



OAK LEAVES

Newsletter from the Oaks Driving Club

April 2019

View from the Top

The roller coaster of events are underway! We have just enjoyed an indoor competition which attracted 25 drivers, thank you to all who participated and helped make the day a success.

I hope you also enjoyed our AGM at Broakoak Village Hall, it seems a long time since our last one. Well done to all those who were awarded trophies. Lucky Pip Holgate won the Easter cake - enjoy!

We have some exciting news - in June we are going to have Evolution classes at Sayerlands and we have been awarded a National Qualifier from British Carriagedriving, this is a big coup for the club and we hope to show some good driving and competition. Details will be available on the schedule nearer the event date.

Unfortunately we have cancelled the race night due to lack of interest. It would appear that social events are not what our members want so we will stick to running driving orientated events instead ie competitions, training etc.

Please be aware that unless told otherwise by BC or the Animal Health Trust, all horse coming to events will need a current Equine Flu vaccination (within the last year). It is strongly reconvened that 6 months jabs are done. Passports will be inspected.

Finally I wish you all a Happy Easter, hope the weather is good for those driving in the Harness Horse Parade at Ardingly. I look forward to seeing you at the members drive on 4th May.

Liz Howe - CHAIRMAN



Donna Simmons and Worzel

Next Event: Members Pleasure Drive, Saturday 4th May

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

May

Saturday 4th Pleasure Drive, Nut Knowle
Farm, World's End, Chiddingly
Contact: Liz Howe

Saturday 18th Inside/Out, Burchetts Farm,
Whitesmith BN8 6HA
Contact: Christina Fowden

June

Sunday 16th Evolution competition.
National Qualifier.
Sayerland Lane BN26 6QX
Contact: Moira Evans

July

Sunday 14th Inside Out, Hooe TN33 9HR
Contact: Kevin Jeffrey

Saturday 20th Training Day, Berwick BN26 6SP
Members only
Contact: Liz Howe

Sunday 21st Open Mini ODE, Berwick BN26 6SP
Contact: Liz Howe

August

Sunday 18th Driving Show and In-Hand Show
Broad Farm BN27 4DU
Contact: Jan Curd, Liz Howe

September

Sunday 1st World Cup, Hale Farm BN8 6HQ
Contact: Pru Wynne-Evans

Sunday 22nd ODE Sayerland Lane BN26 6QX
Contact: Jan Curd

October

Saturday 12th Autumn Indoor Event, Golden Cross
Equestrian Centre BN27 3SS.
Contact: Moira Evans

ICD Championships, 5th - 7th April at Keysoe,
Bedfordshire.

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Quiz Night

After the snow and ice cleared we were hoping for a large turnout for the quiz night, usually the pub is packed full but sadly this year only two teams came along. It was very disappointing for Jan Curd and Pip Holgate who had spent considerable time and effort sourcing over 80 questions.

Sue Willis led her team of six, the 'Gladies' (last years victors) and the Scrambled Egg Heads fielded a team of five. The Egg Heads played their joker for double points in the first set of questions and set a good lead, however the Gladies fought back and slowly the lead diminished and the Gladies were pronounced the winners for a second year running.

The pub kindly donated a meal for two as a raffle prize which was won by a member of the Scrambled Egg Heads - well, we couldn't let the Gladies have it all their own way!

Many thanks to Martin Holgate for being quizmaster supremo - much jolly banter was exchanged throughout the evening and our laughter must have drowned out any conversation in the other bar. Thank you to Jan and Pip for compiling the questions and also to Terry Woods for helping check the answers - the checking team derived much amusement from some of our answers. Thank you too to the two teams who participated - no one was more happier than Pru Wynne-Evans to go home with a wooden spoon as the picture shows.



Sue Willis and her 'Gladies'



The Scrambled Egg Heads

	FOOD & DRINK	GEORGIES	GENERAL IGNORANCE	SCIENCE & NATURE	GEOGRAPHY	POLITICS	SPORT	ENTER THE HEAT							
GLADIES	5	10	15	6	21	7	28	18	46	8	54	7	61	9	70
SCRAMBLED EGG HEADS	14	9	23	7	30	5½	35½	5	40½	5	45½	7	52½	7	59½
															68½

Indoor Competition at Golden Cross Equestrian Centre

A good entry for our first competition of the year which was a pleasing start, despite blustery gales.

Susanne Willis judged precision and Jane Faberijde judges paces whilst Martin Holgate obliged in the commentary box.

Open Horse was won by Sarah Jane Williams driving the Holgate's Humphrey who has gained considerable experience indoors during the winter.

