

# POACHER HARNESS CLUB

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You should all have received your copy of the Yearbook for 2007 by now, if not please contact Angela or Clive on 01427 788065.

The Annual Quiz has been and gone, the questions were varied and tested even the “brainboxes”. We had a good turnout despite the miserable weather conditions of a January night and also the rather chilly premises as the pub had fallen victim to the recent storms and their heating was not working. However, the atmosphere was warm enough to keep out the cold.

We have news! Poacher have been invited to take part in an exciting and innovative display and promotional exhibition of carriage driving to be held at Arena UK, Grantham on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2007. We will be having a stand and promoting our club, anyone who is willing to take a turn at manning the stand for an hour will be gladly welcomed. Please get in touch with Clive or Angela on the usual number. The event will include displays of Scurry, HDT, Private Driving, Light Trade, BDS Trec, Putting-to Demonstrations, Hackneys, and a Musical Drive. There will be lots of trade stands, so we can get those last minute items and have a day out all in one go. BHDTA and BDS will be having stands also. Admission £6 each, with OAP & child concessions.

Our practice/training day plans are coming together well. We have been extremely lucky to acquire the services of Sue Mart (Bennington Carriages & National Driver) to help us with our dressage, so it would be good to take advantage of this top-notch training session – and all for £10! Discussions are afoot to have a national trainer too, but at the time of going to press they have not finally committed – yet! The practice day is also being extended to include the opportunity of non-members to “have a go” at driving, in the hope that they may decide to join up, so if you know of any friends who are thinking about taking up our sport, let them know.

We are having a collaborative le Trec event with Lincs BDS on 12<sup>th</sup> August, the venue has not yet been finalised but we will let you know in plenty of time. Last years BDS Trec at Kathy Towle's place was well attended and a great success, so we were pleased to be invited to jointly run another. In view of the fact that we have had too few entries to stage our own event (EPIC) for the last 2 years, it is an opportunity for those who want to take part to do so.

Our next event is the talk on Homeopathy and Dentistry on 17<sup>th</sup> March at Swinderby Village Hall. This event is open to all and is only £2 per head, so pass the word around some of your “horsey” friends and bring them along too.

Our first batch of first-aid trainees will be training on 4<sup>th</sup> March, this will be paid for by the Club and will be the first part of our bid to become self-sufficient in

our first aid provision. Anyone who is interested in under-going this course, which will be certificated and current for 3 years, should let the Secretary know and their name will be put forward for the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort of trainees later in the year.

**One final point. Did anyone pick up the club photo album at the AGM in Willingham Village Hall? We want to add some more photos and the album has disappeared. Can you help???**