



HERON'S GHYLL NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Although we've had a little snow recently, luckily it didn't stay for long and hopefully we shall soon see some of the lovely blossom shown above.

We haven't had any events to report on since the Christmas lunch and get together at the Green Man, so this newsletter will be mainly to remind you of our future meetings coming up in the next few months and to let you know about some new developments with out fundraising.

SPRING PROGRAMME 2023

New Season Events/Programme

The programme of events for the next driving season will, we hope, offer our drivers an assortment of activities to suit everyone. It is important to note that although ideally we'd like everyone to have the opportunity to partake in everything, this is clearly not possible due to having to share our existing ponies amongst everyone. Also we have some fairly big expenditure this year (for which our fundraising team is working hard) which includes the new "clubhouse", hard hats and maybe another pony should we find a suitable one. This means the possibility and availability of either ponies or coaches to attend major competitions could be limited, BUT this does not mean drivers will be limited in going to regional/local competitions to participate.



SPRING PROGRAMME 2023



March 16 th	Helpers' Training Day at Golden Cross	10 for 10.30am
March 23 rd	Helpers' Training Day at Burchetts	10.30am
March 30th	First Drive at Burchetts	10.30am
April 6 th	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
April 13 th	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
April 20 th	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
April 27th and 28th	Bluebell Walk Fundraiser	10.30am
May 4 th	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
May 11th	Coronation Fun Event with Kipling Group – more details to follow	
May 12 th	Windsor Horse Show – more details to follow	
May 13 th	The Oaks Show at Burchetts – more details to follow	
May 30 th	Bradbourne qualifier for Hartpury	
July 5 th	Le Trec at Bradbourne	
July 25 th	South East Show	

There is also a social Spring Event planned to take place at Lionhouse Park to visit residents and promote our group activities and hope to raise some funds. Helen has agreed to take Billy and any of our members are welcome to attend.

Hard Hats – there is some new guidance from the RDA (driving) with reference to the requirement for the correct (and new) kite mark safety measures regarding hats.

Please could all drivers including coaches and leads bring their hard hats (should they have them) to their next attendance at Burchetts for checking. We, as a group, may have to buy in some to comply, but as this is a fairly costly expense they need checking as some may still be suitable to use.

Coaches and leads who are attending the two training days before the start of the season, bring them along for checking.

FUNDRAISING

Wealden Lottery

This is our new fundraising venture which we hope you will support and as I mentioned in a recent email, share this information amongst your wider family, friends and networks and encourage anyone who is likely to take part in this lottery to select us as the 'Good Cause' they wish to support. Full details at www.wealdencommunitylottery.co.uk

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25th March 2023.

What's great for Heron's Ghyll, is that we will be given 50p for every lottery ticket purchased that identifies us as the preferred good cause. Any monies we receive from this lottery will be put towards our new clubhouse and eventually a further horse.

THE 100 CLUB

The latest draw winners for March are:

1st prize Terry Woods £20, 2nd prize Lynne Thorpe £10,
3rd prize £5 Pat Duke

A reminder of the changes to the renewal date this year for the 100 Club run by Chris Collin on our behalf: the new date will be from March through to the following year and for those who will have paid up to this coming August, there will be a reduction to reflect this. **We need at least 35 people just to break even**, so if you have any friends or colleagues who would like a bit of a flutter whilst supporting us, then feel free to encourage or cajole to your hearts content!

Forthcoming Events

BLUEBELL WALK

27th and 28th April

Anyone wishing to help on either or both of these day please contact Liz Major. Karen will be running the tombola again in her organised and efficient way and has made a plea for donations. She needs as many as possible for the two day event. Please bring along to our first meeting.

Remember to collect

Please continue to collect used postage stamps (with a small border of the envelope) which Karen is collecting.

GREEN MILK BOTTLE TOPS

As Mentioned in the February newsletter, we are now collecting milk bottle tops again. Our chairman Sue Fragniere has discovered that Eastbourne District General Hospital is willing to take them and, although we won't benefit financially, it is a good cause to support.

Heron's Ghyll Driving Group RDA
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