



# OAK LEAVES

Newsletter from the Oaks Driving Club

June 2019

## View from the Top

It was most unfortunate that we were not able to have a drive at World's End. I was very disappointed that the owner said there would be too many of us despite my explaining last year when we met that we attract 14 - 18 turnouts each drive. We will look to having a drive later on, maybe we can go to Kitchenham again?

We have sold the club Ifor Williams horse trailer for £1,650.00 which was a good price considering that it needed four new tyres. The new equipment trailer is now fitted out and ready to use. Kevin has done some good work on the catering van skylights and Margaret, Ron and Jan have given it a thorough clean so everything is ready for the summer events.



*Sam de Montaignac driving Bertie Bassett*

The inside out at Burchetts Farm was a great success, it's always fun to join up with our friends from Heron's Ghyll RDA, each year they have more representatives driving, most of them driving Oaks members ponies which is lovely to see.

Do get your entries in for the Evolution competition at Sayerland Lane in June. We will be having a Ploughman's Lunch and afterwards there will be cones practice - come and drive as much as you like.

*Liz Howe - CHAIRMAN*

**Next Event: Evolution Competition, Sunday 16th June**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

### 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

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### Cliffe Equine Vets - Talks 2019

*All Oaks members are welcome  
to attend the talks.*

**Caring for Old Friends**, Thursday 26th September  
at Battle Memorial Hall TN33 0AQ. 7.30pm.

**Inside Nature's Giants**, Thursday 14th November,  
Cliffe Equine Clinic BN8 6AJ. 7pm. £5 including  
supper.

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the views of the Editor of the Oaks Committee.

## Inside / Out, Burchetts Farm

Ful marks to Christina Fowden for organising a lovely day at Burchetts Farm. Incorporating Heron's Ghyll RDA group, we ran classes for all abilities.

With perfect weather and Jason's testing cones and obstacles, I think it's fair to say everyone had fun.

Pip Holgate's Humphrey gets better and better, ably driven by Sarah Jane Williams, they won The Int. Pony/ Open Horse class with Moira Evans and the multi-talented Rebel in 2nd.

Novice Pony class was won by Sam de Montaignac driving her mother Anthea's Bertie Bassett. Sam started the day off rather too quickly, such was her enthusiasm to get going, she failed to clip the winch onto her carriage and it flew out the back of their lorry at great speed! Alison Bones and Speckles came 2nd. Speckles also won the 'Yanto' trophy for best Welsh pony, kindly donated by Helen Bridges in memory of her Yanto.

The RDA class had great support with Mitz driving Sandra Pochin' Nutmeg being triumphant.

Open pony was won by Jeni Longley with Rosie Fieldwick in hot pursuit for 2nd. Jeni drove the only double clear cones of the day.

Special awards:

Best dressage - Tina Ray

Best RDA dressage - Vianne Carr

Best cones - Jeni Longley

Best RDA cones - Lorraine Mercer

Chairman's Choice - Jackie Fuller

Best Groom - Liz Major

Junior rosette - Rosie Fieldwick

Thank you to the RDA for allowing us to use their equipment. Thank you too to all the judges, stewards and helpers, in particular Gordon MacKenzie who spent the day adding up scores. Much appreciation to the catering team who always come up trumps and keep us all fed and watered - and those oh so delicious cakes!



*Happy times with the RDA*



*Helen Bridges driving Billy*

Finally thank you to Christina for running the event and to Peter Gunner for allowing us onto his farm. We will make a donation to Peter's favourite charity to show our appreciation.



*Tracey Spencer*



*Dick Carey driving Penny with Molly Dowling on the backstep*



*Mitzi Baldock driving Sandra Pochin's Nutmeg through the obstacles, aided by Susanne Willis*

