



# Heron's Ghyll Newsletter

## Summer 2025

Welcome everyone to the Summer newsletter, and having had some good sunny days and dry weather, we have been very active over the last month or so. Details in the next few pages. Below is the planned programme for the next few months.

### Heron's Ghyll Driving Group RDA Summer/Autumn Programme 2025

Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cones Competition</b>	10.30am
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Cones Competition (For those who could not compete on the 14<sup>th</sup>)</b>	10.30am
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Driving at Burchetts	10.30am
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AGM at East Hoathly Village Hall</b>	
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Clear up at Burchetts	10.00am
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Lunch at Wellshurst Golf Club</b>	

**Drivers or Carers must Telephone Karen on 07435 562850 after 9am if they cannot come to Pre-Booked Driving Days – Thank you.**





## Our New Pony Ollie

We are really pleased to say that Ollie passed his recent assessment with flying colours, and since then has been a welcome sight at our Burchetts driving days and very recently, did brilliantly at the RDA Regional show with Shelley driving him. This was his first ever show, so even better that he behaved so well.



Ollie being assessed



Our thanks must also go to Karl who brings Ollie to Burchetts each week and who also took him to the show. Karl is now learning the ropes with being a Lead.



Ollie's first driving day



Ollie driving with Shelley







## Recent Events

### Heron's Ghyll 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 10<sup>th</sup> July

#### Jan gave her vote of thanks:

It was Pimms O'clock at Heron's Ghyll today along with our sister group, Kipling, who joined us to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and complete a few competitive challenges with the ponies.

A special mention of Karen Tritton, our President, who was with the group from day one and is still kicking up the ponies' heels when she can.

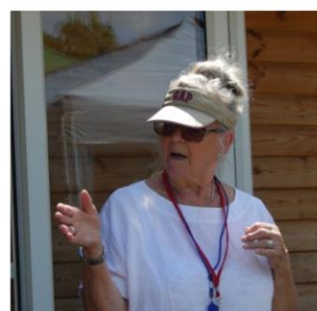
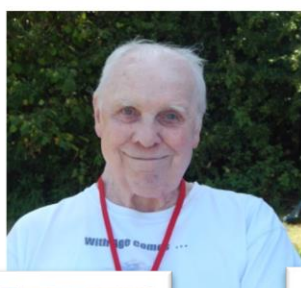
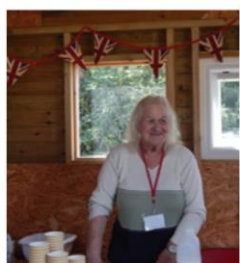


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## Heron's Ghyll 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



Shirley Price, who is our longest serving volunteer, also came to see us and we were reminded of how much money, over the years, she has raised completing her many daring deeds.



A big thanks to all the volunteers who put so much effort into the day and made it such a success - I couldn't possibly name you all but be assured none of it would have happened without you.



## RDA South East Region Competition at Detling

### Jan's Report

"The Long and Winding Road" – and my goodness it seemed like that for our 3 vehicles heading off to Detling in Kent for the driving competition to represent Heron's Ghyll.

Our newest recruits in both volunteer towing terms were Karl (husband of volunteer Mia) and new(ish) pony "Ollie" who, having recently passed his assessment, was quickly dragooned into his first competition. Jan, Rosi, Pat and Angela were on hand to make sure all were ship shape and on time.

.... more over with photos







## RDA South East Region Competition at Detling

Bella very kindly brought Buttons along for Michael to drive and Ollie was driven by Shelley. They both drove in the first class of Concours d'Elegance with Shelley 2<sup>nd</sup> and Michael 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was then Shelley's turn to compete in the Novice Showing class where she came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following on was Michael's turn in the Open Class where he came 5<sup>th</sup>.

After a short comfort and food break both drove in the cones and challenges arena before following on to the awards ceremony where all competitors were presented with a special rosette celebrating 50 years of the birth of the RDA.

Jan