Open pony had 6 entries and saw Jeni Longley victorious with her new pony. Joanne McNicol resumed her partnership with Texas to finish 2nd. Joanne had the best P&P score of 26.75. Bella Freeman won the cones section with Buttons, clear and 1sec penalty.

In the Innovation class it was good to see Worzel whom we met at our show last year where he was gaining experience in-hand, now put to harness and driven by Donna Simmons, she had an excellent day educating Worzel. Helen Bridge was competing her Shetland, Billy for the second time to finish second to Isobelle Eyres who put up some excellent scores to win the class.

Beginners/Novice Pony saw a new member of the club, Susan Fragniere driving Sandra Pochin's Nutmeg and enjoying every minute by the smile on her face. Sam de Montaignac won the P&P and the cones driving Bertie Bassett with her mother, Anthea backstepping. However Abi Fowden-Heffer set sail on her diminutive Shetland, Roly and coasted home to win the class with some good obstacles,

Intermediate pony was won convincingly by Chris Jupp who had the benefit of competing indoors all winter.

The Keysoe class was hard fought by those who have qualified for the championships in April. Junior driver Tim Branford and his new pony whom he has owned for just one month started as he meant to go on by recording the best P&P of 23.25 and leading throughout the competition to win. Alison Reilly and Helen Jupp both drove double clears in the cones to much cheering.

Jason built some great obstacles with various routes and Robert Pawson (no indoor event would be complete without Robert) built and judged the cones course. We thank Dick Carey for the use of his indoor equipment.

Our thanks as always go to our judges, stewards and helpers. Tom Petitpierre did sterling work

producing quick scores and computer print outs for everyone to take home. Martin kept everyone up to date with events in the commentary box. Susanne Willis was enjoying every minute of the day until she tripped and face planted on the wet arena sand (take more water with it Susanne!)

Our grateful thanks go to Ian and Frances Collings who generously donated a rope to all the class winners. Highest placed Oaks members in each class went home with an Easter egg courtesy of the Chairman. Finally, thank you to all the competitors and their grooms who made the day a success.



Bella, Buttons and Angela



Susan Fragniere driving Nutmeg



Wendy Shorten and Twinkle

Oaks Spring Indoor Event

Class	Open Horse	Judges	Willis	Faberidgi	Total	Place	Cones	Over/Under	Total	Place	Obs 1	Obs 2	Total	Place	Date: 16th March 2019			
															Obs 3	Obs 4	Total	Place
1	Sarah Jane Williams		14.00	22.50	36.50	1	12.00	2	48.50	1	47.00	46.00	141.50	1	46.00	32.00	219.50	1
2	Christine Buckland		27.75	30.25	58.00	2	14.00	14	72.00	2	61.00	50.00	183.00	2	59.00	51.00	293.00	2
3	Dick Carey		12.50	21.50	34.00	3	10.00	0	44.00	6	54.00	35.00	133.00	4	53.00	35.00	221.00	4
4	Sandra Pochin		14.00	20.50	34.50	4	2.00	-2	36.50	2	57.00	43.00	136.50	5	55.00	44.00	235.50	5
5	Bella Freeman		13.25	26.00	39.25	5	1.00	1	40.25	5	58.00	45.00	143.25	6	56.00	37.00	236.25	6
6	Joanne McNicol		10.25	16.50	26.75	1	4.00	-4	30.75	1	46.00	32.00	108.75	1	47.00	31.00	186.75	2
8	Tim Bailey		15.75	21.00	36.75	5	3.00	-3	39.75	4	47.00	41.00	127.75	3	46.00	38.00	211.75	3
9	Jeni Longley		14.50	16.75	31.25	2	8.00	-3	39.25	3	43.00	29.00	111.25	2	41.00	27.00	179.25	1
	Innovation																	
10	Donna Simmons		14.25	25.50	39.75	3	8.00	-3	47.75	2	99.00	72.00	218.75	3	86.00	65.00	369.75	3
11	Helan Bridges		14.00	21.00	35.00	2	23.00	23	58.00	3	76.00	62.00	196.00	2	81.00	49.00	326.00	2
12	Isobelle Eyles		8.50	15.50	24.00	1	4.00	-4	28.00	1	47.00	29.00	104.00	1	45.00	27.00	176.00	1
	Beginners/Novice Pony																	
15	Samantha de Montaignac		11.00	16.75	27.75	1	9.00	9	36.75	1	66.00	42.00	144.75	3	59.00	36.00	239.75	3
16	Abi Fowden-Heffler		13.25	18.75	32.00	3	11.00	1	43.00	2	51.00	35.00	127.00	1	56.00	35.00	218.00	1
17	Wendy Shorten		13.75	15.50	29.25	2	16.00	6	45.25	3	58.00	42.00	145.25	4	57.00	39.00	241.25	4
18	Allison Bones		16.25	18.25	34.50	4	11.00	6	45.50	4	58.00	38.00	141.50	2	55.00	37.00	233.50	2
19	Susan Fragniere		16.75	26.25	43.00	5	28.00	8	71.00	5	93.00	58.00	222.00	5	151.00	52.00	425.00	5
	Intermediate Pony																	
21	Chris Jupp		10.50	19.00	29.50	1	0.00	1	29.50	1	52.00	34.00	115.50	1	53.00	35.00	203.50	1
22	Angela Lydall		12.50	20.50	33.00	2	18.00	8	51.00	2	71.00	40.00	162.00	2	60.00	47.00	269.00	2
	Keysoe Class																	
23	Rosie Fieldwick		12.75	17.25	30.00	7	3.00	-3	33.00	5	48.00	32.00	113.00	5	45.00	32.00	190.00	5
24	Allison Reilly		10.50	17.25	27.75	3	0.00	0	27.75	2	56.00	32.00	115.75	6	45.00	32.00	192.75	6
25	Helen Jupp		12.50	16.50	29.00	6	0.00	0	29.00	3	44.00	32.00	105.00	2	43.00	35.00	183.00	2
26	Tina Ray		9.50	15.25	24.75	2	8.00	-3	32.75	4	32.75	32.75	32.75	R			32.75	R
27	Molly Dowling		13.75	14.50	28.25	4	10.00	-5	38.25	7	40.00	32.00	110.25	3	42.00	34.00	186.25	4
28	Tim Branford		9.75	13.50	23.25	1	1.00	-1	24.25	1	42.00	38.00	104.25	1	40.00	33.00	177.25	1
29	Danielle Reekie		14.25	14.25	28.50	5	6.00	-1	34.50	6	47.00	29.00	110.50	4	46.00	28.00	184.50	3