# THE OAKS DRIVING CLUB

VENUE: OAKS INSIDE OUT AT BURCHETT'S FARM

DATE: 18th MAY 2019

No.	Name	Precision	Penalty	TOTAL	Cones	TOTAL	Place	Obs 1	Obs 3	Pens	TOTAL	Place	Obs 2	Obs 4	Pens	TOTAL	Place	
	INTER PONY/OPEN HORSE																	
2	Maura Evans	18.50	17.00	35.50	32.00	67.50		70.00	67.00		204.50		52.00	60.00		316.50		2
3	Sarah-Jane Williams	14.00	13.50	27.50	25.00	52.50		40.00	48.00		140.50		39.00	46.00		225.50		1
	RDA GROUP																	
4	Mitz Baldoock	22.00	16.75	38.75	49.00	87.75		43.00	70.00		200.75		51.00	64.00		315.75		1
5	Brenca Longley	17.00	18.50	35.50	60.00	95.50		80.00	65.00		240.50		60.00	135.00		435.50		7
6	Vianne Carr	14.50	15.75	30.25	39.00	69.25		78.00	83.00	20.00	250.25		55.00	90.00	20.00	415.25		6
19	Lorraine Mercer	14.50	19.00	33.50	33.00	66.50		64.00	69.00		199.50		59.00	69.00		327.50		3
20	Chris Collin	14.00	16.50	30.50	38.00	68.50		59.00	66.00		193.50		49.00	81.00		323.50		2
21	Greg Cooper	16.50	20.00	36.50	76.00	112.50		65.00	80.00		257.50		61.00	88.00		406.50		5
22	Jacky Fuller	15.50	17.00	32.50	54.00	86.50		58.00	69.00		213.50		63.00	71.00		347.50		4
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	NOVICE PONY																		
10	Allison Barnes	15.00	13.00		28.00	28.00	56.00		49.00	56.00		163.00		46.00	57.00		266.00		2
11	Sam De Montaignac	11.00	12.00		23.00	19.00	42.00		46.00	51.00		139.00		43.00	49.00		231.00		1
	OPEN PONY																		
12	Heien Bridges	14.50	14.00		28.50	57.00	85.50		70.00	71.00		226.50		55.00	61.00		342.50		6
14	Dick Carey	13.00	14.00		27.00	14.00	41.00		46.00	46.00		133.00		36.00	43.00		212.00		3
15	Allison Reilly	15.50	10.25		25.75	17.00	42.75		41.00	45.00		128.75		42.00	49.00		219.75		4
16	Jeni Longley	13.00	13.00		26.00	0.00	26.00		38.00	51.00		115.00		38.00	43.00		196.00		1
17	Tina Ray	11.50	9.50		21.00	2.00	23.00		WITHDRAWN								0.00		
18	Rosie Fieldwick	16.50	9.25		25.75	9.00	34.75		36.00	45.00		115.75		36.00	48.00		199.75		2
1	Tracey Spencer	14.50	12.50		27.00	18.00	45.00		41.00	67.00	20.00	173.00		41.00	48.00		262.00		5



*Alison Reilly driving Crumble with Hughie Reilly on the backstep*



*Lorraine Mercer driving Buttons through the obstacles, aided by Bella Freeman*



## Cookery Corner - Coconut Sunshine Cake

### Ingredients:

200g Butter  
225g Caster sugar  
4 Large eggs  
225g Self-raising flour  
150ml Coconut cream  
1tsp Baking powder  
Pinch of salt  
75g Desiccated coconut  
1-2 Ripe, wrinkled passion fruit, to decorate

### Orange Buttercream:

300g Butter, softened  
450g Icing sugar  
2tbsp Orange curd

1. Preheat oven to Gas mark 4 / 180°C / 160° Fan. Grease and line a 20cm round, springform cake tin.

2. Beat the butter and sugar using a wooden spoon or electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, adding a tablespoon of the flour with the final egg to help prevent curdling. Whisk the coconut cream, then fold in the remaining flour, baking powder, salt and desiccated coconut.

3. Pour the mixture into the tin and spread out evenly. Bake the cake for 40-50 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tin for a few minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

4. Meanwhile, make the buttercream. Beat the butter with an electric mixer until light and fluffy, then, gradually sift in the icing sugar and beat it in. Beat in the orange curd, then taste and add a little more if needed, but don't allow it to become too soft; the buttercream should be stiff enough to hold its shape.

5. To assemble the cake, cut it in half horizontally and fill the middle with a layer of buttercream, then spread a smooth layer over the top of the cake. Fill a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle with the remaining buttercream and pipe rosettes around the top of the cake to form a crown.

6. Cut the passion fruit in half and scoop out the flesh with a spoon, placing it on top of the cake. Gently spread with the back of the spoon. Refrigerate the cake for 30-60 minutes before serving to stop the icing from slipping.

## 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.



## The computer

The computer swallowed grandpa.  
Yes. Honestly, it's true,  
He pressed 'control' and enter  
And disappeared from view.

It's devoured him completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
Maybe he's caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind,  
I've even used the internet  
But nothing I could find.

I asked Yahoo in desperation  
My searches to refine,  
The reply from him was negative  
Not a thing was found on line.

So if someday in your inbox  
My grandpa you should see,  
Please 'Scan', 'Copy', and 'Paste' him  
In an email back to me.

## 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

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around.

If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him. She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son."

He answered, "That's okay."

"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Good bye, Mum' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."

She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mum."

The little old lady waved and smiled back at him. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to £121.85," said the clerk.

"How come so much? I only bought 5 items." The checkout girl replied .....

"Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

## Fire Extinguishers

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

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter  
"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. ! Killing any?" She asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, 3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone.....

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Polo Shirt

Body Warmer

Showerproof Jackets

Car Sticker - 50p

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Porcelain Mugs £5.00 each or 6 for £25

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