aug 1pm-4.30pm: Drawing a Fell pony in Charcoal, with Alex Jakob-Whitworth.
- Thurs 11 August (evening): Talk What to look for in a Fell pony. Illustrated talk, with Peter Boustead
- Thurs 18 August 1pm-4.30pm: Blacks (and Darks) without Black Tackling the colourful darks of a Fell pony, with Alex Jakob-Whitworth.
- Sat 20 August: Social evening. Fell pony enthusiasts, with Bill Lloyd as compère, share stories, poetry, music and experiences.

For further details about any of the talks or workshops at The Old Courthouse or to book a place please email: janet@theoldcourthouse.org

### **Stud Visits**

• 10 August - Wellbrow, Shawforth, Lancs. Contact Michelle Thorpe, Tel: 01706 853843.

E-mail: info@wellbrowfell.co.uk

• 12 August - Lownthwaite, Gamblesby. Contact Alison Bell, Tel: 07765 405509.

E-mail: pjamesbell@hotmail.com

• 13 August - Helmside Fell Ponies and Garden visit, The Helm, Nr. Kendal. Contact Nicola Evans. Tel: 01539 730406.

E-mail: nicola.e.evans@talk21.com

• 14 August - Brackenbank, Murton. Contact Katherine Wilkinson, Tel: 017683 52861.

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# A note about our Celebrations

When I was first asked to chair the events to celebrate our Centenary year, I felt overwhelmed about how to even begin to make such a year so special; what if I got it wrong? What if social media was full of complaints and letters to the Society? I had a little gin and thought about two people who have been instrumental in my Fell pony world. I could hear Mary Longsdon saying, "Chin up, you will be fine," and I spoke to Jane Glass who said, "You can only give it your best."

A quite simply brilliant team of hard-working volunteers came forward to make the Centenary Committee come to life, so as I reflected, I refocused the request to consider it to be a privilege, and a personal way for me to give back all I have enjoyed over the years. Without people connected to The Fell Pony Society, I certainly would not have learnt so much about the heritage of our breed; have had the opportunity to head north to Cumbria and experience breath-taking scenes with hill breeders who work so hard to protect our native ponies and are always there to share their knowledge about the DNA of our fabulous breed; to have experienced the magic of HOYS and RI, but most of all to have made lifelong friends throughout the UK, all because of Fell Ponies. This thought then began to shape the vision for the 12 months of celebrations.

Whatever your connection is with the breed, this year is one to stop, reflect and celebrate in a way you see fit. Each and every member of the team behind everything you see in this magazine has worked hard and tirelessly for the last 12 months. Individuals have given up their time, working into the evening and at weekends, juggling a day job and their own personal pressures to bring this calendar together which I really hope you will support and and most of all enjoy. From the main Fell Pony Society committee, to Show committees, the Display team, the Next Generation group, Area groups and the Centenary committee, we have worked towards our vision below:

To celebrate 100 years of the Fell Pony Society

To celebrate and continue to educate about the heritage of the Fell Pony

To celebrate with anyone who has a connection with the Fell Pony

I hope as you read the magazine you can see how we have tried to stay true to our vision with the events we have planned. So, grab your diary and perhaps pop some of the dates into your calendar and onto your To Do List...

See our Fell Pony parade at Royal Windsor Horse Show and acknowledge the contribution of our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen.

Attend the official launch at the Stallion Show, where we will see a parade of past Stallion Show Winners, supported by competitors attending the 2022 show who would like to be part of our Centenary parade with their colt or stallion. Our brilliant Display team will be there to mark the launch of our celebrations with their new routine.

Look out for our video and centenary book which will share the heritage of our breed, and includes stunning footage and beautiful photos of Fell ponies, along with their bloodlines.

Support your Area Groups who are hosting some fabulous events from picnic rides to centenary shows.

Head to Cumbria during August for the breed show and enjoy a packed week of activities.

- Visit the Art exhibition at The Courthouse, Shap or attend one of the stud visits to learn more about our Fells in their natural environment, to listen and learn from a breeder, or simply have some time for you to be at one with Fell ponies and their beautiful surroundings.
- Take a table at the ball on 13th August with your friends to eat, drink and dance the night away to toast people and ponies, past and present, that have made the Society and Fell ponies something so special all over the world.
- Share your stories on Facebook and rise to the 100 mile challenge as an individual or a team; riding, driving, leading your ponies for personal or team achievement.

Maybe purchase a little bit of Centenary merchandise as a memento of this year.

As we come out of 2 rather challenging years, we will, I know, appreciate everything we do and the plans we make with our Fell ponies and our friends.

I really hope you enjoy the Centenary celebrations. These little hairy ponies somehow get into your blood and into your heart, and if this year is about sharing the love and passion that is the common theme we all have, then on behalf of the Centenary committee I will raise a glass to us all.

Jane Rawden Centenary Chair

# Fell Pony Society Trainee Judges Assessment Day to be held on Sunday 3rd April 2022 at Inglewood Equestrian Centre Bowscar, Penrith, Cumbria. For further information or to receive an Application form please contact: Jenny Grealish, fpsjudgesecretary@gmail.com Michael Goddard, Michael.goddard2014@gmail.com

# FPS Area Support Groups

Area Support Groups arrange events for all ages in their area. FPS Members are welcome at all events. The Groups cover the following areas:

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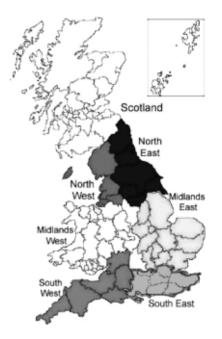
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# Scottish Area Support Group: North

We are having a long overdue catch-up with Fell friends old and new on Sunday 20 March 2022, with a visit to Touchdown Memorial Home for Horses at Keith AB55 6YX. (Price to be confirmed). Names to Jacqueline Cheetham, area rep, via Facebook messenger, email fellponies@btinternet.com or 07789 533454 by 10/3/22.

Hoping for a summer pleasure ride in May or June. A chance for a few extra miles for the 100 mile centenary challenge. Venue to be confirmed as many routes are still not accessible because of storm (Arwen) damage. Contact Jacqueline if you would be interested in joining us.

Jacqueline Cheetham

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# Scottish Area Support Group: South

Details of future area group activities will be published on our Facebook page and the Area Group page on the FP web site.

Judy Fairburn

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# North East FPS Area Support Group

The North East Area Support Group has had a very quiet winter with no events being held. The committee has managed to stay in touch with each other by Zoom meetings but it is not the same as a face to face chat over a bar meal at a local pub. We will continue to run the group in this way until it is safe for everyone to meet up indoors. We have started cautious planning of our events for 2022.

It has been decided that our annual Dressage Competition, which has previously been held during March at East Durham College Houghall Campus, will be replaced by a Dressage Training Day to be held at High Plains Equestrian Centre, NE 44 6AY, which is near Healey, close to the A68. This will be a combined event with HPEC but run as a High Plains event so no additional organising or helpers will be needed. The format will be three riders in a group for a 45 min lesson followed by completing a dressage test at the appropriate level. All riders will receive written feedback. Groups will be offered at several levels. This will take place on Saturday 12th March and will be bookable online. I will share details on the FPS Website and our Facebook page when the event is advertised.

On Monday 18th April, Easter Monday, a Native Pony Roadshow is being held at The Unicorn Centre, Stainton Way, Middlesbrough TS8 9LX. Five breeds of native pony will be represented; Fell, Dales, Highland, Dartmoor & Exmoor. Each of these breeds is on the Rare Breeds Survival List and will be represented by 3 ponies and a knowledgeable

speaker. This is an event not to be missed, especially as it is being held in our area I will share more details as they become available so please make a note of the date and that places will need to be booked.

Hairy Pony Camp at Linnel Wood, Hexham is being planned in its normal format for the weekend of Friday 29th April - Sunday 1st May. This is a joint Highland & Fell pony camp organised by the Highland Pony Enthusiasts Club & North East FPS Group. Email hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk or telephone Chris on 07787124413 for more information nearer the time. My crystal ball is still very hazy for the end of April 2022.

The FPS Stallion Show will be held at Dalemain, near Penrith on Saturday 14th May. This will include a very special display to launch the centenary celebrations as well as a parade of stallions, so please try to attend and support the society. A full week of events has been organised to take place from Sunday 7th August through to Sunday 14th August. Details will be released in this magazine so please be sure to read all about it. I can tell you that there will be four stud days and a Centenary Ball on Saturday 13th August so you need to get the dates in your diary and plan some time off work.

