

## **POACHER HARNESS CLUB**



### **Newsletter May 2012**

Apologies for any duplication of items from our website but not all of our members are on the internet and this is their only way of receiving our news.

Although our season this year appeared to have started a bit late, as it turns out, with all this horrendous weather we have been having these last couple of months where a lot of other events had to be cancelled, maybe we were right in waiting.

We have just completed a very successful training day at Legsby and publish the report below.

### **TRAINING DAY – LEGSBY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

This was our first event or outing of the season and the weather was kind to us. The setting at Sheila's place at Legsby is just perfect. The ground was firm without being hard. The surrounding trees afforded a certain amount of shade, should the sun become too hot and a gentle breeze kept the temperature in the open areas down to a pleasant level. The space was limited, so in order to work in prior to a session, most of us took the opportunity to explore some of the newly completed Lindsey Trail around Dog Kennel Woods.

Horseboxes and trailers started to arrive in a steady stream at about 9:00am. Horses were unloaded and harnessed up. Some that weren't being harnessed up went for a stroll around the box park to check out the facilities and the grazing before submitting themselves to the days' challenge.

Our trainers for the day were Wendy Stromberg for Dressage and Frank Lowe for the cones and obstacle session. We also had an independent photographer, Luke, who spent most of the day clicking away with his very impressive looking camera. Pictures will be published on the website shortly.

There were 8 ~~victims~~ members, each scheduled for 40 minutes of intense training from Wendy and a 30 minute session with Frank. The day commenced at 10:00am. In order for our (mainly) not so fit ponies / horses and drivers to recover, the timings were arranged so that those that did dressage before lunch did cones after lunch and vice versa.

Sessions were briefly halted at 12.45pm for a well-deserved lunch break for Wendy and Frank. This gave everybody a chance to catch up with news and also swap tales of how their day was going and what had been learnt so far.

The afternoon session went really quickly and before we knew it the clock had reached four o'clock and the training day was over. All that remained was to clear away the equipment.

Nobody seemed to be in a hurry to leave and much cud-chewing took place until well after 5 o'clock. The general thread was that everybody went away having learnt something and that they had something to work on. With some it was how to maintain a rhythm, others it was how to negotiate a carriage gap (the clue being in the word GAP!!).

One thing that was unanimously agreed was that the day had been a very enjoyable experience which was backed up by the number of entries received for our next training day on the 27<sup>th</sup> May, same venue.

As usual, when Poacher left, nobody knew they'd been.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

All places for our next **Training Day** on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May** have now all been filled.

A reminder of the **Fun Day** being held at **Legsby on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. Again, due to limited horsebox parking, competitor numbers will be limited, so get your entries in early. After the event there will be a social gathering and Bar-B-Que to which all members and helpers are invited. The cooking facilities will be supplied, together with salads and bread rolls. Please bring your own food to go onto the bar-b-que. If you are going to come and join us, please complete and return the attached form to Carol so that we have an idea of how many to cater for.

Our first **ODE** is at **Danethorpe** on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. We look forward seeing a good turnout at this popular venue.

We have also been lucky enough to secure a booking at Bagmoor, between Scunthorpe and Burton Stather for the 19th August. This will replace the previously arranged event at Osberton. This is a lovely setting for an event with sandy, well drained tracks. There is the possibility of an excellent water obstacle – as with most water obstacle how good it is on the day is going to be down to the weather in the run up to the event.

The Swiss Derby at Beelsby has been confirmed for 9th September – Dressage judge yet to be confirmed. Again, a water obstacle could be on the cards.

## **LINDSEY WAY OFFICIAL OPENING**

The official opening of the Lindsey Way, which was unfortunately postponed due to bad weather has now been re-scheduled for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00am and will be held at Market Rasen Racecourse where there will be ample parking for all. Hopefully there will be a good show of riders, carriage drivers, cyclists and walkers to show the council how much this facility was needed.

## **FIRST AID TRAINING**

We are running a First Aid course on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Willingham by Stow village hall. If there are any Club Members (this includes drivers, nominated grooms and friends) who would like to participate in this training, please register your interest with John Cooke either by email to

[information@poacherhc.org](mailto:information@poacherhc.org) or by telephone on 01652 633052. Places will be limited and preference given to members who will be helping at events.

If you have any items of interest please let any of the Committee know and they will be included in our next newsletter and on our website.