Chairman's Choice - Donna Simmons Best Groom - Sandra Pochin Best Junior - Tim Branford

AGM - 24th March 2019

It seemed rather strange arriving for our AGM whilst it was still light outside, but one of the benefits of changing the date no doubt.

24 members plus the committee and our President, Dick Carey turned out for a very pleasant evening.

Chairman, Liz Howe reported that 2018 had been one of the busiest the club has ever known regarding the number of events we have run, 2019 looks to be even busier! She said the club horse trailer will soon be coming up for sale as the club now has a square equipment trailer. Tom Petitpierre is taking a backstep from finances, so Christina Fowden will now compile our income and expenditure figures this year with Tom sending them to Companies House at the end of the year.

The National Qualifier at Sayerlands was discussed as was the newsletter and how we publicise our events.

Liz finished by thanking everyone who has helped in whatever capacity over the last year and also thanked the committee for their hard work and cheerfulness.

Jan Curd gave a run down on past events and spoke of our show which will once again have in-hand and ridden classes as well as driving classes. This proved to be a good mix and we can build further this year. There will be clear round cones instead of a funday too. Catering prices will have to rise slightly due to increasing costs.

Pru Wynne-Evans reported on the club

membership and made a special plea for anyone paying by BACS to state what it is they are paying for, entries, membership etc. It is very confusing just being able to see an amount and a name. With so many events coming up we need to know what it is you are paying for!

Andrea Scott mentioned that she had to cancel the proposed driving holiday due to the campsite no longer being in business, she has plans to organise another one next year in Thetford, Norfolk. It is disappointing that such little interest has been shown in the race night. Members agreed that they would rather we organise driving events and training days rather than evening socials. The race night has now been cancelled.

Margaret Middleton made a wonderful simnel cake which was raffled and won by Pip Holgate.

It was then time to present the year achievement awards. Dick presented each recipient with their trophy and Liz presented Dick with the Frank Sillett award for the senior member who has given so much help during the past year - greeted with much cheering and clapping.

Margaret was presented with some flowers as a thank you for all her baking and many hours spent in the catering van.

With the business part of the meeting over, everyone enjoyed the supper prepared by the committee and Margaret. Special mention must go to Ron who kindly did the washing up.



Sarah Otway



Joanne McNicol

A.G.M. 2018 Awards



Alison Bones

Onslow Award (Best marathon score in club ODE)
- Rosie Fieldwick.

Novice Trophy (Club ODE Whip with lowest dressage score) - Alison Bones.