Finally, the annual Native Pony Festival held at Crescent Farm, Throckley, Newcastle NE15 9RE is being held on Sunday 22nd May 2022. There will be In-hand classes for all native breeds. Ridden and WHP classes. A schedule will be available early in April.

Events in the North East do not go beyond May 2022 at the moment but we are thinking of holding a summer BBQ /Picnic on one Saturday or Sunday in June. We thought an outdoor event would be safer for those of us who are still very cautious about mixing. This will be a social occasion and if held here, at my home, will have the added bonus of viewing some ponies. We may be awarding our four special trophies at this summer event so please consider making nominations that will then be voted on by the committee. The four categories are:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Junior Rider / Handler of the Year
- · Adult Rider / Handler of the Year
- Fell Pony representative of the Year

Please send your nominations for people and ponies by email to vix2000en@gmail.com to arrive no later than 27th May 2022. A brief account of why you consider this person / pony should receive this award would be helpful. Achievements can be from previous years as 2020 & 2021 have not been entirely normal. Don't be shy as we can't know about everyone in our vast North East area.

The FPS has already started to celebrate its 100th birthday so I hope many of you will be able to attend some of the celebratory events that are being planned to take place in Cumbria. The happy hackers amongst you may wish to participate in the 100 mile challenge which was launched on 1st January 2022. All the details are on the FPS website (www.fellponysociety.org.uk) so please make sure you check frequently so you do not miss anything. Finally, I expect to see lots of you at the Centenary Ball on Saturday 13th August at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal. It will be a fabulous night so get out your favourite outfit and come and enjoy the fun.

I hope you all have a lovely spring and summer with your ponies.

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

# North West FPS Area Support Group

It's been a very quiet few years in terms of events and getting out and about with our ponies thanks to Covid!!! We did manage to hold our annual Foal & Youngsotck Show at Inglewood Equestrian Centre in November which was well attended.

We are hoping that 2022, the Fell Pony Society Centenary Year, will see more events going ahead and the opportunity to get out and about on our ponies.

### Plans for 2022:

Camp is back!!!

Newton Rigg - 23rd - 25th September 2022

As soon as the good news was publicised that Newton Rigg was taking bookings again, I started making plans for our camp. We have missed two years of camp due to Covid restrictions, so it is great to be planning it again. We are holding it in September this year - later than usual, but we haven't got as much time to plan it, so it felt more sensible.

It will be in the usual format - Saturday will be tuition day with flatwork, jumping and TREC lessons. Sunday will be competition day - dressage and clear round. There is also a demonstration by Jo Birkbeck on the Saturday evening - Natural Horsemanship / Join up and Long Lining - this will be open to non-camp attendees.

Foal & Youngstock Show will be held at Newton Rigg on 26th November - more details about this will be available later in the year.

We would love to see you join us at some of our events. Please see the FPS website, our Facebook page, or email Catherine.wrigley@sky.com for booking information and forms.

### Cath Wrigley, Chair



King George V's purchases in the 1930s, the Fell mares, Linnel Fluff and Linnel Wanda; from the Charlton family's archive

# Midlands West FPS Area Support Group

2022 promises to be an exciting year with plenty to look forward to given the FPS Centenary celebrations and various planned Group events.

### Performance Awards 2021

As yet we have not been able to hold our presentation lunch due to COVID restrictions but are hoping this will go ahead in late February or early March. We have been very pleased with the entries received with every section of the awards well represented and we look forward to presenting our worthy entrants their special H & H rosettes as well as trophies to the winners. Results for the John Glaze Memorial Photography competition will also be announced. Full results will be posted and available on our Group web site following the presentation.

Forms for 2022 are now available from our Group web site. A list of entry rules is also available on the website. Please note to enter the awards you must be a current fully paid up member of the Midlands West Group. Membership forms are also available on the Group website

www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk

### Membership

Membership of the Group will remain at £5.00 for the forthcoming year, details for joining the Group and membership forms are available to download from our Group website or from 01785 282922 / diane@fellpony.me.uk

### Events 2022

Sunday 29th May 2022 - Spring Festival of Fells Show at Rodbaston Equestrian Centre, Rodbaston Drive, Penkridge, Stafford, ST19 5PH - Fell Pony Judge for both ridden and in hand classes will be Mrs Pam Cox and our WHP Judge will be Laura Nott. All ponies forward must have an up to date vaccination record in their passports. Schedules and entry forms are available to download from our Group web site www.westmidsfellponies.org.uk. For any more information please contact Heidi Saxon Bland on heidibland71@gmail.com.

Date TBC June 2022 - Derbyshire Fell Pony Show hopefully to be held at Barleyfields EC, Etwall, Derbyshire, DE65 6HT subject to confirmation. There will be Ridden, In Hand, WH, NPS Dressage and Driving Classes. We also hope to include other qualifying classes. Judges are still to be confirmed. Schedules and entry forms will be available to download from our Group website shortly. All ponies forward must have an up to date vaccination record in their passports. For more information please contact Diane Key 01785 282922/email diane@fellpony.me.uk.

Other Planned Events 2022 - Venues and Dates TBC

Easter Group Pleasure Ride to be hosted by Karen Bennett, Stockport, Cheshire.

July 2022 - 'Paws for Mary' Dog Show in memory of Mary Longsdon MBE to be held at Ivy Cottage Paddock, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ.

August 2022 - Greenrivers Stud Visit by kind invitation of Mr Kev Turner based in the West Midlands.

Full details, schedules and entry forms can be found on our Group website - www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk or telephone the event contact as above or find us on Face book - Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group.

Diane Key (Group Leader)

Facebook - Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group.

# Midlands East FPS Area Support Group

### **FPS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2022**

### Stallion grant

Midlands East support group is pleased to offer a £50.00 grant towards travel for a breeding stallion to attend the FPS Stallion and colt show on 14 May 2022 at Dalemain, Cumbria. The stallion needs to be resident in Midlands East Area and we need to have evidence of progeny. The owner needs to have FPS and Midlands East membership. If you wish to be considered for this grant please contact Kate Merry bkmerry@gmail.com.

Our Gotham shows and Sandringham show will have commemorative rosettes. Sandringham show will be joined by the FPS Display Team's information stand on 24 April.

Mark Lupton has kindly offered to compile a book on ponies and people past and present in Midlands East Area. Professionally printed, it will be available from 24th April (Sandringham Show) and then online. We are looking for lots of photos, pictures and reminiscences from the area. Please send contributions to mesgbook@gmail.com or larger files can be sent via WeTransfer.com. CLOSING date for submissions 28th February 2022

Midlands East Counties will be having tea and cake events. Let us know if you would like to organise one or organise another celebration.

Beach ride at Holkenham, Norfolk, date to be advised

Hillhead stud is putting on two pole and jump events to which we have been invited.

FPS Celebrations over week of 7 August: Ball, Stud visits, demonstrations, exhibitions and of course the Show.

100 mile Challenge - taking place between January and December 2022. This can be done individually or in a team representing MESG. it can be done riding, driving or leading. If you are interested in taking part you are asked to register with the FPS office. You can download the registration form and Mileage Tracker form from the FPS Centenary page on the FPS web site. Send the completed registration form to the Office or e-mail it to secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk, along with confirmation of making a payment of £20.00 to FPS. You will then receive a black T shirt with 100-mile logo to wear while achieving your mileage. Rosettes will be awarded to everyone who completes the 100 miles.

Do watch the FPS website and our Facebook site for more.

MESG MEMBERSHIP is still £5.00 annually. The forms for membership and Points are available from FPS Midlands East Support Group Facebook page, the FPS-MESG website or a paper copy from our membership secretary Janet Copeland.

### MESG Show dates 2022

Sandringham show - 24 April 2022

Contact Jean Bateson

### MESG Gotham shows

Sunday 29 May

Sunday 10 July

Sunday 4 September

Gotham Show Field, Nottingham, NG11 OLE; Contact Nic Brierley

FPS Stallion and Colt Show, Dalemain, Cumbria, 14 May 2022

FPS Centenary week including the Breed show, Dalemain, 7-14 August 2022

Southern Breed Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture, September

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Information will be updated on FPS-MESG website and Facebook site, and we will continue to send out twice yearly newsflashes to members.

