



# OAK LEAVES



Newsletter from the Oaks Driving Club December 2021

## View from the Top

Another year almost past and not the easiest of years either with Covid 19 still making its unwelcome presence felt. Nevertheless we have managed to hold around ten driving days for you to enjoy. Entries have not been huge but those that did attend enjoyed themselves immensely.



In 2022 we are going to amalgamate our AGM with a helpers lunch to show our appreciation for all our stewards, judges and many supporters who have so generously given their time and expertise to making our events a success. For a change this will be held at lunchtime at Arlington Village Hall in February - no need to turn out on a dark icy evening! Lunch will be available for all at a cost of £10 per head, please let me know if you require lunch by 1st February.

If you were fortunate enough to be awarded a trophy at our last AGM in 2019, please return it to Jan Curd, clean and engraved by 31st December.

Your committee have been busy putting together a full programme of events for next year, it is incomplete as we hope to get in a drive from Kitchenham and some more training days are in the offing.

Finally may I wish everyone of you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

*Liz Howe - CHAIRMAN*



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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 2022.

### February 2022

Saturday 19th Quiz with RDA. Chiddingly  
Village Hall BN8 6HT  
*Contact: Jan Curd*  
Sunday 27th AGM and Helpers Lunch.  
Arlington Village Hall BN26 6SE  
*Contact: Liz Howe*

### March

Sunday 27th Indoor Competition  
*Contact: Moira Evans*

### May

Sunday 22nd Le Trec  
*Contact: Moira Evans*

### June

Sunday 19th Matchy Matchy World Cup  
Hooe Recreation Ground,  
Hooe TN33 9HR  
*Contact: Kevin Jeffrey*

### July

2nd & 3rd Berwick Weekend  
Berwick BN26 6SP  
*Contact: Liz Howe*

### August

Sunday 7th Club Drive, members only  
*By kind permission of the  
Fieldwick family.*  
Knockhatch Wood Smallholding,  
Arlington Road West,  
Arlington BN27 3RD  
*Contact: Liz Howe*  
Sunday 21st Broad Farm event  
*Contact: Jan Curd*

### September

Sunday 4th World Cup, Hale Farm BN8 6HQ  
*Contact: Pru Wynne-Evans*  
Sunday 18th ODE, Priors Court Farm,  
Sayerland Lane,  
Polegate BN26 6QX  
*Contact: Jan Curd*

### ICD Dates

**Sussex, Plumpton College**, 18th Dec, 15th Jan,  
19th Feb.  
**Kent, Duckhurst & Saddlesdane**, 12th Dec, 22nd  
Jan, 6th Feb, 26th Feb, 6th March  
**Surrey, Merrist Wood**, 12th Dec, 13th Feb, 20th  
March

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## Priory Court ODE

Although only a few entries, those that did come and drive all enjoyed the exciting course built by Jason Fieldwick. Claire Cousens on home ground demonstrated how to drive the water, Beau with his ears tightly pricked enjoying himself.

Many thanks to Jan for organising and all the judges, stewards and helpers. Hopefully next year we will see a few more entries



*Maizie Bennett*



### Fire Extinguishers

Please make sure you carry a fire extinguisher in your horsebox / trailer. They need to be checked each year

### Priory Court Training

We held another training day with Sarah-Jane, this time using the all weather school with cones and an obstacle. Eight drivers benefitted from Sarah-Janes quiet, experienced tuition and all finished the day driving better than when they started.



*Angela Lydall*



*Bella Freeman*



*Claire Cousens*

## Oaks / ICD Indoor Competition, Plumpton College

I think we can count our autumn event at Plumpton College on 9th October a very successful and enjoyable day due in part to the excellent facilities and perfect weather. Also due to lovely competitors who made my life easy by being on time and good natured.

In the first class, ICD Combined Intermediate / Open Pony, 15 year old Sophia Routledge drove beautifully to win, having driven the best P & P test of the day and the second best cones course. Her obstacle times were pretty good too! Sophia was awarded a special rosette for her very competent driving. Close behind Sophia were Sally Bullar and Alison Reilly. Sally was awarded the Chairman's Choice rosette for all-round excellence on the day and her pony was much admired.

In the second class, ICD Novice Pony, the Oaks Chairman, Liz Howe, driving Jester, won which was a surprise to Liz having had an anxious few moments in the cones when a herd of cows stampeded in the next field and two horses who were turned out nearby galloped up their field. Once he got going, however, Jester knuckled down and did a good round. Second was Alison Milton driving Donna Simmon's Dice very well. Sophia Chambers driving Dick Carey's Magic with Tina Ray backstepping drove brilliantly to come fourth. Sophia is only nine years old and she was awarded the Best Junior rosette. It was lovely to see her smiling throughout, obviously enjoying herself. Tina, who did a great job of backstepping, was awarded the Best Groom rosette. Alison Bones driving Domino actually came second in this class but because she is not an ICD member and thus not eligible for ICD points, she was in a class of her own and was awarded the first rosette.

The third class, ICD Combined Novice/Open Horse, had three entries and was won by Tony Green driving Dylan, followed by Sarah-Jane Williams and Christine Buckland, who is not an ICD member so was awarded a first rosette in a class of her own. Sarah-Jane was awarded a special rosette as it had been noted by judges and stewards alike that her whole turnout was immaculate.

The fourth class, ICD Multiples, had two entries and was won by Joanna Beasley-Richards. This was especially well done by Joanna as she has only had her pair of ponies three months and it was their very first time in not only an indoor school but in any competition. They are half

brothers and they went brilliantly as a pair. Donna Simmons came second, amazing everyone (particularly I think the girls from Plumpton College who were watching) by her skill driving a tandem.

All in all it was a very good day. My sincere thanks go to our scorer, Tom Petitpierre, judges Sheila Petitpierre, Cheryl Hurle and Carole Whitham, stewards Jane Cook, Valerie Hester, Gina Jeffrey, Kevin Jeffrey, Gordon Mackenzie and Joanne McNichol. Special thanks go to Dick Carey for bringing his equipment van over for us, to Margaret and Ron Middleton and Jan Curd for their superb work in the catering van, and to Liz Howe for all she did sorting out entries, running order, etc. etc.

Lastly, it was such a help to have not only Dick Carey but also Anna Grayston plus many others putting up the obstacles. I was really grateful as I am not sure of the rules for this.

Here's to next year.

*Moira Evans*



*Sophia, Magic and Tina*



## A womens poem

He didn't like the casserole and he didn't like my cake.  
He said my biscuits were too hard, not like his mother used to make.  
I didn't perk the coffee right, he didn't like the stew.  
I didn't mend his socks the way his mother used to do.  
I pondered for an answer, I was looking for a clue.  
Then I turned around and smacked him one - JUST LIKE HIS MOTHER USED TO DO.

### I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"

Three retirees, each with hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day.  
One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?"  
"No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday..."  
And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

### ROMANCE

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said: "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.. A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my Neck..."

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked..

"To get my teeth!"

### OLD FRIENDS

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me.. I know we've been friends for a long time but I just can't think of your name.. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her.

Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

### SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Vernon, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on M25. Please be careful!"

"Hell," said Vernon, "It's not just one car.. It's hundreds of them!"

### DRIVING

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to major crossroad. The stop light was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another major junction and the light was red again.

Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next junction, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh! Am I driving?"



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Body Warmer

Showerproof Jackets

Car Sticker - 50p

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