**And, finally....**to whet the appetites of those hovering about whether or not to go to Bagmoor, this is part of the water complex that we have to play with (the faint hearted needn't come in off the wooden bank:)) ) There are two separate parts to this element.



And, for those of you who do not have internet or email and miss out on the web pictures, here are some from the Legsby Training Day on 13<sup>th</sup> May for you.



Mike Charlesworth & Jade



Sheila Brookes with Alex & Astra



John Cooke & Henry



Mike Lawson & Shadow



Sarah Daley with Lucifer & Star

Enjoy the rest of the season

The Committee

# POACHER HARNESS CLUB - EVENTS for 2012

- 11<sup>th</sup> February      **Quiz at Heneage Arms**, Hainton nr Wragby LN8 6LX £8
- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012      **Legsby Training Day £22.50**  
 Training day at Legsby. The session will be split into two sessions, each with a different trainer. The first session will concentrate on dressage with Wendy Stromberg. This will be followed by a cones session, to be managed by Frank Lowe.
- The event will be held at Dog Kennel Farm, Legsby, Market Rasen, LN8 3QT.  
 Directions: From Market Rasen take the A631 (Queen Street) towards Louth. Take the RIGHT hand turn to Legsby (about ¼ mile from traffic lights. Follow road for about 2.1 miles and at the sharp right-hand bend turn LEFT onto unclassified road. Follow directions to PHC.
- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012      **Legsby Training Day £22.50**  
 This training day will again be split into 2 sessions – dressage with Anne Chambers followed by cones and/or obstacles with Frank Lowe.
- 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012      **Fun Day at Legsby - £22.50**  
 The day will be focussed on having fun rather than the competitiveness of the event. Drivers and their turnouts will have to complete various fun tasks that have been conjured up by their Committee. The day will be rounded off with a social Bar-B-Que. Ring or email Carol for full details nearer the date. (event.secretary@poacherhc.org or 07967 191653)
- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012      **Danethorpe ODE - £22.50**  
 This will be a full scale one day event, and will include dressage test, cones course and a marathon with obstacles interspersed along the way. It will probably include a water splash, but not necessarily. Judge - Richard Wheeldon  
 Danethorpe Hills, Danethorpe Newark, NG24 2PB.  
 Accessed off the A46 heading north out of Newark.
- 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012      **Hackthorn Estate £22.50 Swiss Derby Judge – Anne Chambers**  
 Hackthorn Hall, Hackthorn, Lincoln LN2 3PQ  
 Directions:- Take the turning signposted “Hackthorn” off A15, approx. 5 miles North of Lincoln. Look for PHC signs
- 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012      **Bagmoor ODE £22.50 (By kind permission of Sir Reginald Sheffield.Bart)**  
 This will be a full scale one day event, and will include dressage test, cones course and a marathon with obstacles interspersed along the way. It will probably include a water splash, but not necessarily. Judge – Richard Wheeldon  
 Bagmoor Lane, Normanby Park, Scunthorpe, DN15 9BG  
 Directions: Off the B1430 Scunthorpe to Burton Stather Road. Follow signs to Normanby Hall.
- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012      **Beelsby – Swiss Derby £22.50 – Judge to be confirmed**  
 Beelsby Grange, Beelsby, DN37 0TN
- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012      **Wold Drive at Asgarby £22.50**  
 This is a non-competitive day exploring the new Lindsey Trail that has recently been opened for the use of riders and carriages and walkers. The trail winds for 75 miles through the beautiful Wolds scenery, we shall be covering only a small part of the trail and will finish the day with a companionable lunch from the BBQ.  
 Asgarby House Farm, Asgarby, Spilsby PE23 7HX

NEW !! DISCOUNTED RATES – LOYALTY REWARDED!! If you book 4 of the above events with us for 2012 we will discount the overall price by £10. This offer is redeemable when you book and pay for your 4<sup>th</sup> event.



## **Legsby Fun Day Bar-B-Que**

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Venue: Dog Kennel Farm, Legsby, Market Rasen, LN8 3QT

Please return completed form to Carol Wood, Mill Hill, Marsh Lane, New Holland, N. Lincs  
DN19 7PY



## **Legsby Fun Day Bar-B-Que**

I would like to book .....places for the Bar-B-Que (Maximum 2 per member)

Signed.....Dated.....

Name .....

Address.....

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Tel No: ..... Email:.....