Best wishes for 2022

Kate

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# South West FPS Area Support Group

Events coming up this year:

### **Dorset Fell Show**

The 2022 show will be held on Sunday 1st May at Moreton Equestrian Centre, DT2 8RF (Near Dorchester). Sponsorship for the 2022 show is now open. Information about the show and how to be a sponsor can be found at https://dorsetfellshow.co.uk/

### Pleasure Ride & picnic - Exmoor

Sunday 19th June 2022. All ride places are now full but we'd still like to see you for the picnic if you can make it. I'd estimate the riders will return at about lunchtime. The ride will start & finish at Haddon Hill car park, Haddon Lane, Dulverton TA4 2DS

### South West Group Fell & Dales Show, to be held in memory of George Guy.

Wednesday 27th July, by kind invitation of the committee of Dunster Country Fair.

It's been a while since there has been a Fell show at this Fair, and I hope that lots of you will be able to come to this super showground and strut your stuff!

It's great to see so many from the South West signing up for the 100 miles with a Fell challenge. There's still plenty of time to get going if you haven't begun yet.

South West - Sue Howes

Email: whereswoolly4@gmail.com

### News from the Members

### From Keren Masters:

Lydvale Ellenor ended her showing season in November at the SWA of the WPCS medal show where Ellenor won the home produced in-hand, then won home produced champion . Ellenor came 2nd in the large breeds 4 years plus, beaten by her daughter Dresden's Dominica, who went on to take ring champion and silver medal champion. Lydvale Ellenor took reserve ring champion and reserve silver medal champion which finished their year perfectly!

Lydvale Ellenor has done a few dressage tests, holding her own against the sports horses, usually gaining over 70% scores from prelim to novice, which is keeping her mind fresh ready for the 2022 season ahead. Dresden's Dominica did a couple of intro tests just before Christmas with good marks and feed back. She is now having time out to mature.

From Sharron Camp:

### The New Pony

As many of you will know I lost my Fell friend of 16 years, Bracklinn Maggie, last April. Although totally devastated I knew I wanted to find a new Fell friend as I wasn't ready to give up pony owning just yet!

I was very lucky to find Townend Eva a few weeks later. I did have concerns it was too soon, but felt she was the right pony so at the beginning of June she came to Dorset.

I was aware she had been backed when she was younger, but hadn't been ridden for several years as she had been a brood mare. I was amazed at how quickly she settled in to her new home, she didn't seem bothered at all. I have now learnt that nothing really worries her.

It was fun getting to know her in the first month and I was looking forward to riding her. After trying her in several bits I realised she probably needed her teeth doing, this done she was happy to wear a bridle. She was happy for me to sit on her, but as to going out for a stroll she didn't understand what was really required of her. I carried on walking her out in hand and doing ground work with her while looking for a local instructor to help us.

I felt frustrated and wondered if I would ever get to enjoy a hack or dressage again. Looking back, I think I was still missing Maggie who could work out what I wanted before I asked. I just didn't feel I had the wish or knowledge to start all over again. At no point did I blame Eva as from her first day with me she hadn't put a hoof wrong. She was always pleased to see me and didn't mind what we did.

An instructor was found who was used to natives and had ridden Fell ponies so I booked a lesson. It was relief that when she sat on Eva, she said there was no problem apart from Eva being very green. I still struggled as not the bravest rider. I felt I had no control when sitting on her, but with Caroline's help I started to understand how to teach Eva. It helped that most weeks Caroline rode her so she started to learn what we wanted her to do.

Just before Christmas her new saddle arrived and I am hopeful that in 2022 we will keep moving forward. I have signed up for the Centenary 100-mile ride. Some will be done in hand, but as time goes on more miles will be ridden.

I knew owning a new pony would never be straightforward, but never realised how hard mentally I would find it. I did consider not bothering to ride her and just enjoy owning her and working her in hand only. Many people told me I would get there in the end, it was just time, but I didn't want to wait, truth was I just wanted to go back to what I did before I lost Maggie. Fortunately, a friend who had been in a similar situation 18 months earlier told me she had felt exactly the same. This came as a relief to know I wasn't alone.

Eva has taken part in Handy pony, agility and in hand dressage (all online) already. She loves trying out any obstacle and I hope to have a go ridden sometime soon.

I have learnt that Eva is incredibly interested in everything and likes to get her nose into anything she can. She lives at a friend's place and if I turn up, and don't go and see her first, but go into my friend's kitchen Eva will come and stand opposite and stare at me through the window!

I am now able after a few mentally tough months to look forward to all the fun Eva and I can have together. We have signed up for the FPS 100-mile ride and have our first short hacks together, something a few months ago I didn't ever think would happen.

# Conservation and Grazing Sub-committee

Although the committee has not been able to meet in person, we have established a Facebook Messenger group which allows us to keep in touch. We also now have a dedicated Facebook page which has quite a number of followers.

### **ELMS**

Over the last few months I have attended several Zoom meetings about the new system of farm payments - the Environmental Land Management Scheme or ELMS. One was hosted by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, specifically about Native Equines, the others by the Federation of Cumbria Commoners. The meetings were thought provoking and informative. Both myself and the FPS Office have the links to the recorded meetings, if anyone is interested.

### Survey

Last year we started our Breeders Survey. We have had a good number of replies, but would still like to hear from more breeders, large and small, to help us gain an understanding of everyone's different management systems and the pros and cons associated with them. This will help in many ways, including being a source of information to new breeders. Remember, your names will not be published and it is pretty simple to fill out, although if you wish, one of the committee will be happy to help. The document is available online, https://forms.gle/NiPUR1SJBZ6J7WaJ7, and the live link is also available on the Conservation and Grazing page of the FPS web site, but if you can't use the online version please contact myself or Sue Millard to take part.

Christine Robinson, 016973 51854, E-mail: Christine @kerbeck-fell-ponies.co.uk Sue Millard, 01539 624636, E-mail sue@dawbank.co.uk

# South East FPS Area Support Group

I would like to introduce myself as the new area representative for the South East Group. I thank Susie for her hard work over the years and would like to encourage her to stay involved as much as she can. I'm relatively "new" to fells having only been introduced to them just over 10 years ago by the way of a Banksgate stallion. I got the bug travelling the South East grooming for a friend and found myself longing for a pony of my own. That's where Townend Bellboy II came into my life 9 years ago and we've been having the best of fun ever since. My interests lie in Endurance and Dressage, but I have been known to dabble in a little bit of showing and the odd jump here and there. So, as we start a fresh new year with the Centenary to look forward to, I'm excited to meet more of my local Fell pony people. Talking about the Centenary I'm looking to plan a social ride in Surrey for June. All are welcome to meet with their Fell ponies and clock up some miles towards the 100 miles with a fell challenge. Please keep an eye on the South East Area section of the society website or Facebook "Fell Pony Support Group - South East" group. Alternatively, please email me your interest and I'll be sure to let you know when the ride has been arranged.

Alongside this I'm keen to promote clinics in the local area for members to attend. I'm looking to arrange a couple pole work clinics; one at Alder Lake Farm with Chris Watts and another at Brinsbury College with Becky Vanden Bogaerde. There is also a potential showing / working hunter clinic in planning; I'm hoping to get something regular in the calendar for us all to enjoy! Again, emails welcome to register interest.

I would like to welcome any suggestions, feedback etc that would help the group members and their fell ponies. Please feel free to email me rowenaday\_@hotmail.com. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2022.

Rowena Dav

### News from the Members

Here are some of our members from the South East with updates on what they have been up to the past year:

2021 was a busy year for Charlotte Knight and Scotshaven Bella Augusta. Their highlights include a good variety of training sessions and clinics arranged by local riding clubs, as well as a fabulous 4-day camp, a holiday to the Cotswolds and competitions in show jumping, equicross and dressage. The combination also attended the Southern Fell Show where they were very successful in the Working Hunter ring coming home Reserve WHP Champion. Finishing the year, they were awarded 3 champion trophies at their riding club. Two for their show jumping and equicross efforts and 1 for best 14.2hh and under performance. Charlotte says, "I feel privileged to own such a wonderful mare, she is buzzy and a delightful forward going ride but looks after grandma so well, I'm sure she knows I have no sight in one eye as she's always careful to my right at all times. She is very much in demand locally as an escort to others out hacking. I'm very much looking forward to completing our 100 miles this year and hopefully meeting others in our area, as well as taking in our usual riding club activities etc. 2022 here we come!"