Open Cup, - Club ODE, whip driving horse or pony in Open Classes with lowest overall score - Rosie Fieldwick.

Topper Memorial Trophy - Best junior whip - Rosie Fieldwick.

Committee of '95 Award - Person committee feel has aided/helped club in the last year - Jason Fieldwick.

Beginners Award - Highest achievement for new/novice whip - Sarah Otway.

The Kelly Shield for Shetland pony with best total at ODEs - Milly, Rosie Fieldwick.

Frank Sillet Award - "Senior" who has, over the past year, given most within the club - Dick Carey.

Service Award - Person considered by Committee to have given most service to the club - book voucher kindly donated by Tom and Sheila Petitpierre - Robert Pawson.

Alf Bousell Hansom - Young whip - Rosie Fieldwick.

Groom's Martingale - Debbie Fieldwick.

Acorn Shield - Best small pony under 12hh - Speckles, Alison Bones.

Chairman's Salver - Joanne McNicol.

'A' for Effort Awarded by the Holgates in memory of Arthur - Andrea Scott.

The Cameo Memorial Cup - Awarded by Hilary Hill in memory of Cameo and chosen by her - Texas.

The Sharon Roughton Multiple Trophy - Achievement with multiple - Donna Simmons.



Andrea Scott and Pip Holgate



Debbie Fieldwick



Donna Simmons



Liz Howe presents Dick Carey with the Frank Sillett award



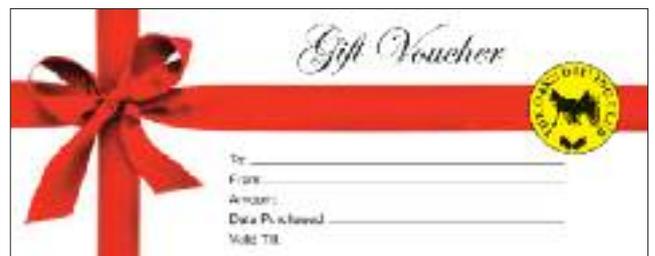
Rosie Fieldwick



Jason Fieldwick

Oaks Gift Vouchers

Oaks gift 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. They also make a lovely gift for birthdays, Christmas, Mothers/Fathers day etc.





Cookery Corner - Carrot Cake

Ingredients:

20g Sifted cocoa powder
6 Tablespoons boiling water
3 Large eggs
50ml Milk
175g Self-raising flour
1 Rounded teaspoon baking powder
100g Softened butter
275g Caster sugar

For the icing and filling:

3 Tablespoons apricot jam
150g Plain chocolate
150ml Double cream

1. Preheat oven to Gas mark 4 / 180°C / 160° Fan. Grease two 20cm deep sandwich tins then line the base of each with baking parchment.

2. Blend the cocoa and boiling water in a large bowl and add the remaining cake ingredients and beat until the mixture has become a smooth, thickish batter. Divide the cake mix equally between the prepared tins and level the surface.

3. Bake in the pre-heated oven for about 25 - 30 minutes or until well risen and the tops of the cakes spring back when lightly pressed with a finger. Leave to cool in the tins for a few minutes then turn out, peel off the parchment and finish cooling on a wire rack.

4. To make the icing, warm the apricot jam in a very small pan, then spread a little over the base of one cake and the top of the other. Break the chocolate into pieces and gently heat with the cream in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water for about 10 minutes or just until the chocolate has melted, stirring occasionally.

5. Remove the bowl from the heat and stir the chocolate mixture to make sure it has completely melted. Leave to cool until it is on the point of setting then spread on top of the apricot on both cakes. Sandwich the cakes together and use a small palette knife to smooth the icing on the top. Keep in a cool place until ready to serve.

Good Luck

Congratulations to the following Oaks members who have qualified for the Indoor Driving Championships at Keysoe 5th - 7th April:

Danielle Reekie

Tina Ray

Frances Collings

Alison Reilly

Rosie Fieldwick

Celia Tester

Liz Howe



Pleasure Drive

Saturday 4th May at Nut Knowle Farm, World's End, Chiddingly. By kind permission of Shelagh Huntbach. Members only. An off road drive along mown tracks around a pretty farm. The owner has requested that pictures of the farm are not posted on social media. Please be ready to start the drive between 10am and 11am (so people are not trying to go home as others are arriving along the narrow lane). Refreshments will be available.

Directions from the A22 - turn up Nash Street and carry on approximately 2 miles. Turn right at the signpost saying 'Coggers Cross 1¼ miles'. World's End is along this road on the right. The lane to the farm is quite long and narrow.

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