



# OAK LEAVES

Newsletter from the Oaks Driving Club February 2018

## View from the Top

In February we held the quiz evening. Full marks to Jan Curd for pulling off probably the best quiz night ever. Pip Holgate and Jan found some very testing questions and must have spent hours preparing for the evening. Martin was quizmaster once again and was in tremendous form, enjoying banter from the contestants and giving it back too!

Our indoor competition at Golden Cross was enjoyed by many. Congratulations to Wendy Shorten who recorded her first win in a carriage - her beaming smile said it all.



Several of our members have qualified for the indoor championships at



Wendy Shorten

Keysoe so we wish them all very good luck. Be they winners or losers, it is a great achievement to qualify, the south east has tremendous following on the indoor circuit so qualification is not easily won.

We are looking forward to visiting Burchetts Farm again and renewing our friendship with the members of Heron's Ghyll RDA for an inside/out competition. Moira is organising this so I hope she will have lots of support. It is a lovely venue and the RDA allow us to use their new, shiny obstacles.

Liz Howe - CHAIRMAN



**NEXT EVENT: PUB SUPPER AND TALK  
THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL. ROEBUCK, LAUGHTON 7pm.**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

### April

Thursday 19th Pub Supper with Veterinarian  
Speaker. Roebuck, Laughton  
BN8 6BG. 7pm Meal. 8pm Talk.  
*Contact: Pru Wynne-Evans*

### May

Saturday 19th Inside/Out, Burchetts Farm,  
Whitesmith BN8 6HA  
*Contact: Moira Evans*

### June

Sunday 17th Attelage style competition  
*Contact: Moira Evans*

### July

Sunday 1st Inside Out, Hooe TN33 9HR  
*Contact: Tina Ray*

Saturday 14th Training Day, Berwick BN26 6SP  
Members only  
*Contact: Liz Howe*

Sunday 15th Open Mini ODE, Berwick BN26 6SP  
*Contact: Liz Howe*

### August

Sunday 12th Show and Funday  
Broad Farm BN27 4DU  
*Contact: Jan Curd, Jason Fieldwick*

### September

Sunday 2nd World Cup, Hale Farm BN8 6HQ  
*Contact: Pru Wynne-Evans*

Sunday 23rd ODE Sayerland Lane BN26 6QX  
*Contact: Jan Curd*

### October

Saturday 13th Autumn Indoor Event, Golden Cross  
Equestrian Centre BN27 3SS.  
*Contact: Moira Evans*

### March 2019

Sunday AGM, Broadoak Village Hall

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### Indoor Carriage Driving

ICD Championships at Keysoe 6th - 8th April 2018

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the views of the Editor of the Oaks Committee.



## Quiz Night at the Berwick Inn

Another successful evening of quizzing held at The Berwick Inn in February brought forth 7 lively and knowledgeable teams. Several people enjoyed a pub supper which I'm sure pleased Jack, the landlord, as Tuesdays is a fairly quiet night for them.

"The Gladysies" were the triumphant team with 69 ½ points. Second place was a closely fought battle between the "Scrambled Eggheads" on 63 and "The Naughty Corner" (aptly named) on 62 ½ - who else would say Copulite was Aussie Shagging and a baby Porcupine was a Little Prick!! Anyway, moving on - Teams "Wacked" & "Diesel" joint fourth on 58, "Not sure" on 53 with "Wagon Wheels" (last years winners) on 44

-unfortunately I think the wheels on their wagon had fallen off but never mind it is the taking part, and let's face it we all take away some nugget of knowledge we didn't know before.

Thanks go to Martin for his attempt at being Jeremy Paxman - even when he had to reel off the names of some US towns - Intercourse, Accident, Climax & Sugar Tit! Not forgetting his two glamorous assistants, Pip & Terry for the adding up bit. Pip and I set the questions and we're always amazed at what incidental rubbish people stash away in their heads.

