



OAK LEAVES

Newsletter from the Oaks Driving Club

June 2018

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I hope it's not too late to congratulate Oaks members on their great performances at the Indoor Championships at Keysoe; Tina Ray 3rd open pony, Frances collings 3rd veteran, Jason Fieldwick 5th novice pony, Danielle Reekie 6th novice pony, Alison Reilly 3rd novice horse, Rosie Fieldwick 5th novice junior, Sally Bullar 8th intermediate pony and also Andrea Scott and Jeni Longley who also competed.

This month it was time to renew our friendships with Heron's Ghyll RDA Group for our Inside / Out competition at Burchetts Farm. This is always a happy event and this years it was even more so as we helped Hilary celebrate her birthday. Thank you to the RDA for letting us use your equipment, judging from the smiling faces, I think the RDA enjoyed themselves as much as we did.



Sally Bullar at Burchetts Farm

I am looking forward to welcoming you to Church Farm, Berwick in June where Tina Ray is running an evening clinic. Do try and attend, Tina is always a driver to watch at competitions so I am sure everyone will learn something and how to improve their own obstacle driving.

I hope you all enjoy the summer and the events we have planned. Remember - grass can be as slippery in summer as in winter, so use studs in your horses shoes if you can.

Liz Howe - CHAIRMAN

NEXT EVENTS:
FREE TRAINING EVENING THURSDAY 14TH JUNE. BERWICK
Followed by ATTELAGE STYLE COMPETITION
SUNDAY 17TH JUNE. HOOE

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

June

Thursday 14th On Foot Obstacle Training
Evening with Tina Ray,
Berwick BN26 6SP at 7pm
Contact: Liz Howe

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

Other Events

7th - 9th June South of England Show

21st - 24th June Derby

6th - 8th July Kent County Show

25th - 29th July Royal International Horse Show

26 - 27th August Edenbridge and Oxted Show

8th September Romsey Show

Indoor Carriage Driving

Sussex at Golden Cross Equestrian Centre - 27th
October, 17th November, 8th December, 5th
January 2019, 9th February, 2nd March.

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www.oaksdrivingclub.com

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the views of the Editor of the Oaks Committee.

Inside / Out at Burchetts Farm

What a beautiful day we had for our inside-out at Burchetts Farm on 19th May by kind permission of Mr Gunner. Burchetts is used by the Herons Ghyll RDA group and we were so pleased to be able to use their equipment, which was a massive help to the organisers. Thank you, Hilary Hill and team. The ground had been mown and there was plenty of space to park and warm up, so just about perfect really.

Despite competing with the Royal Wedding and the FA Cup Final, we had 20 entries with just one withdrawal.

Thanks must go to the judges, stewards, scorer and helpers who did such a magnificent job, making it a happy and successful occasion.

The cones course was nice and flowing and there were two double clears - Jason Fieldwick with Magic and Jason's daughter, Rosie with Milly, closely followed by Joanne McNicol driving Texas.

Obstacles 1 and 3, the barrels, drove very well with Rosie Fieldwick and Milly driving them the fastest, followed by Sarah Baverstock driving Kelly.

Obstacles 2 and 4, the gates, also drove well with Jeni Longley driving Rosie doing the fastest time through them.

Results are set out in this newsletter and in addition the Chairman's Choice rosette went to Jacky Fuller for her excellent driving of Buttons. Sally Bullar was presented with a Special rosette for her sympathetic driving of her pair. Best Groom was Bella Freeman who completed numerous rounds with various people driving Buttons. Rosie Fieldwick was best junior and Jason Fieldwick was awarded the Yanto trophy presented by Helen Bridges for Magic, achieving the best score by a Welsh pony.

It was especially good that everyone could wish Hilary Hill a very happy birthday and Margaret Middleton made a scrumptious cake for the occasion - enjoyed by many of us!

Lastly, I had great fun backstepping for Jeni Longley in the dressage and cones. Rosie the pony is a good deal quicker than my Rebel and it was nice to have the sensation of speed for once!

Moira Evans



Abi Fowden



Angela Lydall



Chris Collin



Dick Carey



Helen Bridges



Jacky Fuller



Jason Fieldwick



Jeni Longley

OAKS DRIVING CLUB - INSIDE / OUT, BURCHETTS FARM 19th May 2018

	<i>Penalty</i>	Precision	Paces	Cones	Obstacle 1	Obstacle 2	Obstacle 3	Obstacle 4	Total	Place
OPEN PONY										
1	Jeni Longley	14.75	14.25	67	34	34	40	34	220-	2
2	Jason Fieldwick	13	14.25	0	36	41	39	43	186.25	11
	Penalty <i>W/D</i>									
19	Sarah Baverslock	14.25	13.75	50	34	39	34	39	226-	8
NOVICE										
5	Wendy Shorten	22	21.75	58	42	46	40	41	270.75	4
6	Abi Fowden	12	15.25	57	47	50	43	47	271.25	3
7	Margaret Harrington	RETRO		67	58	57	45	42		
20	Clare Gossens	13.50	19.25	57	44	49	40	48	266.75	6
INTERMEDIATE										
9	Tracy Spencer	13.25	16.25	61	40	43	42	42	256.50	5
10	Angela Lydall	<i>+10</i>	17.25	19.25	78	66	59	64	371.50	3
11	Jeanne McNicol		11.25	13.25	64	35	37	36	212.50	7
SMALL PONY										
13	Helen Bridges	11.75	18	62	53	58	63	57	322.75	2
14	Rose Fieldwick	12.00	13.50	0	33	36	30	35	159.50	1
15	Sheila Peltierre	15.75	18.75	160	52	41	48	52	387.50	3
MULTIPLES										
16	Dick Carey	16.50	21.75	77	52	62	44	57	330.25	5
17	Sally Buller	15.25	13.25	67	56	59	60	63	329.50	1
BEGINNERS / RDA										
4	Chris Collin	16	22.75	64	61	70	60	59	352.75	2
18	Jacky Fuller	13.25	20.75	58	48	66	61	62	348-	1
8	Vivienne Carr - Cones & Obstacles			67	54	62	58	46		
12	Shelley Redshaw - Cones			77						



