



**The Fell Pony Society
Midlands West Support Group**



‘Festival of Fells’ Spring Show

**On the
15th April 2018**

to be held at

Radfords Equestrian Centre, Lower House Farm, Llanymynech, Nr. Oswestry,
Shropshire, SY22 6LG (www.radfords-equestrian.co.uk)

(Show **WILL** be well signposted off the A483)

Inhand & Ridden Judge: Mr Paul Metcalfe

Working Hunter Judge: Miss R Adshead

Dressage Judge: Mrs A Jones

Versatility Judge: Miss R Adshead

**In hand, Ridden, WHP, Dressage & Versatility classes for registered
Fell ponies & including a MWSG qualifier for the prestigious**

‘Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter-area Challenge’

(Final of which to be held at the Southern Fell Pony Society Breed Show 2018)

Our Beautiful Show Rosettes & Sashes made by Shropshire Rosettes

Official ‘on the day’ event photographers **PM Imaging** in attendance for all your show memories

Show caterers will be in attendance

“there’s something for everyone!”

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Ring One: (Indoor) 9.30am Prompt Start. Judge –Mr Paul Metcalfe - Registered Fell Pony – In hand

Class 1: Novice In hand Pony – Any age, never to have won a FIRST prize.

(This class is designed for totally novice ponies who need experience in the ring – PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS – Thank you)

Class 2: Stallions. (ALL Stallions to be bitted)

Class 3: Two & Three year old Colts - ALL 2 & 3 year old Colts to be bitted

Class 4: Yearling colt, filly or gelding

Class 5: Two old filly or gelding

Class 6: Three old filly or gelding

(Please note – subject to entries, Youngstock classes may be amalgamated with ‘Specials’ awarded to the highest placed pony of their age group)

Class 7: Mares – 4 years old and over

Class 8: Geldings – 4 years old and over

Class 9: Veteran Inhand - Ponies 15 years and over

Immediately following class 9

Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter-area Championship Qualifier

The Highest placed MWSG member from each in hand class to compete. Overall winner of the Qualifier will go forward to the Southern Show. (Please note – If you are a MWSG member (fully paid up for 2018 season) and wish to compete at the Finals at the Southern Show 2018 please ensure that you wear a red armband showing your willingness to attend).

MWSG membership can be taken on the day of the show

Youngstock Championship

The 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 1 (if Young pony is 1st or 2nd) 3, 4, 5 & 6 to compete. (The Stoneybank Shropshire Lad Memorial Perpetual Cup kindly donated Mrs L Weston)

In hand Adult Championship

The 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 1 (if Adult pony is 1st or 2nd) 2, 7, 8 & 9 to compete. (The Trefarclawdd Perpetual Shield kindly donated by Mrs D Roberts-Jones)

Overall In hand Championship

Champion & Reserve Youngstock & Adult to compete.

(The Gowborrow Perpetual Cup kindly donated by Mrs R Eastwood)

****LUNCH BREAK****

Ring One: (Outdoor) Not before 1pm - Judge –Mr Paul Metcalfe - Registered Fell Pony - Ridden

Class 10: Traditional Ridden (walk and trot only)

Class 11: First season Novice Ridden (snaffle bridles only – NEVER to have won a 1st prize in a ridden class. Bronze, Silver & Gold rosettes offered in lieu of 1st - 3rd for 'de-novicing' purposes)

Class 12: Novice Ridden (any suitable bridle)

Class 13: Open Ridden

Class 14: Veteran Ridden – Ponies 15 years and over

Ridden Championship

1st & 2nd prize winners from 10 – 14 to compete. The Native Ponies Online Ridden Cup kindly donated by Mrs D Key & Mr B Stamp

Overall Supreme Fell Pony Championship

In hand, Ridden & WHP Champions & Reserves to compete. The Vin Toulson Trophy kindly donated by Dr E Whitley

**Ring One – Not before 11.30 – Fell Pony Versatility Classes Judge – Miss R Adshead
(Please Note – These classes can be entered ON THE DAY – Provided you have already pre-entered at the show)**

Class 15: Show Handler – Special rosette will be given to the highest placed 16 years and under handler and the highest placed Adult handler – All 16 and under handlers MUST wear a hard hat and are not permitted to handle stallions, colts or ponies under 3 years old.

Class 16: Childrens Ridden – Riders 16 years and under. Lead reins welcome. Special rosette for the youngest child in the class.

Class 17: Trekking Class - A class designed to promote Riding and Road Safety, please display how you would prepare yourself for hacking/trekking safely along roads and tracks. A small show may be required as part of the judging.