*Jan Curd*



## Spring Indoor Event

All too quickly we find ourselves in the month of March and time for our indoor competition. 28 entries in total divided into seven classes for all abilities. We were very pleased to have Hilary Hill judging Paces and Sarah-Jane Cook judging Precision and with Jan Curd in the commentary box with the ever capable Tom Petitpierre scoring we were all set for a good days sport.

Several of our members have qualified for the Keysoe indoor championships so we ran both a novice and open class for them to practice the championship test. Rosie Fieldwick and the diminutive Millie made all to win the novice class. She and Tina Ray (Open Keysoe class) had the top P&P scores of the day on 29.50.

In the Intermediate Horse/Pony class Celia Gilbert was leading after P&P and cones but overtaken in the obstacles by Helen Bridges who won on a total score of 212.50.

The Multiples class saw Donna Simmons lead from start to finish with pony pair Dice and Zebedee followed by Dick Carey and Sheila Petitpierre both driving tandems.

Novice Pony saw Claire Cousins take first place with Beau whom she has bought from Dick Carey. It was great to see Abi Fowden smiling and laughing as she drove her new Shetland pony, Roly into second place just one point behind Claire.

The Beginners class went through like a procession with Wendy Shorten scoring her first win with Twinkle, owned by Sally Bullar. Wendy has been training hard and certainly reaped the benefits today.

The Innovation class saw Tina Ray driving a new pony, Bonzo to win by a large margin, no-one looked more pleased than Bonzo's owner in the prize-giving.

Finally the Open Keysoe class. Catherine Walton driving her Shetland unicorn led after P&P and cones having driven one of just two double clears of the day (the other was Donna Simmons). However Tina Ray and Simba stormed to victory with a blistering pace in the obstacles to finish on the top score of the day of 170.50.

A huge thank you to Frances and Ian Collings who donated a lovely new rope to the winner of each class. The best Oaks member in each class received an Easter egg from Chairman, Liz Howe - it is reported that Rosie Fieldwick had eaten hers before she even got home!

Rosanna Collins was our photographer for the day.

Please search Pixispot Photography on Facebook to view and purchase photographs.

Finally I must thank everyone who helped make the day a success. I can never stress too much how grateful we are to have such loyal and willing volunteers, the very backbone of our club.

One of the nicest comments of the day came from a member who said "The Oaks club is the friendliest and most helpful club I have ever been in" - that lovely comment just made the perfect!

### Special Rosettes

**Best Junior** - Rosie Fieldwick

**Best Groom** - Tina Ray

**Chairman's Choice** - Abi Fowden



*Tina Ray driving Bonzo*



*Helen Bridges driving Finn*

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## Norfolk Holiday 2018

After the success of last summers Norfolk holiday, Andrea Scott is proposing to run another one in 2018 during the school holidays. Please contact Andrea on Tel: 01825 733608 to register your interest.