Holly Mahal and Lunesdale Dan Mathews finished 2021 on a high by qualifying for the NPS Arena Eventing Final in both 70cm and 80cm. 10-year-old Danny has been with Holly just over 3 years. They enjoy various disciplines including jumping and dressage. Holly plans to do some one-day events in 2022 after enjoying their first last Summer. Holly says, "Danny has also been to HOYS in the workers (just before I got him) so we do a bit of showing but like to keep things varied as that's what he likes the best. Cross-country jumping is his favourite thing, and he has been to Hickstead xc schooling, flying over all

the 90-100cm fences. Dressage wise he has been placed up to novice and I plan to do more dressage this year. He really is the best all-rounder you could ever ask for and loves what he does."

Richard and Sharyl Horley welcomed Richmond Cosmos into their lives last year to celebrate their anniversary. Sharyl purchased Cosmos from Richmond Stud - a local South East Breeder. Sharyl says, "Richard competed in his very first show ever at Ardingly in the Open M & M Class in the summer and was placed 2nd. He had a crash course on how to show Cosmos 'In Hand' the day before and did a splendid job." Sharyl also took Cosmos to Edenbridge and Oxted county show for the Novice M&M ridden and in-hand classes. About that she says, "He was not placed in either, but we were blown away by how he went at his first County Show with us and are very excited to get him out this year."

# Overseas Branch News: Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas

The FPS Conservancy has been an approved FPS Overseas Support group since 2004. Its focus is education, networking for breeders & owners, and proper presentation of the traditional Fell Pony. The people we talk to on the FPS Council to ask for advice and to share our progress as a group are primarily Sue Millard and Christine Robinson.

There are no Fell pony competitions or shows with licensed judges for breeders, owners, or enthusiasts in North America, short of the 2 SANA Fell Pony Nationals to date (2008 & 2016). While there are 2 approved support groups (FPSCA & FPSNA) the Fell Pony Society is the only (and best) choice for anyone serious about staying connected and supporting the Fell pony breed. The Fell Conservancy does not offer memberships because its aim is to be open to everyone in North America free of charge.

We offer services such as networking, breeder referrals, sales referrals, breed information, scripts for demos, photo archives, NA Fell history, proper breed presentation, support of events showcasing Fell ponies or classes, the only NA entity to put on sanctioned Fell Pony Nationals for North American FPS registered ponies.

The Fell Conservancy will be participating once again in Breyerfest in July (held by the Breyer horse model company) at the Kentucky Horse Park, with a Fell pony on display seasonally at the KHP Breeds Barn, which includes daily demonstrations to the public; FPS and the Fell Conservancy are always mentioned in the demo scripts; this year there will be special mention of the 100th Anniversary, and a flag with the Centenary Logo will be displayed on the Fell pony stall at the Breeds Barn and during Breyerfest. However, The pandemic is severely curtailing activates still in North America. Other than Breyerfest, the Fell Conservancy has no other events or demos planned at this time in North America.

The Fell Conservancy is proud to announce that for the Centenary it will underwrite the cost of purchasing much needed waterproof jackets for the Fell Pony Society Display Team. As the show must always go on, at least there will be no more soggy riders!

Special Centenary flags will be displayed both by the Fell Pony Society Display Team and at Breyerfest to celebrate the Fell Conservancy's support of the FPS Centenary.

Victoria Tollman, Secretary/Treasurer, Fell Pony Society & Conservancy of the Americas Email: Fellinfo@yahoo.com

# A change of Fells at the Kentucky Horse Park

The Kentucky Horse Park is located in Lexington, Kentucky. It opened to the public in 1978 as the world's only park dedicated to man's relationship with the horse through education, exhibition, engagement and competition. Each year it receives over 500,000 visitors from all across the world.

The Horse Park also maintains numerous rare breeds of horses and ponies in their Breeds Barn. During the season, the horses and ponies are displayed in their daily Parade of Breeds presentation, which aims to educate and inform the public about each breed.

In the Autumn of 2021 I received a message from the Breeds Barn Manager to let me know that they were needing to retire their resident Fell Pony, ScafellPike Bob's Yer Uncle (Carrock I'm Yer Man x Linnel Peaches). The owner who had donated him to the park was unable to take him back and, therefore, they were contacting me for any advice. Of course, being the breeder of Bob's Yer Uncle, I welcomed him back home to retire on the farm where he was born. Our homebred grey mare ScafellPike Instant Karma (Littletree Highwayman x Littletree Tia Maria) has become his replacement at the Breeds Barn to carry the flag for the Fell Pony. I am honored to have been asked to provide the Fell Ponies to the Kentucky Horse Park and look forward to seeing ScafellPike Instant Karma (below) representing our wonderful breed to the many thousands of visitors the park receives each year.

Heather Kyle Scafell Pike Fell Ponies



ScafellPike Instant Karma in her first Parade of Breeds after just 2 weeks at the KHP.

# Fell Pony Society of North America

FPSNA communicates primarily with Sue Millard, Christine Robinson and of course the FPS Secretary Katherine Wilkinson. FPSNA encourages dual membership with both societies via the liaison services our organization has provided for the last 20 years. Through our website and online payment services in USD, we are able to offer transactional ease of making a purchase that would normally require an international bank account, in addition to an understanding of exchange rates. We also highlight the benefit to becoming an FPS member in reduced service costs, as well as a lovely newsletter from overseas twice a year! And finally, we provide new members to FPS with the required application to be signed, and return that on their behalf to the FPS.

FPSNA offers a wide range of services to owners, including online access to FPS forms and documents; information and testing forms for both FIS and DNA reports through Texas A&M University; zone representatives whom are all available to help answer general questions about the breed and our organization; our online presence via social media; offering national level competition opportunities through our involvement in the USDF All Breeds Program since 2009; a new online directory of members to promote community within our breed; breeder information for both our member breeders and studbook data on all active North American breeders; a historical look back on the growth of the Fell Pony breed here via our online Foal Announcements since 2002; and the opportunity to collectively celebrate our breed across the continent via our own year-end awards program, the Performance and Premium Award (PPA) Program, developed beginning in 2010.

Although we have the obvious barrier to participating in some of the Centenary events due to distance, FPSNA will be promoting the 100 Mile Centenary Challenge on our website and social media. FPSNA plans on creating several merchandise items this year, such as bridle discs, which will feature the Centenary logo, and will be offered to our membership at a discounted rate. We will also be placing the logo on our website.

Plans have been discussed for a first ever 'FPSNA Gathering' this fall, but the size of our continent makes participating in person very difficult to successfully host something like this in one location. If we are able to gather enough volunteer interest, it may be more practical to have a Gathering Date, and each of our zones then has their own activity that day.

My best wishes,

Melissa Kreuzer, FPSNA, www.fpsna.org

# **Next Generation Group**

We hope that everyone has had a safe and healthy winter. The Next Generation Group has been very busy behind the scenes. We really enjoyed doing the 'Points of a Fell Pony' series on our Facebook page. It generated a lot of discussion.

We are happy to announce our first events since restarting:

9th July - we will be hosting a conformation talk with Alistair Smith of Bracklinn stud and another knowledgeable speaker (TBC). Details to follow.

10th July - we will be hosting a Fell Pony Fun Ride. Both events will be at Breaks Hall (Appleby in Westmorland).

Updates will be announced as the year goes on via our Facebook page.

We are looking forward to supporting and attending the Centenary events this year. If anyone would like to volunteer their time and efforts to help us with our event, please let me (Katie), Stacy or Kayley know.

We hope everyone can make the most of this special year.

Katie Curwen

# **FPS DISPLAY TEAM**

The Team are looking forward to the new season, especially our first major event, which will of course, be helping to launch the Centenary celebrations at the Stallion Show!

We have several other events on the calendar, some with the ponies, some with just the Information Stand.

We are pleased to welcome four new members and their ponies to the Team.

If anyone else is interested in becoming part of the Team, please contact us, even if you haven't a pony, because ground crew are equally important to putting on a good show - helping with changes of costume, moving equipment in the ring, and particularly at the Stand straight after a performance when spectators come over for more information but the riders are all busy looking after their ponies.

The Society is subsidising the cost of a small generator for us to run electrical equipment on the Display stand, such as a laptop to show videos throughout a long day on-site. We are also grateful to the Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas who are sponsoring the purchase of much-needed, team-branded waterproof jackets so we don't have to get soaked to the skin while doing our Musical Ride; and to Fiona Carradus who has once again given us a generous donation.

Keep up to date with what we are doing and the events we will be attending via our FPS Display Team Facebook page.

Christine Robinson



# **Endurance Results**

### **Competitive Distance**

- 1 Lownthwaite Vincent, 218km, Janette Gilmour.
- 2 Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu, 94k, Angela Long.

