

POACHER HARNESS CLUB



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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.

Welcome to the May newsletter. It seems incredible that we are already nearly halfway through the year and have only had a glimpse of Spring weather. We have already held our first fixture of the season, a highly successful training day at Legsby - by courtesy of Sheila Brookes - with excellent tutelage from Wendy Stromberg, who will also be judging the dressage at Bagmoor on the 26th May. The day also included a pleasure drive of about 10 miles along the Lindsey Trail and a "fun" cones and obstacle competition in the afternoon which was won by Carol Wood, with Sarah Daley and Joanne Gadsby in 2nd and 3rd places - those of you with internet access will already have read the report, those without will have the report added to the end of the newsletter.

It is with regret that we shall be losing Wendy as both trainer and a dressage judge since, in the near future she and her husband shall be moving to the Isle of Wight to enjoy their retirement. On behalf of the Club, the Committee would like them to know that they will be missed by the club but wish them well in their new life.

We would also like to welcome driver members John and Joanne Gadsby to the Club and to welcome Carole Davenport back into the Club. We also welcome new Friend members Mandy Marshall, Maggie Nicholson, Dianne Barker, Anne Stern and Judith Gray. We hope that you will all enjoy your season with the Club and look forward to seeing you at events.

The Training Day ended with a bar-b-que, at which it was announced that the club could foresee that in the not too distant future it would need to invest heavily in club equipment or repairs to existing equipment and in order to ensure that there would be no financial burden on Club members by way of increased membership or entry fees, then we needed to raise funds another way and it has been decided that in the first instance this will be done by holding a Grand Draw to be drawn at the Fun Day at Legsby on Sunday 8th September. Full details are on the webpage but for those without internet access a full list of prizes - so far - will be included with your newsletter. Most of these prizes have been donated to the Club, so we would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to our Sponsors.

It was explained that if each club member - which includes grooms and friends as well as Driver members - took 10 books each to sell to friends, family and work colleagues then

we'd easily meet our target and raise £2,000 for Club. The maths is simple. The Club has 54 members. 10 books each = 540 books. We only have 400 books to sell and 175 of those are already in circulation!!! This target is very achievable but it needs for **EVERYBODY** to become involved. This is **YOUR** club, so if you can help sell books or would like to buy a book, then please contact **Carol** on **07967 191653** for details as to how. **YOU** can make a difference. We do appreciate that some people will sell more and some less than 10 books but **EVERY BOOK COUNTS!!** Tickets will be available throughout the season at all Club events.

Our next event will be at Bagmoor, near Scunthorpe on Sunday 26th May. A new venue for the Club last year but word must have got out as we nearly have a full house this year!!! We are hoping for good weather and it has to be the best dressage arena and cones course ever - near bowling green conditions!!!! Hopefully the "one month's rain in a day" that has been forecast will happen tomorrow so that the water fills to maximum, to be followed by sunshine and drought to give us perfect going. If only.....

Entries are now being taken for Beelsby on 16th June. This event is a Swiss Derby and points accrued for this event and the Hackthorn Swiss Derby determines the winner of the Swiss Derby Plate at the end of the season.

We look forward to seeing all of you again during the season.

For all of you coming to the events, we look forward to seeing you "under the awning for tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits".

The Committee.