Overall Versatility Championship

1st and 2nd from classes 15 - 17 to compete

DRESSAGE CLASSES (Pre-entry only)

Ring Two : Dressage – Times will be issued, Judge Mrs A Jones

Class 18 – Intro B - Walk/Trot Dressage

Class 19 – Prelim 12 - Walk/Trot/Canter Dressage

**Ring One (Outdoor) 9.30am Prompt Start –Working Hunter Classes - Judge – Miss R
Adshead**

(Please note: There may be some jumps over coloured poles)

Class 20: Novice Working Hunter -50cms

Class 21: Open Working Hunter - 60cms

Working Hunter Championship

1st & 2nd from classes 20 – 21 to compete & Perpetual Trophy kindly donated by Mrs H
Moss

Clear Round Jumping - Once the WHP classes have completed, the WHP course will be
opened up as a Clear Round for approximately one hour and depending on entries, height to
suit you. £2.00 per round to be paid to the show secretary prior to jumping.

Lorry Park

Trade Stands and
Catering

Toilets

Summerhouse

Key

 Ring Entrance

 Ring Exit

Indoor Ring 2

Starting at 9.30 prompt, In hand Classes 1-9 Followed by:

- *Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter-area Championship Qualifier*
- *Youngstock Championship*
- *In hand Adult Championship*
- *Overall In hand Championship*

Dressage Classes 18 & 19 –Times will be provided

Outdoor Ring 1

Starting at 9.30 prompt

WHP Classes 20 & 21 Followed by:

- *Working Hunter Championship*

Ring open for Clear Round for Approx 1 hour depending on entries.

Not before 11.30

Fell Pony Versatility Classes 15 – 17 Followed by:

- *Overall Versatility Championship*

Not before 1.00pm

Ridden classes 10 – 14 Followed by:

- *Ridden Championship*
Overall Supreme of Show Fell Pony Championship

WHP warm up - Morning

Ridden/Dressage Warm Up - After WHP classes

SHOW RULES – FELL PONY SOCIETY RULES APPLY

COMPETITORS GENERAL RULES

1. A competitor may speak to a judge **outside** the ring when judging has been completed. There is **never** any justification for questioning a judge on their judging of the class or making comments on other ponies in the class, whilst in the ring. **This is strictly forbidden.** The Society will take very firm action against any competitor whose behaviour in this respect is reported in writing and the complaint upheld.
2. The judge's decision is **FINAL**.
3. A judge may require a pony which constitutes a danger to leave the ring.
4. Ponies **must** be registered and entered, at any show, in the name of the legal owner.
5. All ponies exhibited must be entered in the name under which they have been originally registered with the Fell Pony Society.
6. Fell Pony Society Pony registration number must be entered on the entry form.
7. No substitution or nominated entries permitted.
8. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony bred, sold, leased or produced by the judge, his/her immediate family or his/her employer.
9. A rider may not ride in a class judged by someone for whom he/she has ridden in competition during the current year.
10. An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he/she has produced a pony in the same year.
11. The organising committee reserve the right to amalgamate or split classes and alter or amend the running order of classes.
12. **Exhibitors must take into consideration that classes may clash. If this occurs, they must nominate which class they wish to compete in.**
13. Exhibitors must enter the ring wearing the number allocated for that class.
14. Entry fees will not be refunded unless a medical certificate or veterinary certificate can be provided.
15. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their entry is correct, eligible and to be available when called for their class.
16. Any objection or complaint must follow the outline of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure.
17. In the event of a show being cancelled, entry fees, less a deduction for administration charges, will be refunded.
18. If any exhibitor, his employee, assistant, or other person having charge of any animal or animals, shall refuse to obey any directions of the stewards, or any of the Society's officers, such animal or animals shall be immediately disqualified from competing further and be asked to leave the venue.
19. The organising committee accept no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage to any person or their property whilst on the showground, car parks or approaches.
20. The mucking out of horse boxes/trailers is not permitted on the show ground and a penalty will be incurred.
21. Exhibitors are advised that all ponies should be insured for public liability.
22. Once judging as commenced there will be no entry to the ring for late arrivals. It is your responsibility to ensure that you arrive on time.