### Pleasure Distance

- 1 Greenholme Shandy, 211km, Tamara Habberley.
- 2 Lownthwaite Vincent, 112km, Janette Gilmour.
- 3 Townend Dillon, 36km, Margaret Plank.
- 4 Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu, 34km, Angela Long.

### Well done.

Fiona Carradus, fionacarradus682@btinternet.com

# Long-Distance Charity Ride

Setting off in Derbyshire we rode the length of the Pennines, camping out most nights. We travelled up through The Peak District into Yorkshire, Teesdale and Weardale, to Northumberland and the Cheviot Hills, where we crossed the border back into Scotland.

We raised £2,026 for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity close to my heart. Thank you everyone who supported us.

Morven Lawson lawson256@btinternet.com



Wellbrow Becka and Morven Lawson at The Tan Hill Inn, highest public house in Britain at 1,732 feet above sea level. A welcome stop on their 300 mile ride.



Janette Gilmour and Lownthwaite Vincent.

Although the Grassroots database still has Vinnie listed as black (!) he gets his colour from his sire, the grey Lunesdale Tarquin

# **Competitive Distance Winners**

### Lownthwaite Vincent (Lunesdale Tarquin x Lownthwaite Phoenix) & Jenny Gilmour

Jenny Gilmour found Vinnie, her fifteen-year-old grey Fell pony, when she was looking for a pony for her daughter. She had known him from age five to eight and loved his gorgeous dark grey dapples and that he is such a compact, well put together pony. Jenny's daughter enjoyed him for a couple of years, doing lots of hacking, SJ and PC events; then mother and daughter swapped rides and Jenny took on the feisty Fell pony. Jenny had always been a happy hacker and in the mid '90's did a few endurance rides, she thought Vinnie would enjoy them too and found that it gave them something to aim for, and kept them both fit whilst enjoying days away.

Jenny reports that Vinnie is a joy to be around, and she loves spending my time with him. He has a soft, sweet nature, but, perhaps like a lot of brilliant ponies, he can get quite anxious and tense at times, so Jenny is always looking to keep him calm. He has a hard-wired race brain which can make endurance a bit tricky at times, but they always have an exhilarating ride. Vinnie is brave in open country and will happily fly along through mud or cross fords, streams and rivers. He has the biggest, fastest trot and covers the ground well; is exceptionally sure footed and agile; and Jenny always feels confident that he can safely cover the terrain.

The pair started pleasure rides in 2016 then competitive rides in 2017, they've done over 1400km since then and have really got to know each other well. 2021 was slow to

start after lockdowns, but they still enjoyed a fantastic season, mainly attending rides of around 30kms all over the south of Scotland, Cumbria, Northumberland and Yorkshire. Vinnie is fit enough to do this distance quite comfortably, whether hilly or flat, and they usually complete 30 km at around 12-13 kph. He is known locally as being "quite speedy" - he has recorded 15 mph in trot and 29 mph uphill in a 'race' with his buddy.

Jenny finds endurance fun and a very friendly sport, with magnificent scenery to enjoy. Her favourite ride was near Thirsk where she camped the night before with her husband, and enjoyed a happy weekend of good laughs with friends old and new, then a wonderful ride with her amazing boy Vinnie.

# Pleasure Distance Winners

### Greenholme Shandy (Lunesdale Redstart x Greenholme Jenny) & Tamara Habberley

Tamara Habberley reports that her versatile fifteen-year-old mare, Greenholme Shandy *(below)* has proven to be pony of a lifetime. She has competed in Trec to national level, won at affiliated British dressage and qualified twice for the BD Native pony championships.

She turned her hooves to long distance riding in 2021, proving to be a little star and



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completing 250 miles with Endurance GB in Pleasure Rides. The rides have included some fantastic routes in the Derbyshire Peak District, but her forte seems to be fast flat rides in Sherwood Forest and Lincolnshire. Tamara has thoroughly enjoyed the events and had great fun staying over at a lot of the venues, camping in her trailer, while Shandy relaxed in her corral.

Tamara had been hoping to join the ranks of the competitive endurance riders in 2022, but Shandy is showing some age-related issues, so she will see how she goes. Shandy may have to pass her hoof boots on to a successor. We wish her all the best.

Claire Simpson

# **Trophy Winners 2022**

The Queen's Trophy - HM The Queen

Lownthwaite Rob Trophy - Townend Bellboy II Edinburgh Prize - Sleddale Eddie Peahill Basil Award - Hardendale Rowan

## The Lownthwaite Rob trophy

I would like to nominate **Townend Bellboy II** for the Lownthwaite Rob trophy as the pony which has done most to publicise the breed outside the show ring. Bellboy (*below*) is owned and ridden by Rowena Day and lives near Horsham in West Sussex. He is 12 years old, by Castle Hill Bellman, and bred by Margaret Wilson.



Fell ponies are rarely seen in the South East of England and I find that it is not uncommon when out hacking to receive comments from passers-by such as 'what a lovely pony - is he a special breed?'. I would expect that Rowena gets similar comments and is as happy as I am to promote the breed informally.

However Rowena has taken publicity for Fell ponies to a whole new level. She and Bellboy have competed successfully in dressage competitions since 2016, some of the competitions being not only against Fell ponies but also against other native breeds and dressage horses.

Bellboy's list of successes is as follows:-

Reserve Champion Riding Club Dressage Winter Series 2016/2017

Placed NPS Dressage Championship Prelim 2017

Fourth BD Team Quest Regionals - Wishfell Thinking 2017

Sunshine Tour Dressage Championships 2016

Qualified BD Associated Championships 2017

Qualified NPS Dressage Championships Prelim and Novice 2022

The combination is currently training for the NPS Dressage Championships in May 2022, particularly for the Novice class. They have also appeared in Local Rider Magazine and the Native Pony Magazine with their dressage successes.

Rowena and Bellboy also do Endurance GB pleasure rides. These are fast rides and to count as a completion the ride has to be ridden in excess of 8 kilometres per hour and the horse or pony has to finish sound with a heart rate of below 64 beats per minute. The hills in the South East, particularly the South Downs, are as steep as those on the Cumbrian pleasure rides. Whilst Fell ponies can go up just about anything, they are not bred for speed. In 2021 Rowena and Bellboy completed six EGB pleasure rides totalling 139 kilometres.

Their final ride was the Weald Trophy Championship, an Endurance GB South East Group award ride, a distance of 32 km at a speed of between 10kph and 11kph over some of the most testing country in the area. The horse or pony must finish with a heart rate of below 64 beats per minute and the final placings are based on a combination of speed and heart rate. Rowena and Bellboy came third in competition with, amongst others, several Arabs.

Rowena blogs on Facebook and Instagram with 600+ followers on each page. Her blog is mainly a diary of what she and Bellboy get up to, but she also promotes the breed and adults riding ponies. She did a post about getting into endurance riding with Bellboy which was shared 45 times and seen by over 20,000 people.

Margaret Plank

## The Edinburgh Prize for Driving

Sleddale Eddie born May 9, 1997 at Wet Sleddale, Shap, Cumbria.

Eddie was exported to the Netherlands in 1999 by David Wilkinson, who had purchased him as a colt foal, only a few months old, from Mr Harrison the breeder of Sleddale ponies. Eddie had only 1 daughter in England Brackenbank Rosie, she stayed all her life with the Wilkinson family that bred her. We purchased Eddie in 2000. He is an 'old-style' baroque Fell pony, with a long mane (more than one metre in length), full tail and attractive pony head. He is extremely friendly and easy to handle, and knows his people very well. Our son always shows him at the Stallion Show in the long lines. Once, when he was injured, it was as if Eddie was wondering, "What is going on? Where is my friend?" but he behaved well as always. He is also very well behaved during stud services and will never misbehave towards the mares. He passes on his breed characteristics very well. Eddie has many descendants in the Netherlands, as well as in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France and America. Four of his stallion sons have been approved and licensed. Eddie was broken for driving in 2003 and since than we are doing a lot off show driving with Eddie or as we call him 'Mr Ed'. He is also driving wedding couples, Santa Claus, people who are celebrating a jubilee etc.

It doesn't matter for him where he goes or what there is around him (loud music, lots of public, applause) he just keeps on going sometimes looking around as if he would say, "Did you all come to see me?" He is always carrying the Fell flag where ever we go. We drive him as a single, pair, tandem or even unicorn arrangement.