		Indoor Driving Trials 2018										Date: 10th March 2018						
		ODC Spring Indoor Event																
Class	Judges	Precision Cook	Paces Hill	Total	Place	Cases	Over/Under	Total	Place	Obs 1	Obs 2	Total	Place	Obs 3	Obs 4	Total	Place	
				W	I	T	H	D	R	A	W	N						
				30.50	2	9.00	-4	39.50	2	38.00	39.00	116.50	2	35.00	38.00	189.50	3	
1	Novice Keysoe	Jason Fieldwick	14.00	16.50	30.50	2	9.00	-4	39.50	2	38.00	116.50	2	35.00	38.00	189.50	3	
2	Novice Keysoe	Alison Reilly	14.00	17.50	31.50	3	12.00	-7	43.50	3	36.00	116.50	2	35.00	36.00	187.50	2	
3	Novice Keysoe	Rosie Fieldwick	12.50	17.00	29.50	1	2.00	-2	31.50	1	37.00	110.50	1	35.00	41.00	186.50	1	
4	Novice Keysoe	Molly Dowling			W	I	T	H	D	R	A	W	N					
				39.50	2	4.00	-4	43.50	1	53.00	47.00	143.50	3	48.00	46.00	237.50	3	
5	Single Horse/Pony	Celia Gilbert	18.00	21.50	39.50	2	4.00	-4	43.50	1	53.00	143.50	3	48.00	46.00	237.50	3	
6	Single Horse/Pony	Helen Bridges	21.50	20.00	41.50	3	10.00	10	51.50	3	41.00	136.50	1	33.00	43.00	212.50	1	
7	Single Horse/Pony	Sandra Pochin	21.50	21.50	43.00	4	8.00	-3	51.00	2	E	51.00	E	46.00	63.00	0.00	E	
8	Single Horse/Pony	Tracey Spencer	16.50	18.00	34.50	1	18.00	3	52.50	4	43.00	137.50	2	41.00	40.00	218.50	2	
				36.00	1	0.00	0	36.00	1	47.00	48.00	131.00	1	45.00	46.00	222.00	1	
9	Multiples	Donna Simmons	18.00	18.00	36.00	1	0.00	0	36.00	1	47.00	131.00	1	45.00	46.00	222.00	1	
10	Multiples	Dick Carey	23.00	20.00	43.00	3	20.00	10	63.00	2	57.00	173.00	2	58.00	56.00	287.00	2	
11	Multiples	Shella Petitpierre	21.00	18.50	39.50	2	28.00	23	67.50	3	68.00	233.50	3	69.00	87.00	389.50	3	
				34.50	2	4.00	-4	38.50	1	54.00	52.00	144.50	4	50.00	50.00	244.50	4	
13	Novice Pony	Sam de Montaignac	17.50	17.00	34.50	2	4.00	-4	38.50	1	54.00	144.50	4	50.00	50.00	244.50	4	
14	Novice Pony	Abi Fowden	16.00	18.00	34.00	1	12.00	7	46.00	4	43.00	135.00	2	41.00	46.00	222.00	2	
15	Novice Pony	Alison Barnes	16.00	19.00	35.00	3	8.00	8	43.00	2	41.00	131.00	1	42.00	51.00	224.00	3	
16	Novice Pony	Claire Cousins	16.00	19.00	35.00	3	8.00	8	43.00	2	47.00	135.00	2	41.00	45.00	221.00	1	
				40.50	1	21.00	11	61.50	1	64.00	59.00	184.50	1	55.00	53.00	292.50	1	
17	Beginners	Weandy Shorten	19.50	21.00	40.50	1	21.00	11	61.50	1	64.00	184.50	1	55.00	53.00	292.50	1	
18	Beginners	Stephanie Tyler	20.50	20.50	41.00	2	22.00	7	63.00	2	126.00	266.00	2	52.00	74.00	392.00	2	
19	Beginners	Sarah Otway	23.00	21.50	44.50	3	33.00	28	77.50	3	106.00	313.50	3	90.00	108.00	511.50	3	
				30.00	1	10.00	5	40.00	1	41.00	45.00	126.00	1	38.00	42.00	206.00	1	
20	Novice Horse/Innovation	Tina Ray	15.50	14.50	30.00	1	10.00	5	40.00	1	41.00	126.00	1	38.00	42.00	206.00	1	
21	Novice Horse/Innovation	Alison Burgess	17.00	20.00	37.00	3	16.00	11	53.00	2	131.00	315.00	3	123.00	73.00	511.00	3	
22	Novice Horse/Innovation	Pip Holgate	15.50	19.00	34.50	2	28.00	13	62.50	3	112.00	230.50	2	64.00	67.00	361.50	2	
				32.50	3	0.00	0	32.50	1	41.00	40.00	113.50	2	36.00	37.00	196.50	2	
22	Open Keysoe	Catherine Walton	17.00	15.50	32.50	3	0.00	0	32.50	1	41.00	113.50	2	36.00	37.00	196.50	2	
23	Open Keysoe	Frances Collings	17.00	15.00	32.00	2	12.00	-7	44.00	4	36.00	118.00	3	38.00	39.00	195.00	3	
24	Open Keysoe	Jeni Longley	W	I	T	H	D	R	A	W	N							
25	Open Keysoe	Tim Bailey	17.00	16.00	33.00	4	2.00	-2	35.00	2	42.00	121.00	4	38.00	44.00	203.00	4	
26	Open Keysoe	Tina Ray	13.00	16.50	29.50	1	9.00	-9	38.50	3	29.00	107.50	1	29.00	34.00	170.50	1	