Joanne McNicol



Rosie Fieldwick



Sally Bullar



Sheila Petitpierre



Tracey Spencer



Wendy Shorten



Claire Cousins



Sarah Baverstock

Jason gets certified

With the members best interest at heart and to keep up to date with new rules, obstacle design and course building, Jason Fieldwick recently attended a course designers day run by British Carriagedriving at Reading. Jason reported that the course was quite intensive and he learnt a lot and had an interesting day. Andy Hunnisett is naturally our number one course builder and Jason is learning the ropes to be able to step in on occasion.



Jason proudly displays his course builders certificate

Oaks Show(s)

In August alongside our usual driving show and Funday we are running an in-hand and ridden show too.

We hope to attract more competitors plus give our members a wider selection of horse based activities.

Jan is undertaking the onerous task of taking entries for all three events, she will be helped by Pip Holgate on the day.

As the fields we use at Broad Farm are large, there will be a driving warm area and a ridden warm up area quite separate from each other.

We hope you will enjoy the selection of classes and enter and have a thoroughly enjoyable day. Do encourage non-driving friends to bring their horses and ponies along - there is something for everyone!

Data Protection

In order to run the Oaks Driving Club, the committee need to obtain and process information from members. This information includes any offline or online data that makes a person identifiable such as names, addresses, photographs etc.

The Oaks Driving Club collects this information in a transparent way and only with the full cooperation and knowledge of members. Once this information is available to us, the following rules apply.

Our data will be:

- Accurate and kept up-to-date
- Collected fairly and for lawful purposes only
- Protected against any unauthorized or illegal access by internal or external parties

To exercise data protection we're committed to:

- Restrict access to sensitive data
- Develop transparent data collection procedures
- Build secure networks to protect online data from cyber attacks

Our data will not be:

- Communicated informally
- Stored for more than a specified amount of time
- Transferred to organisations that do not have adequate data protection policies

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.

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: 14th July (Berwick), 23rd September (Sayerlands). Contact: Jan Curd 01323 849615.

Happy Birthday Hilary

Hilary Hill started her 70th birthday weekend early at our Inside / Out at Burchetts Farm. A long serving member, committee member, Chairman and now Vice-President, Hilary has devoted many hours to the Oaks club. Margaret Middleton very kindly made one of her beautifully decorated cakes to honour the occasion.

Everyone at the event joined in to sing happy birthday Hilary! Thank you for all you do for the club Hilary, we all wish you the very best.



Pub Supper and Talk

In April we were very well entertained by vet, Karl Holliman's talk at the Roebuck Inn, Laughton. Entitled 'When to call the Vet' he had us enthralled as he described in photographic detail some of the horrendous injuries horses can acquire. Luckily we had all eaten our supper beforehand! Questions and answers came after the talk which the twenty members and their friends in attendance appreciated. Thank you to Pru Wynne-Evans for organising and to all who came along. Liz Howe presented Karl with an Oaks glass and a bottle of whiskey as a thank you at the end of the evening.

Free Obstacle Training Evening

Have you ever wished you could drive obstacles as cleanly and smoothly as Tina Ray? Well here is your chance to learn how. Tina is running a free on-foot training evening for Oaks members and their grooms (grooms do not have to be a members of the Oaks club).

Topics to be covered: How to plan your route through an obstacle. What should your groom be doing (position, instructions to driver). When and why to put your groom down. How to drive an obstacle smoothly. What you can and cannot do in an obstacle to avoid elimination. Rules of competition.

Venue: Church Farm, Berwick BN26 6SP

Directions: Turn off the A27 towards (old) Berwick Village/ Pass the Cricketers Arms on your right and follow the tarmac road towards the hill. When you reach the tiny grassy roundabout in front of the Old Schoolhouse, bear right (you will see farm building on your right and ahead. Follow the road until it bears left, after about 20 yards turn right up a steep ramp into the large farmyard. Please park here. The clinic will be held in the small paddock in front of the stables.

Time: 7pm.

Cost: Free to Oaks members and their grooms. £3.00 each to non members and their grooms.

There will be hot / cold drinks and cake available.

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. Account No: 31440500 Sort Code: 40-23-01

Firle Place

There will be a display of carriage driving at Firle Place Horse Trials and Country Fair on 19th August. If anyone would like to take part, please phone Pearl Hudson on 01323 509986 for more information. Your horse will need to be used to driving in mixed company. A cones event will also take place. This promises to be a wonderful showcase of carriage driving for the audience.

Copy for the August newsletter should be sent to Liz Howe by 25th July 2018
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Porcelain Mugs £5.00 each or 6 for £25

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