In the pair and tandem he goes with one of his sons Knillis van het Westerkwartier (gelding) or Odin van het Westerkwartier (also an approved stallion). In unicorn he goes with both his sons. In tandem as well as unicorn Eddie is always the front pony.

In 2013 Sleddale Eddie received the award of 'Preferent' stallion at the stallion show of the NFPS because of his good offspring. Haitse and Eddie also took part in the Fell pony Sportsday 2018 run by the NFPS. They both did dressage for the first time and were oldest driver and pony and did very well.

We still keep on showing with him and go to the day of the castle, harvest day etc, although sadly the Coronavirus made that almost not possible for the last 2 years. Hopefully 2022 will bring better times again.

Mr Ed is a real member of our family, we all love him very much!

Regards

Postma family, the Netherlands

## Peahill Basil Veteran Pony Award

Hardendale Rowan FP2918 f.1996 - age 26.

Hardendale Rowan has been busy in her first proper year with her young rider Emily, from being an occasional, opinionated hack. They have attended a residential Pony Club camp on their own amd survived. They have learned to showjump and do cross country, and attended rallies and competitions. They have taken up a new hobby, orienteering and obstacles, competing with and beating adults at TREC. Highlight of their year had to

be getting in the parade at their first ever county show. Rowan has given her rider, Emily, so much confidence, to want to go further and take on a younger unschooled pony, looking forward to a foal next year. To have ambitions of Working Hunter at the Highland - or even HOYS? To make Emily want to talk ponies to anyone who will listen, anywhere...?

Rowan still kicks and bites when being tacked up. She can stand still - but only in a TREC competition. Her box walking habit is slightly improved - she's an outdoor girl. She will tolerate a few months of winter care, but definitely not pampering. Her lumps,



bumps and unsightly scar have been poked, prodded and talked about. She has educated the Pony Club about Fell Pony quirks.

All this is just to remind us she's a semiferal Cumbrian Fell Pony who had 9 foals in her previous life as a brood mare for Ralfland Stud at Shap. Her offspring have spread her genes around the world: Ralfland Kestrel; Skylark; Falcon; Petal; Star Trek; Peter Pan; Whisper; JR; and Dainty.

We love you, Old Bat! Please live forever. Wish we'd known you sooner. Jacqueline, Andy and Emily Cheetham, Boyndlie, Aberdeenshire



Hardendale Rowan and Emily Cheetham

# Fell Pony Society Youngstock & Performance Awards 2021

Entries for the 2021 points are lower than in other years, but that's only to be expected, as quite a number of shows and events were cancelled or postponed and understandably, some people decided to stay at home for another year.

However, well done to those people who did take part and let's hope that 2022 is the year that we can get back to normal.

For anyone wanting to enter for this year's points, go to the Fell Pony Society website and look under "Awards" for the information and forms. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email, details among the Council Information (page 6). Enjoy your ponies.

Christine Robinson

#### Foal (2 entries)

1st Carrock Duke FP73396C Owner/Exhib. John Cockbain 280 points

2nd Rackwood Eldorado FP73359C Owner/Exhib. Eileen Walker 195 points

### Yearling (3 entries)

1st Dalewin Xena FP6928\* Owner Edwin Winder Exhib. Bethany Cousins 735 points

2nd Boutime Nightingale FP6989 Owner/Exhib. Diane Key 320 points

3rd Dalewin Xtreme FP6873 Owner Edwin Winder Exhib. Bethany Cousins 230 points

#### Two Year Old (1 entry)

1st Dalewin Willow FP6731 Owner Edwin Winder Exhib. Bethany Cousins 120 points

#### Three Year Old (1 entry)

1st Rackwood Aurora FP6510 Owner/Exhib. Eileen Walker 300 points

#### Four Year Old & over In Hand (3 entries)

1st Dalewin Uptown Girl FP6421 Owner Edwin Winder Exhib. Bethany Cousins 680 points

2nd Lydvale Jade FP4306 Owner Diana McGrail Exhib. Paul Viney 240 points

3rd Lydvale Beryl FP5915 Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 140 points

## Four year old and over Performance (4 entries)

1st Scotshaven Bella Augusta FP5318 Owner/Exhib. Charlotte Knight 1670 points

2nd Lydvale Beryl Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 670 points

3rd Lydvale Jade Owner Diana McGrail Exhib. Paul Viney 530 points

4th Lydvale Jade Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 150 points

# Dressage (5 entries)

1st Ruby III FP5032\* Owner/Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson 550 points

2nd Lydvale Beryl Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 410 points

3rd Scotshaven Bella Augusta Owner/Exhib. Charlotte Knight 280 points

4th Lydvale Jade Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 140 points

5th Lydvale Jade Owner Diana McGrail Exhib. Paul Viney 60 points

## Driving (2 entries)

1st Raisbeck Cappuccino FP70945G Owner Fiona Bubb Exhib. Linda Wiggin 870 points

2nd Greenholme George FP72046G Owner Fiona Bubb Exhib. Linda Wiggin 390 points

#### Junior

1st Holling Wilkie FP70569G Owner Ella Fairburn 360 points



Carrock Duke

Foal - Carrock Duke, Owner/Exhibitor John Cockbain

Carrock Duke (Carrock Stride the Nite x Carrock Elsa) followed in his mother's and brother's hoof prints by picking up the award for most points in the foal section. His first show was the FPS breed show where he was a respectable second. Next up was Crosby Ravensworth and in another strong class he managed to take his first top honour by winning the foal class. The highlight of the year came at the NWASG Foal and Youngstock show where Duke swept the board as first prize colt,

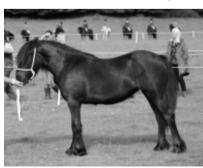
champion foal and supreme champion of the show. This was the first time a foal has taken the supreme at this show since youngstock has been included. Duke has now moved on from the Carrock stud to his wonderful new home with Anna Ellwood and her daughter Scarlett.

Over four years old - Performance - Scotshaven Bella Augusta, Owner/Exhibitor Charlotte Knight

Charlotte Knight was stunned to hear that she and her pony Bella had won the Performance section and said that as the news came a week before her 60th birthday it was the best present that she could have had. Through 2021 the pair attended riding club training sessions and competitions, doing well in show jumping and Equicross, and they have also dipped their toes and hooves in dressage and Trec.

One of their excellent results was at the FPS Southern show where they took the WHP reserve championship. Charlotte is fortunate to have two very active riding clubs within easy reach, both of which complement each other; one has a good number of clinics with visiting trainers and the other runs competitions at least twice a month from Spring to Autumn. Charlotte ended the year with three marvellous trophies from riding club for accumulating points through the Summer; and winning the SJ, Equicross and 14.2 and under trophies, all of which were unexpected.

Charlotte is now clocking up her mileage for the FPS Centenary 100 miles challenge and riding 5 or 6 times a week; and although she occasionally finds her age creeping up on her, Bella's 'can do' attitude keeps her going. Charlotte would like to thank Diane Meikle, Bella's breeder, for trusting her and selling her to her unseen. Bella is by Lunesdale Rex out of Lunesdale Lizzie - a mare that Charlotte first saw as a foal with her mother Lunesdale White Rose, shown by Bert Morland at the Breed show a good 29+ years ago.



Dalewin Xena

Yearling - Dalewin Xena; Two-year-old - Dalewin Willow; Over four years in hand - Dalewin Uptown Girl, Owner Edwin Winder, Exhibitor Bethany Cousins

Bethany Cousins has had a very busy year showing her grandfather Edwin Winder's ponies. They started the year attending the Sparket Shows with the yearlings to get them out and about and let them see different things. Xena (Murthwaite Wanted Man x Dalewin Roxanne) took Reserve Champion at her first show which Bethany



Dalewin Willow



Dalewin Uptown Girl



Rackwood Aurora and Eileen Walker

was super-thrilled with. Later Dalewin Uptown Girl (Lunesdale Black Ice II x Dalewin Fern) came in and started her show season with a bang by taking Champion Fell Pony at Cumberland Show. Over the Summer Bethany took Xena and Uptown Girl out to various shows and they were placed in the top 6 every time. They had a fabulous end to the season at Eggleston Show, where Uptown Girl and Xena won their classes and Uptown Girl went on to take Fell Pony Champion; and then went one step better and took the Overall Horse Supreme Championship; a very proud moment that repaid all Bethany's hard work.