Abi Fowden with new pony, Roly



Rosie Fieldwick driving Millie

## Pub Supper and Talk

Pru has arranged a supper at the Roebuck Inn, Laughton for Thursday 19th April. The Roebuck has an extensive menu, please see [www.theroebuckinn.pub](http://www.theroebuckinn.pub) to view the menu and book your meal with the pub, also do let Pru know you are attending the evening.

Karl Holliman BVM&S CERTEP MRCVS of Cliffe Equine is coming to deliver a talk which will be very interesting and no doubt amusing too.

Meal at 7pm, talk at 8pm. You are very welcome to bring along friends and family. If you do not want to eat, come along at 8pm for a drink and hear the talk - lets make a great evening of it!

## BACS Payments

Please could anyone making a BACS payment make sure to state what it is they are paying for. There is a little box that you can type which event or membership payment. Tom needs to know exactly what the money is for.  
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A contribution from Joe Simpson

## Satnav

A poem by Pam Ayres

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car

A Satnav is a driver's friend, it tells you where you are.

I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life

It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive

"It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".

It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake

And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green

It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear

And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device

For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught

So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed

It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!

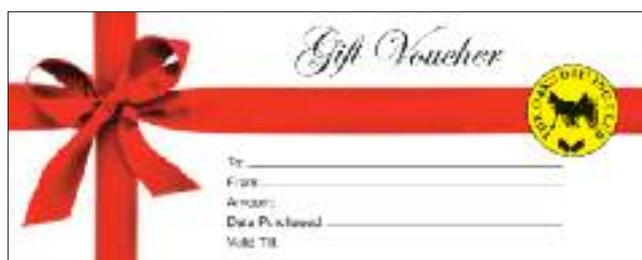
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,

I only wish that now and then, I could turn the b\*\*\*\*\*r off.

## Gift Vouchers

A chance conversation with Danielle Reekie the other day, when she asked why don't the Oaks do gift vouchers? what a good idea the committee said - thank you Danielle. Pru Wynne-Evans is working on producing a voucher, which can be for any amount and personalised for the lucky recipient. They will be a lovely gift for birthdays, Christmas, Mothers/Fathers day etc.

The vouchers may be exchanged for membership, competition entries or any merchandise we have for sale - see the list on the back page of this newsletter.



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## Sara Howe Clinic

Once again we were pleased to welcome Sara to Golden Cross for our second training day. Eight drivers of all abilities benefitted from a lesson. Sara has a wonderful way of explaining the finer points of dressage and considerable progress could easily be seen throughout the 45 minute sessions. Cones were available for those who wanted them and Sara made a complicated grid of 16 cones which could be driven in the manner of obstacles which was great fun.

Thanks you to Jan who supplied delicious refreshments all day and to Andy and Jessie for transporting equipment.

Such is the popularity of Sara we hope to be able to organise further days training with her.

Well done to all those who participated, and were ready to drive before their allotted time, it was a tight schedule to fit everyone in.

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## Calling all Cooks!

Willing volunteers please for cooking in The Oaks catering van. Only to do bacon/sausage butties etc. No cake making involved. Dates required for this years events are: 1st July (Hooe), 14th July (Berwick), 23rd September (Sayerlands). Contact: Jan Curd 01323 849615.

## Spread the Stupidity

*Only in This Stupid World do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.*

*Only in This Stupid World do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.*

*Only in This Stupid World do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.*

*Only in This Stupid World do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.*

*Only in This Stupid World do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.*

*Only in This Stupid World do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.*

### EVER WONDER...

*Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?*

*Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?*

*Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?*

*Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?*

*Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?*

*Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?*

*Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?*

*Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?*

*Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?*

*Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?*

*You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!*

*Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?*

*Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?*

*If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?*

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