



OAK LEAVES

Newsletter from the Oaks Driving Club August 2021

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We said goodbye to Christina Fowden from the committee who retires due to health issues, thank you for all you have done and we hope to see you at an event soon. Terry Woods has kindly stepped into the breach to become our Membership Secretary, he has experience of this with his golf club and although he won't sit on the committee we are very grateful for his help. We do however welcome two new committee members in Jane Cook and Elisa Bray, both are very keen to be involved.



It was great to be back at Hooe for the Matchy Matchy World Cup, a lovely course and a lot of fun.

We had a good weekend at Berwick and are very pleased that our two ODE's are both qualifiers for the Certius Carriagedriving Championships. See certiuschampionships.co.uk Two drivers qualified at Berwick, they were Alison Milton and Jeni Longley, congratulations to you both.

August is a very busy month with a drive, a training day and our annual show. I do hope you will support these events, it takes a lot of work to set up the show so if anyone would like to help on the Saturday or help clear up on Sunday, please let Jan know.

Liz Howe - CHAIRMAN

**August Events: Club Drive 1st, Training Day 14th
and Annual Show 22nd**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021

Please note: These dates and venues are not confirmed and are dependant on Covid 19 regulations in England 2021.

August

Sunday 1st Club Drive, members only
By kind permission of the Fieldwick family
Knockhatch Wood Smallholding,
Arlington Road West,
Arlington BN27 3RD
Contact: Liz Howe to book place

Saturday 14th Members Training Day,
Priory Court Farm,
Sayerland Lane,
Polegate BN26 6QX
Contact: Claire Cousens

Sunday 22nd Club Annual Show and
Accumulator Cones,
Broad Farm,
Hellingly BN27 4DU
Contact: Jan Curd

September

Sunday 5th World Cup, Hale Farm BN8 6HQ
Contact: Pru Wynne-Evans

Sunday 26th ODE, Priory Court Farm,
Sayerland Lane,
Polegate BN26 6QX
Contact: Jan Curd

October

Saturday 9th Autumn Indoor Event
Plumpton College
Ditchling Road
Plumpton BN7 3AE
Contact: Moira Evans

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www.oaksdrivingclub.com

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Matchy Matchy World Cup

Despite quite a bit of rain on Friday as we were setting up for the world cup, the ground remained firm due to good draining. We were very lucky Saturday, competition day kept fine.

Kevin Jeffrey ran this event and put together an extremely good course which received much praise throughout the day. It was interesting to see how much better some competitors drove without having to race against the clock.

Most of drivers put a lot of effort into their matchy matchy outfits and the best in each class were awarded a special rosette, these went to Christine Buckland, Helen Bridges and Claire Cousens. Claire also presented her pony beautifully plaited which was very nice to see.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the event a success, particularly to Dick Carey who kindly lent his indoor driving equipment for the day.

19th June 2021						
Matchy Matchy World Cup Competition						
Open over 13hh	Round 1	Round 2	Difference	Place		
Sarah Jane Williams	170	178	8	3		
Bella Freeman	167	170	3	2		
Angela Lydall	197	170	27	5		
Christine Buckland	183	185	2	1		
Cheryl Hurlle	182	172	10	4		
Open under 13hh						
Doona Simmons	120	126	6	4		
Joanna Beasley Richards	225	209	16	5		
Helen Bridges	177	182	5	3		
Tina Ray	167	164	3	2		
Rosie Fieldwick	153	151	2	1		
Sue Nebbeling	150	131	19	6		
Novice/Intermediate						
Alison Bunes	158	157	1	1		
Sue Smith	192	171	21	4		
Claire Cousens	178	170	8	3		
Alison Milton	332	149	183	5		
Sarah Otway	182	183	1	1		

Chairman's
Choice:
Helen Bridges

Best Groom:
Frances who
groomed for Sue
Smith

Something to make you smile

Bromsgrove Council have published extracts from letters of complaints written by residents...

1. It's the dogs mess that I find hard to swallow.
2. I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.
3. I wish to complain that my father twisted his ankle very badly when he put his foot in the hole in his back passage.
4. Their 18 year old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
5. I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other day that blew them off.
6. My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
7. I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.
8. Will you please send someone to mend the garden path. My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.
9. I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.
10. 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster, and 50% are just plain filthy.
11. The next door neighbour has got this huge tool that vibrates the whole house and I just can't take it anymore.
12. The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.
13. Will you please send a man to look at my water, it is a funny and not fit to drink.
14. Our lavatory seat is broken in half and now is in three pieces.
15. I want to complain about the farmer across the road. Every morning at 6am his cock wakes me up and it's now getting too much for me.
16. The man next door has a large erection in the back garden, which is unsightly and dangerous.
17. Our kitchen floor is damp. We have two children and would like a third, so please send someone round to do something about it.

18. I am a single woman I am writing in about the noise made by the man on top of me every night.

19. Please send a man with the right tool to finish the job and satisfy my wife..

20. I have had the clerk of works down on the floor six times but I still have no satisfaction.

21. This is to let you know that our lavatory seat is broke and we can't get BBC2.

22. My bush is really overgrown round the front and my back passage has fungus growing in it.



Margaret and Ron contemplate taking up heavy horse driving at the South of England Show



Berwick Weekend

Another scorching hot weekend at Berwick kicked off on Saturday with on-foot training and ODE course walk. Eleven enthusiastic drivers turned out for a very informative talk by Andrea Scott who guided us through every aspect of driving a marathon course, all the very important do's and don'ts plus lots of questions and answers too. It is correct in dressage to dress up and five drivers rose to the occasion sporting beautiful outfits, aprons etc.

