

FPS-MESG Autumn 2023 Newsletter

What a busy time we've had in the Midlands East since the last Newsletter.

Sandringham Pony & Horse Show 16th April

Our Events started off in April with our annual Show at the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk. 'The show ground looked quite different this year as we had more local artisan stalls, a tack stall and of course the FPS Display Team had an excellent stand with merchandise and information about the Fell Pony. Sarah Prior very kindly judged for us this year with a good turnout of Fell ponies. The Supreme Fell Champion was Fellacre Lady Fenella (pictured) with Nabside Gracie standing as Supreme Fell Reserve Champion.' Lisa Dunger



The Passing of Miss Jane S. G. Glass

Unfortunately in May, we received some devastating news; Miss Jane S. G. Glass had very sadly passed away. Jane was not only a huge stalwart of the Fell Pony Society but a true horsewoman and a lady who helped so many people with her knowledge and passion for Fell Ponies. Jane bred Fell Ponies for many, many years and her beautiful Wolds Fell Ponies are renowned worldwide. Jane brought together so many people who shared her love of horses and created lifelong friendships and memories. She was quiet and unassuming but shared her wealth of knowledge if needed. Her life was celebrated by many members of the Fell Pony community on 9th June with a short personal service, followed by tea and cake; we even had an ice cream van turn up as those of you that knew Jane would know how she loved an ice cream after a Horse Show; making us think of 'those good old days'. Jane Rawden



Jane Glass Memorial Ride 25th June

A Pleasure Ride was organised in June in memory of Jane, followed by a picnic. We were blessed with good weather and lots of horses and ponies took part in the Ride. The Riders were then joined by other MESG Members who came along to join in for the picnic, where we held a Minute's silence before tucking into our food. Many people

who attended remarked on what a lovely idea it was and everyone agreed that Jane would have loved the idea – even though we were missing an ice cream van!

Midlands East Horse & Pony Show

Our 3 Midlands East Horse & Pony Shows held at Gotham took place in May, July and September. We were blessed with fantastic weather for all three Shows and had a good turnout of horses and ponies; welcoming lots of old and new faces. In May, the Overall Show Champion was Heather Seaman's Highland Chief O'The Glens with Ruth Cutler's Fell Pony Fellside Master Ted taking Reserve. In July; the Overall Show Champion was Tamsin Bell-Heather with Greenholme Little Princess with Heather Seaman's Kilrush Jimmy H taking Reserve and in September; the Overall Show Champion was Amy Burbeck's Friesian Xena Colada with Evie Meakin's Fell Pony Heltondale Royal taking Reserve. Thank you to

Christine Poole, Rebecca Leek and the rest of the Show Team for taking over the running of the Shows this year.



Treasure Hunt Ride & Picnic 17th September

The next event to take place was a Treasure Hunt Ride & Picnic; very kindly organised by Judy & Nick Hill at their home in Lutterworth. I think it's safe to say that those of us who took part had a thoroughly good time enjoying both the Ride out with our Fell Ponies and a chance to catch up during the picnic with old friends, together with making new ones. Photo L-R Tracey Cockburn with Huntsman Guinness, Sue Parsons with Midtown Gizmo, Nic Brierley

with Dalewin Kingpin, Erica Swithenbank with Globetrotter Hunter and Karen with Elisa.

FPS-MESG Christmas Show

The Christmas Show will take place on Sunday 10th December at Barton Equestrian Centre, Nottingham NG11 0AA.

Website

For full Show Results together with any further information on the MESG, please see our Facebook Group page 'Fell Pony Society - Midlands East Support Group' or our website www.fps-mesg.co.uk. I have added a few extra pages such as a page where you can advertise your Fell Ponies For Sale or Loan and a page for Stallion Listings, which is free of charge for all FPS-MESG Members. Also we would love to receive any news you have to be included on the 'Member's Gallery' page especially if it is accompanied by a photograph. In particular it would be good to hear of Fells excelling at activities outside the show ring

The Midlands East Centenary Book

There are still some copies of the book available to purchase. Priced at just £7 (plus p&p) you can request your copy by sending an email to mesgbook@gmail.com together with your details and how many copies you would like. Copies will also be available to purchase at our AGM on 11th November.

FPS-MESG AGM

Saturday 11th November 2023 1.30pm – 4pm

Harrison's Cottage

(Behind All Saints Church)

Derby Road

Risley

Derby DE72 3SR

All Members are invited. Please do try to attend if you can.

Annual Points Awards & Celebration

Please send completed Points sheets to myself before Sunday 14th January 2024 either by post to Nic Brierley, 39 Hatfield Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 0BU, or via email nicshortland@yahoo.com. The Points Awards Celebration will take place in early 2024 (Date

TBC). Don't forget; you are able to collect your Points up until 31st December this year, and from 2024 The Points Awards will run from 1st January - 31st December each year with the Annual Points Celebration taking place early the following year. Please contact myself if you require any further information.

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at our AGM, Christmas Show and our Points Awards Celebration. And if anyone has any suggestions for future Events or would like to organise an Event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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