Bethany had also been doing a little in-hand work with Willow who is Uptown Girl's full sister, so she decided to try her luck in the ring where Willow didn't fail to impress, winning both her classes and taking the M&M Championship and Home-Produced Reserve Championships. Bethany plans to balance getting the youngsters out to see new sights with allowing them time to just be youngsters. Uptown Girl will be slowly introduced to ridden work and allowed to mature at her own pace. Bethany's dream is to ride at HOYS one day and we wish her all the best.

Three-year-old - Rackwood Aurora, Owner/ Exhibitor Eileen Walker

Rackwood Aurora is out of Eileen's very special mare, Rackwood Magic, by Linnel Riddler. She is a quiet, kind natured pony who has been shown sparingly during the last three years. Eileen and Aurora attended three shows during 2021 but entered two classes at two of those shows so they gained maximum points from minimum outings. Their last show was at Holmside Hall Equestrian Centre where Aurora was awarded first prize in the M&M Young-stock class and first prize in the M&M Open In-hand class. She then went on to win the In-hand Championship, then they were up against the Champion Ridden and Reserve Champion Ridden to contest the Supreme Championship. Eileen said her little legs had to find another gear to keep up with everything going around the ring, but Aurora impressed the two judges sufficiently for her to be awarded Supreme Champion. A very proud moment for Eileen and a perfect end to her 2021 showing.

Eileen plans to show Aurora in-hand and start her dressage career during 2022.

## Dressage - Ruby III, Owner/Exhibitor Carrie-Ann Richardson

For the first half of the summer "Karen" (Ruby III by Murthwaite Gurkha x Ruby II) was away at stud but unfortunately came home empty, so, Carrie-Ann decided to get back out in the dressage arena for the rest of the season. Their first time back out was successful with 69.8% and second in the Prelim and a respectable 62% in the Novice, just out of the placings. Their success continued, consistently achieving high 60% and several over 70%.



Ruby III and Carrie-Ann Richardson

In October a friend offered Carrie-Ann her place in an Elementary test as her pony was unable to go, and even though the pair had never ridden an Elementary test, and had no time to practice, Carrie-Ann decided to throw Karen in the deep end and give it a go. She did not disappoint, coming away with 64.2% and 3rd place. This last-minute opportunity gave Carrie-Ann the push that she had needed to step up a level and they didn't look back. For the rest of the season, they moved up from Prelim to contending Novice and Elementary tests. Their scores improved every time out, resulting in a placing each time; sometimes beating "proper" dressage horses competing at BD level.

Carrie-Ann still hopes to breed from Karen, and hopefully the mare will return home in foal this time. Whilst she is away Carrie-Ann will concentrate of getting her homebred 4-year-old, Stunstead Babybel, out competing at Intro level, and maybe a few Prelim tests.



Holling Wilkie and Ella Fairburn

Junior - Holling Wilkie, Owner Judy Fairburn, Exhibitor Ella Fairburn

The Junior section of the Points awards is becoming a bit of a family tradition for the Fairburns. Ella won the section this year, riding her Grandmother Judy's pony Wil, after her Mum, Laura, won the junior points scheme in 2004 riding Lunesdale Clover.

Ella started riding a small pony in June 2020 when she was nine and stayed with Judy during lockdown, but she grew so much she moved on to sixteen-year-old Wil in October 2020. Judy reports that Wil has many T-shirts to his name and happily fits in with everyone. He used to belong to Judith Williamson so had a good education.

Ella is now 11 years old and quite a character, reporting that she likes to ride Wil in competitions and particularly likes jumping and going fast! The pair attended Pony Club rallies and Ella passed her D+ test in December and will be trying to do more arena eventing and show jumping things this year.



Driving winner, Raisbeck Cappuccino driven by Linda Wiggin

### Driving - Raisbeck Cappuccino, Owner Fiona Bubb, Exhibitor Linda Wiggin

Raisbeck Cappuccino (Cappa) has won the driving section again with Linda Wiggin. Linda's daughter, Fiona, has owned Cappa since 2013, and like so many Fell ponies, Cappa (Guards Jester x Orton Hall Dusky), is a true all-rounder. His main forte is driving trials and he started his career at club level with West Midlands Driving Group, progressing up to bigger two-day events with Midland Carriage Driving. He is known for his flowing style and flying changes in the obstacle phase and regularly attracts a little crowd of onlookers! Fiona and family friend Susan Taylor do the ridden work and Cappa has competed in successfully in ridden dressage competitions where he delights in beating 'sport horses'.

Fiona reports that Cappa is a pleasure to train, both under saddle and in harness and will always try his best to please, but he doesn't put up with any nonsense. He loves his work and his competitions so if this year is a little more 'normal' then they hope to get out and show off a bit more!

Fiona also owns the second pony in the driving section, Greenholme George (Murthwaite Wanted Man x Greenholme Becky) whom they bought in 2019. George had been broken to drive, but in the dim and distant past, so Fiona and Linda spent the first 12 months re-starting him. He competed successfully in ridden dressage and club level driving trials later in the year, though giving him experience has been hampered due to Covid.

This year they plan to progress both his ridden and driven work, hoping to step up a level in competitive dressage and continue his steady progress in driving trials; but above all, with both ponies, the aim is to enjoy their training and have fun!

Huge Congratulations to all our prize winners.

Anyone wanting to enter for the 2022 Points Awards can find the relevant information under 'Awards' on the Fell Pony Society website.

Claire Simpson

# Learning With Fells

2021 was a difficult year with Covid still causing disruption and the cancellation of one of our visits. However during the scorching month of July, our family enjoyed an adventure from the North of Scotland to meet Andrew and Michelle Thorpe at Wellbrow Stud, north of Rochdale in Lancashire. It is an area we have never been to before with remote and harsh moorlands, yet only a stone's throw from civilisation and industry, with tower blocks on the horizon.



High above the Thorpes' traditional farm we saw their mares, foals and stallions, and toured the youngsters in the home paddocks. We were driven to the nearby Cowm Reservoir, popular with local walkers and home to more curious Fells and friends. Lots of



chat where we discussed everything from local history, pony bloodlines, stallion management, colours and even saddle fitting. Sadly we ran out of time despite plenty more to learn. Another time maybe?

We followed this with an unexpected guided trip to see the Dalewin ponies near to our holiday house. We learned about their summer and winter grazing habitats among some very harsh terrain and had a chance to see the young foals at close quarters.



Thank you all.

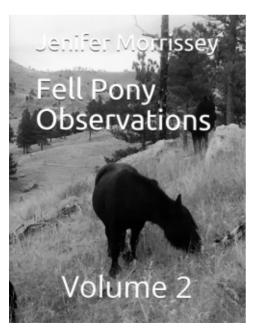
The Cheetham family, Aberdeenshire

We enjoyed a return visit to Brackenbank Stud and a very welcome ice cream and cooling walk to see their ponies in their summer pastures.

We also had a chance meeting to compare breeds with Tarbarl Dales over in Northumberland.

Our learning for 2021 ended with a busy day stewarding and competing at the annual breed show at Dalemain by Ullswater. Another place to pick up valuable information

It was wonderful to meet such hospitable enthusiasts, so proud to show off their livestock and share their knowledge, happy to answer our innocent, ignorant questions and to encourage our dreams to reality.



# Fell Pony Observations Volume 2 - Review

I'm reading this book at present and very much enjoying it.

I was particularly struck by the work Morrissey has put in to collate data such as which stallions ran in the Enclosures in which years.

There are lots of chapters that cover points that I was thinking of making in the Centenary book but instead I will refer people to this book and the "Willowtrail" blog, https://fellponiescolorado.com/newblog/.

A good book to dip into and ponder the issues raised.

Sue Millard

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# British Dressage Petplan Winter Area Festival Championships 2021 at Hartpury

2021 was the second year of confusion for everyone. One such confusing event was the British Dressage Petplan Area Festival Championships, a winter competition which happened in July! I'm not even sure whether it was supposed to be 2020 championships or 2021 but the important thing was, the Fells were represented there.

Jane Rawden and Murthwaite Looks Promising (Cappy) had done some BD and thought nothing further about it until a friend messaged her months later and said, "Given your score at the last event, you could be in for a wild card entry to the Championships."

About two weeks before the event, sure enough, Jane was informed that she had been given a wild card entry but she only had 24 hours to get the entry in and book everything.

Panic stations ensued. "Back person" and farrier were booked, lessons booked, entry sent off, stables booked and lots of hard work done. I was coming up to Leicestershire to the funeral of an old and very good friend of mine and had asked Jane if I could spend a night at her and Andy's house, so when she told me about the Championships I said Hartpury was on my way back home to Cornwall and I could groom for her if she wanted. I didn't realise then that hers was the last class (and in fact the last test) on the Friday, so in fact I ended up staying up there for a week.

