



# HERON'S GHYLL NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 2021**

**Hello and welcome everyone to our latest newsletter.**

It seems a long time since we were able to put together our news in the form of a newsletter with quite a few stops and starts along the way. Not only did Covid have a huge impact on our meeting up over the last eighteen months or so, but more recently when we were allowed to make a start, the weather was so often against us. This has badly affected the field at Burchetts which meant it was much too boggy and unsuitable for driving as well as for the horse boxes to cross.

However, as my rather optimistic sun image shows, it seems as if the drier spell we have had recently means that our next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August will go ahead. As before, we are having a reduced number of drivers because not all our horses will be available.

## **A FEW REMINDERS**

The Driver's Annual fee of £5 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April which is important as this is for membership when joining the group and covers our insurance. Karen will also continue to collect the £5 session fee.

As Pat has mentioned in her email, we will have Miranda Purves, our SE Carriage Driving Representative, at the meeting on Thursday so would ask everyone to follow the dress code of Herons Ghyll polo shirts and sweatshirts if you have them, sturdy shoes and no shorts. Gloves and masks should be worn by drivers and coaches. A riding hat for leads is also suggested. Whistles for coaches and/or leads are also essential.

Angela has asked that anyone wishing to claim for any expenses should do so within 3 months.

# **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

## **CONES COMPETITION**

This was originally planned for sometime in August but has now been set for 9<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> September for those who couldn't compete on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **WINKLE FUN EVENT**

30<sup>th</sup> September. This will take on a slightly different format, but we hope will be an equally good fun day, which Hilary has planned for us.

## **PLEASURE DRIVE**

14<sup>th</sup> October. This is still to be arranged.

## **AGM**

This is planned for 28<sup>th</sup> October and we will meet as before in East Hoathly Village Hall.

**Driving** will be at Burchetts on the Thursdays in-between these events.

## **100 CLUB**

This is restarting on 1<sup>st</sup> September but officially runs from August to July next year and the draws take place at each month's committee meeting usually the first Tuesday of the month. Please see Chris for an application form. The cost is £12 per number and there is no limit to how many numbers people and friends can have. This year Sue Page is helping Chris with the collection of monies.

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

This is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> February next year at Chiddingly Village Hall for which Jan Curd has kindly agreed to set the questions.

## **IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING**

We are always wanting to find ways to increase our funds for the successful running of the group. If anyone has any suggestions for this, please mention it to Sue our chairman or a member of the committee.

On a final note here are some photos of a few of our drivers and horses taken at our first proper get-together on 22 July...



## **REMEMBER TO COLLECT**

Plastic milk bottle tops and give them washed to Susanne who will exchange them for cash. Karen is also collecting used postage stamps (with a small border of the envelope) which will also boost our funds.