

POACHER HARNESS CLUB



President – Clive Borman

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2011

As the season is only just starting there is not too much in the news section this time except to report that we have again had a good membership take-up and that we are “raring” to go with this year’s events. See details in your events and entry form booklet. Please can I remind you of the importance of sending in your entry form in plenty of time as important decisions need to be made about all events during the 2 weeks prior to the date. However we all have non-driving lives to lead and recognise that time runs away with us sometimes, so if you are “pushed for time” at the last minute please still ring Richard our event secretary and register your intention of attending.

The first event on our calendar and mentioned in the previous newsletter was the annual Make Do and Mend session at Swinderby when we go through our equipment to check, repair and refurbish if necessary. The job was done and we had a lot of fun doing it as you will see from Carol’s write up (attached) and photos on the website. The only downside of this was that only the committee turned out to do this job and not one person from the general membership contacted us to see if we would like a helping hand.

The training day at Grimoldby nr Louth with Liz Pears was a success and the “cones with a twist” section after the individual tuition was welcomed and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the designer and course builders. Reports from this day confirm that it is a worthwhile exercise and much has been gained by each person taking part, even if it is only a minor adjustment to the “way of going” that makes life more comfortable for driver and pony. A report and photos are available on the internet but for those who don’t have access I have attached the report.

Our next event is the Fun Day at Swinderby where every year the Smith Family set up an event that is both challenging and huge fun. This event can be as competitive as you want it to be, or merely an opportunity to see how much you can manage – you will be surprised at how much you will want to do! 22nd May – but I am sure that you will have sent in your entries for this very popular event.

Our course builders have indicated that they could do with a hand to set up the June event at Osberton. Please could you put it in your diary to contact the course builders for dates and times for the course building. Setting up the course does help a lot with remembering the various obstacles and routes on the day, so try and come. You can contact them as shown below

Tony Smith – 07891 657 057 - Richard Wood – 07918 645732 - Greg Farrow-Lawton 07546 032 809

A couple of weeks after the Osberton one day event we are at last going to be able to traverse part of the newly opened Lindsey Trail that has carriage driving routes stretching for 75 miles around the stunning Wolds area. The intention is to eventually have an even longer section opened, but 75 miles should give us enough to be going on with. Our starting point will be at one of our member's home – Cathy Towle and her husband's farm. The address is Asgarby House Farm, Asgarby, Nr Spilsby, PE23 7HV. The format will be to follow a set and marked route in a non-competitive session and will take in all types of terrain including crossing some minor roads, so grooms will need to be alert for this (I Know, you always are!) Remember the date - 26th June. We intend to have a social get-together after the driving is finished and suggest that you bring along a picnic or BBQ but you will also need to bring some means of cooking it and we would suggest the "single use disposable" BBQs easily available from most supermarkets.

Although we have other events planned I think that the above is enough to be going on with. Please support us, send in your entries and above all – have fun. I have attached recent event reports to this newsletter for your information.

One last thing, I have attached a recently produced poster to advertise our club and encourage others to join us. Please could you help by asking your local tack or feed shop to display this for us and also by telling others about us and what we do. The more of us there are, the more we can do!

All the best, see you soon
Your Editor
Angela