RULES FOR RIDERS/HANDLERS/EXHIBITORS

1. A correctly secured and fitting current BSI standard skull cap/riding hat must be worn at all times when riding.
2. Riders should be correctly attired for Ridden Mountain and Moorland classes, with a correctly fitting hard hat. (A tweed jacket and beige jodhpurs for example, are usually recommended.) Whilst there are no written rules regarding turnout, it is generally felt that tack similar to that befitting a hunter is most suitable.
3. It is not appropriate to have brightly coloured brow bands, numnahs or reins. Plain leather is all that is required.
4. Only traditional English style riding tack is permitted. (i.e. not Western style).
5. Spurs or dress spurs must not be worn.
6. Show canes and whips are not to exceed 75cms. (30"). If mis-used, in the opinion of the judge, an exhibitor may be sent out of the ring and may be reported to the Fell Pony Society Show Committee.
7. A fall of pony or rider in any class will result in disqualification and they must leave the ring dismounted.
8. Body protectors may be worn.
9. Riders or handlers may only compete with one pony in any one class.
10. In Lead Rein classes the leader must be 18 years old or over and may only lead one pony in a class. Whilst in the ring, ponies must be led at all times by the handler.
11. Riders must have attained their third birthday on the day of the show.
12. Competitors shall not ill treat ponies at any time whether by mis-use or excessive use of a whip or bit or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever and shall not cause or allow a pony to jump any hand held obstacle or be rapped.
13. Competitors are responsible for the actions of any non-competitor employed by them or assisting them or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or conduct of such non-competitors.
14. **Exhibitors and their grooms must, at all times, present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed.**
15. All competitors under the age of 18 years must wear a hard hat to the current standard when showing in hand.

RULES FOR PONIES

1. 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.
2. Eye make-up, hair dyeing or hair extensions are not allowed.
3. Clipping of winter coats on working ponies whilst not encouraged, for showing, is not debarred.
4. Ponies will not be penalised if they have been freeze-branded.
5. Brood mares with foals at foot will be eligible for entry in hand. Foals may accompany mares into the ring but must be haltered and under control of a competent handler.
6. Foals must be a minimum of 21 days old on the day of the show.
7. Foals must only be shown in a halter or leather head collar. No foal to be shown in a bit of any type.
8. Ponies may be shown shod or unshod.
9. White rope or webbing halters may be used to show youngstock. Brood mares, mares and geldings may also be shown in rope or webbing halters or in a bridle. **Yearlings may not be shown bitted.**

10. Brood mares suckling foals are not to be shown under saddle or harness.
11. Ridden ponies will be judged 50% conformation and breed characteristics and 50% ride, manners and presentation in the ring.
12. Ponies must be four years old and over in all ridden and driving classes. The age shall be calculated from 1st January in the year of its birth.
13. All stallions and 3 year old colts must hold a current licence, and **MAY NOT BE ENTERED** in any young handler or junior ridden class.
14. In Young Handlers classes, all ponies must be a 4 year old or over mare or gelding.
15. Stallions and colts must be adequately bitted and under the control of a handler aged 14 or over. Stallion tack is optional.
16. No ridden pony shall be shown on a leading rein except those exhibited in classes confined to leading rein ponies, or unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
17. Only mares and geldings of 4 years old or over are eligible in junior, lead rein and first ridden classes.
18. First ridden ponies must be shown in a suitable bridle.
19. In leading rein classes, the lead rein must be affixed to the noseband only. The reins must go directly from the bit to the rider's hands. Must be shown in a snaffle.
20. In first ridden classes ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.
21. In Novice Ridden classes snaffle bits must be used.
22. Bit-less bridles are not permitted. Any suitable bridles may be worn in working hunter classes.
23. Protective leg boots of a plain colour may be used for working hunter classes only and are not permitted for any other classes. No bandages, over reach boots or protective pads on pony's legs or feet are permissible. Normal shaped plastic stick-on shoes are permissible.
24. **All ponies must be attended at all times.**
25. Exhibitors should be aware that rules for other Societies and shows may differ from the above and they should be conversant with these rules if they are competing in Shows organised by other Societies.

RING DISCIPLINE

1. The class is closed for judging and ponies will not be allowed into the ring:
In Hand – when the last pony has done its individual trot
Ridden & Driving – when the class goes into trot
WHP – 5 minutes after the last pony has jumped
2. Once a class has begun, there must be no substitution of rider or handler without the judge's permission.
3. Competitors are not allowed to leave the ring or withdraw from any class in progress without the judge's permission.
4. If an exhibitor leaves the ring for any reason, they must not re-enter without permission from the judge.
5. The class ends when the judge, via the steward, dismisses the class.
6. No person other than the judge, and the official course builder appointed by the show committee, is permitted to alter the course in working hunter classes.
7. Consideration must be shown to other riders and competitors at all times.

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