Sunday was competition day. Sheila Petitpierre judged the dressage ably helped by Jane Cook who wrote Sheila's comments onto the scoresheets. Sheila observed that over the years she has seen much improvement in our drivers - we are heading the right way!

The cones course was in a different field this year and proved quite testing for some, Donna Simmons came closest to the perfect time.

This was the first year we have timed the whole marathon at Berwick. Many thanks to Gordon MacKenzie who spent considerable time working out the times. Luckily no one got lost as maps were provided prior to walking the course.

Presentations were made around the marquee, rosettes to the drivers plus a bottle of wine donated by Liz Howe to all the winners, carrots to

the ponies and an Oaks mug to the winning groom in each class. The Chairman's Choice rosette went to Alison Bones who had put up a consistently good performance all day driving both her ponies and Best Groom went to Susanne Willis who was a considerable help to Bella Freeman driving Buttons.

Jan Curd and her team produced an amazing bbq, Ron (or should we call him Heston Bloomingheck) cooked the burgers, sausages and chicken to perfection. Margaret as usual was indispensable, darting from the marquee to the catering van keeping everyone well fed. Full marks all round, a delicious feast was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to John Hecks Jnr. for allowing us the run of the farm, he generously refused any payment (though a couple of bottles of gin made their way to his house as thanks). Huge thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the event, be it judging, scoring, cooking, or stewarding.

It was an onerous task in such heat clearing up but you all were marvellous - special mention must go to Susanne Willis, Gordon MacKenzie and Terry Woods, I don't know what we would have done without you!

FEI		Berwick 2021											
Final Results													
NR	NAME	CLT	A	CLT	B	CLT	A+B	CLT	C	CLT	A+B+C	CLT	
1 NOVICE/INT PONY													
8	Alison Milton	1	57.50	2	161.46	1	218.96	1	27.17	3	246.13	1	
7	Claire Cousins	2	59.00	3	192.04	2	251.04	2	18.14	2	269.18	2	
4	Alison Bones	3	55.50	1	210.32	3	265.82	3	13.83	1	279.65	3	
6	Sarah Otway	4	59.00	3	219.65	4	278.65	4	46.04	4	324.69	4	
3 OPEN PONY													
11	Jeni Longley	1	45.00	1	172.10	1	217.10	1	22.08	2	239.18	1	
1	Donna Simmons	2	49.50	2	210.11	4	259.61	4	9.00	1	268.61	2	
3	Alison Reilly	3	50.00	3	186.13	3	236.13	2	34.88	4	271.01	3	
2	Bella Freeman	4	61.00	4	182.42	2	243.42	3	29.94	3	273.36	4	
4 OPEN HORSE													
5	Sarah Jane Williams	1	54.00	1	214.16	1	268.16	1	28.10	1	296.26	1	
6 DRESSAGE & CONES													
10	Helen Bridges		47.00	1					24.09	1			
9	Alison Bones		49.00	2					32.44	2			

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NON OFFICIAL RESULTS 14:05
Please advise for possible errors



Alison Bones



Sarah Otway



Bella Freeman



Steward, Wendy Shorten



Gordon in charge of the cones arena



Helen Bridges

Club Drive

By kind permission of the Fieldwick family

Sunday 1st August

at Knockhatch Wood Smallholding, Arlington Road West, Arlington BN27 3RD

Various distances to suit.

Contact: Liz Howe to book place

Oaks Members Training Day

Saturday 14th August

at Priory Court Farm, Sayerlands Lane BN26 6QX

With Sarah-Jane Williams.

Organiser: Claire Cousens.

Oaks Driving Club members only.

Morning: **Dressage/schooling** in the all weather arena.

45 minutes tuition. £25.

Please park as directed in the stable yard.

Afternoon: **Obstacle tuition** with option to drive the water complex and banks.

45minutes. £25. Body protectors to be worn.

Please park in the large field where we have held previous events.

Why not bring a picnic and do two training sessions?

Priory Court cafe will be open 10am to 4pm.

Claire has said if anyone would like to make a weekend of it and stay over in the field to go for a driver use the fields on Sunday to contact her directly. You will

be covered by Priory Court insurance (whilst on their property) as only the

training on Saturday is covered by your Oaks membership.

Tel: 07734 308328. Email. claire.cousens@yahoo.com

Cheques payable to Oaks Driving Club.

Send to Miss C. Cousens,

27 Bromley Close, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 7LE

Open Show and Accumulator Cones

Sunday 22nd August

at Broad Farm, Hellingly BN27 4DU

Exercise Vehicle, Open Private Driving, Mountain and Moorland,
Novice & Beginners, Disabled, Veteran and Pleasure Driving classes.

Accumulator Cones - course set at different widths and difficulty.

Enter as many times as you like.

Contact: Jan Curd

Copy for the October newsletter should be sent to Liz Howe by 25th Sept 2021
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