Fast forward to Thursday 1st July. Jane and I set off in the afternoon arriving at Hartpury at about 6pm. Our eyes were out on stalks: the arenas are set in a natural amphitheatre and they are enormous. Elegant horses were everywhere and the line of shops would have been at home at Burghley or Badminton.

After checking in we took Cappy to his stable, which was in a barn of the most wonderful posh boxes, many of which had large stallions peering out at the little Fell



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pony making his way down the centre alley. Cappy was quite happy in this elevated company and paid more attention to his net of hay.

After he had settled Jane took him down to the warm up arena to loosen up. We felt underdressed because most of the riders were "miked up" and receiving instructions from their trainer whilst we were just swooning over the whole atmosphere. Cappy, however, loved the company and attention. He posed for all the cameras, whether they were on him or not, and clearly said, "Look at me!" to everybody.

After a quiet evening (very unlike show pony parties!) we all settled down with a 5.30am alarm set, to enable Cappy and Jane to have a walk around the arena. There are three outdoor arenas and the indoor one (where the dressage to music was held). In the early morning, competitors were permitted to walk around the outside of their arena definitely not in the arena itself! Again Cappy was loving it and smiled beatifically at everyone.

Jane and Cappy's test wasn't until 5.31pm so we had the whole day to watch the dressage. Her class took most of it, there being 54 entries! Best not to watch others in your class...

Finally 5.31 arrived and Cappy put his best dancing shoes on. He absolutely loved the atmosphere and being the centre of attention and did a lovely test, getting a big round of applause from spectators at the end and a massive hug from Jane. Even the commentator said it was lovely to see such a happy grin at the end of the test!



"It was sheer relief - probably not the thing to do at Hartpury but he got such a cheer as we finished our test I was very giddy!"

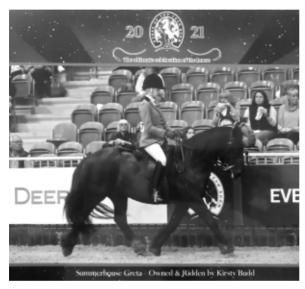
We loaded up the homeward transport before we went to collect the judges' sheets. We were thrilled to find that Cappy had achieved 16th place with a score of 67%, just 5% short of the winner, in such an enormous class of very posh horses.

Two very elated ladies left and went our separate ways, north and south, with lots to think about on the way home. And then, of course, there is the challenge to try to do it again next year... no pressure then.

Liz Whitley

# Fell Ponies at HOYS

Our ponies certainly did us proud at the Horse of The Year Show. We had 15 ponies forward for the NPS/Baileys M&M Ridden Fell Pony of the Year final. All had done marvellously well just to be there and we were proud of them all. Ultimately Wildhoeve Okidoki and Clare Fitch came out top in this very strong class, and they really owned the ring as they performed their lap of honour showing what a spectacular trot this twelve year old stallion is capable of.



Kirsty Budd and Summerhouse Greta

Later that day Kirsty Budd and Summerhouse Greta took 3rd in the SEIB Search for a Star Working Pony of the Year final, and how lovely it was to see a Fell pony in the class. Hopefully we'll see more competing in the qualifiers next year.

On the following day we had the Thor Atkinson M&M WHP of the Year classes and we held our breath as we watched our ponies tackle the tricky course. What a fantastic result to have three of our wonderful ponies in the top 9 of the 133cm class, with Wellbrow Buster and Chloe Tyler taking 3rd, Lownthwaite Ribas and Andrea Pearman in 8th and Murthwaite Andy Murray and Megan Jones in 9th.

On Friday it was the turn of our Junior riders to come forward for the M&M Large Breed Pony of the Year, sponsored by UK Ponies & Horses Ltd. Three combinations had qualified: Dalefoot Amber II and Macaulay Jackson; Rundales Trooper and Hollie Mcgauley; Greenholme Falcon and Chantelle Chapman. What great performances they all gave; huge congratulations to Chantelle on taking 4th place.

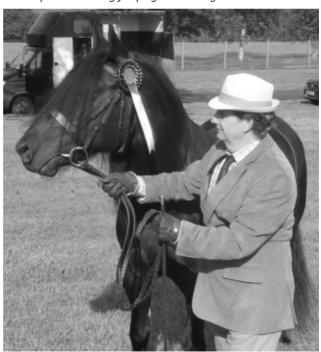
As well as these individual performances the Greenholme Stud had good reason to celebrate as they won both the Fell Breeder of the Year, and the Fell Sire of the Year awards with Greenholme Look At Me.

Well done everyone! Claire Simpson



Holly Mahal and Lunesdale Dan Mathews finished 2021 on a high by qualifying for the NPS Arena Eventing Final in both 70cm and 80cm. 10-year-old Danny has been with Holly just over 3 years. They enjoy various disciplines including jumping and dressage.

Richard and Sharyl Horley welcomed Richmond Cosmos into their lives last year to celebrate their anniversary. Sharyl purchased Cosmos from Richmond Stud - a local South East Breeder. Sharyl says, "Richard showed Cosmos in his very first show ever at Ardingly in the Open M & M Class and was placed 2nd."



# Castle Hill Dainty, May 12th, 2000- May 28th, 2021

We were heartbroken to make the decision this past summer to humanely put to sleep a grand old mare. Although she was 21 years, she was the picture of health, and was expecting to foal again in about 8 weeks. Her condition appeared overnight, and veterinary intervention gave her no relief from the acute onset of what was believed to be ingestion of a toxin.

Dainty had 14 foals in the course of her breeding career, the majority being under the Laurelhighland prefix, who had imported her, and an additional three for DreamHayven. She was a kind, beautiful mare with a heart of gold, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her daughter DreamHayven Aphrodite to carry on her line. Rest in peace, sweet mare.



Dainty in Jan 2017, soon after her arrival at Dream Hayven.

# Murthwaite Nat's Lass, May 6, 2009 - June 25, 2021

We are deeply saddened to share the loss of our beautiful imported mare, Murthwaite Nat's Lass, during a routine dental procedure this past summer. We were blessed to be able to purchase Nat in 2016, and she gave us a number of foals in the UK before we imported her in the spring of 2019.



Last year, she developed an abscess underneath a molar, and under veterinary advisement, we took her to an equine dental specialist to have the tooth removed. She

had an adverse reaction to the sedation, and passed away instantly during the surgery, leaving her 10 day old filly behind.

We are grateful to have that filly, DreamHayven Stolichnaya, to carry on her mother's legacy in our breeding herd, as well as Nat's foal from 2019, a grey gelding named Cumberland Admiral, aka 'Peanut'.

First picture is Nat and Stoli together, the day she foaled. Second is Nat's 2019 foal Admiral, also in 2021.

Best wishes, Melissa Kreuzer Dream Hayven Farm Fell Ponies



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CLOTHING	Price	P & P	Total
Baseball Cap	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00
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Dropped Hem Sweatshirt	£30.00	£3.50	£33.50
I Fell for a Fell T-Shirt (adult		£2.00	£14.00
Fleece Jacket	£21.00	£3.50	£24.50
Fleece S/Shirt+Collar	£21.00	£3.50	£24.50
Fleece Waistcoat (adult)	£22.00	£3.50	£25.50
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Hi-Vis Waistcoat	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
Hoody Overhead	£22.00	£3.50	£25.50
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Rugby shirt	£30.00	£3.50	£33.50
Soft Shell Jacket	£30.00	£3.50	£33.50
Tie	£12.00	£2.00	£14.00
Waterproof Waistcoat	£30.00	£3.50	£33.50
MISCELLANEOUS			
Back Pack	£14.00	£3.50	£17.50
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Ball Point Pen (basic)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00
Car Sticker (I Fell For A Fell)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00
Car Sticker (round/rectangle		£1.00	£2.00
Crayons Pack 6	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50
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Clear Tumbler	£2.50	£3.50	£6.00
Cutlery Set (no Logo)	£2.50	£3.50	£6.00
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Mug	£2.50	£3.50	£6.00
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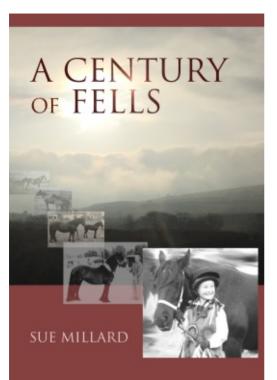
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