



# Newsletter

## March 2019

We are getting close to the start of the new season. Training (for Helpers) at Burchett's Farm at 10 am on 21 March and then the first driving session for everyone on 28 March (weather permitting).

The new programme of events, including a drive at Worlds End on 20<sup>th</sup> June will be distributed soon.

### Fund raising with Milk Tops & other things

We have found someone who will pay us for the tops of plastic milk containers. These are the blue, green or red screw on tops. When you have finished your milk wash the tops and keep them to give to Susanne Willis at the next meeting. An easy extra source of funds for the group!

Karen is still collecting **used postage stamps** as a source of income for us.

We are considering running a lottery each week with prizes once a month. More information soon.

Later in the season we hope to run another fund-raising event. A casino and another race night have both been suggested. If you have any views or other ideas for fund-raising, please let me know.

Karen is running the **tombola** at the **Bluebell Walk** on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please give any prizes you can donate to Karen at one of our meetings.

### New Horse and Carriage

We have a new carriage on order as some of our existing carriages are getting old and they are heavy. This means we will have 3 modern carriages able to take wheelchairs and should reduce the delays we have had changing horses over.

We are still looking for a new horse. We have seen a 12 year old Cob which may be suitable but we are not sure until our equine experts have all had a chance to look at it.

## Who Does What

The names we give to some jobs have been revised by RDA. This is a list of the main titles we now use.

New Title	What they do	Usual person (if any), Old title
Coaches (CDC)	The Carriage Driving Coach is in charge of a turnout and trains Drivers with a disability. Responsible for safety of whole turnout.	<i>A B Whips</i>
Organiser	Allocates horses, coaches, drivers and other jobs for helpers.	<i>Liz Major- Organiser</i>
Instructor	Trains coaches and drivers. Sets up courses.	<i>Hilary Hill- Instructor</i>
Drivers	Drivers with a disability	<i>Disabled drivers</i>
Leads	Hold the Lead rein in front of horse when still. Assist tacking up. Act as Observers.	<i>Lead</i>
Loading teams	Team leader + 1 or 2 loaders. Help drivers mount & dismount. Secure chair/driver in the carriage.	<i>Doug Charmian</i>
Mentor (drivers)	Supports new applicants.	-
Shaft support	Holds shaft steady when mounting. Assists with tack and rein adjustments.	<i>shaft</i>
Observers	Stand at the side of the arena and watch in case any assistance is needed.	-

In future these and other jobs will be included on the allocation board. It will also show the contact phone number if assistance is needed when out of sight.

## Contact

As well as this newsletter you can find out about group activities on line at <http://heronsghyll-rda.co.uk/> and in Facebook groups at Herons Ghyll RDA carriage driving group.

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