

# Welcome

You've paid your subs, you've got your membership card; so what next?

If you are a driving member you will be most welcome to attend any of our events, particularly if you offer to help! All events organised by the Club need helpers and we can find you a job no matter what your level of expertise - anyone can use a stopwatch! Just let the event organiser know if you think you may be able to help. If you only want to come along and watch, you will be just as welcome.

We also look forward to meeting you if you are a driving member. You will be welcome at any of our events, probationary driving members will have a kindly eye kept on them to make sure they are OK (please ask if you feel you need help at any time, we're a friendly lot).

## Some of the events we run:

Pleasure drives, Quiz, Club Party / Barn Dance / Supper with Talk, Spring Indoor Competition, One Day Event, Inside/Out, World Cup, Training Day, Mini One Day Event, Show, Autumn Indoor Competition, AGM and Awards Night.

## Some Do's and Don'ts of Driving

### Always...

Have someone standing at the pony's head while putting to and taking out. This person should be facing the pony, with each hand on the reins just behind the bit.

Carry a whip at all times; in order to avert an emergency it may be needed very quickly.

Follow the correct procedure for putting to and taking out.

Make sure your vehicle and harness is sound and in good working order.

Hold the reins whilst you are in the vehicle.

### Never...

Let your attention wander.

Leave your pony in its carriage unattended.

Let anyone get into the vehicle unless you are sitting in the vehicle holding the reins.

NEVER, EVER take the bridle off before taking the pony out of the vehicle. This is very dangerous.



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to the  
**OAKS**  
**DRIVING CLUB**

[www.oaksdrivingclub.com](http://www.oaksdrivingclub.com)

So who are we and what do we do? It's obviously impossible to introduce you to every member but here follows a short résumé of the Committee members.

**Liz Howe - Chairman, Publicity Officer and Newsletter Editor**

Liz has a lifetime's riding experience; showing, hunting and racing. Since taking up driving several years ago Liz currently competes ICD and club driving trials with her coloured pony, Jester. Liz has also competed in private driving and the London Harness Horse Parade, she is keen to encourage new members to the club.



**Moira Evans - Vice-Chairman and Training Co-ordinator**

Moira has ridden all her life and still rides every day. She took up driving when she bought Rebel and he became old enough to break to harness several years ago. Lots of lessons later, she is still learning but thoroughly enjoying the driving world, which she has found to be extremely friendly and generous with advice and help. Rebel and Moira take part in social drives, club one day events, Le Trecs and the London Harness Horse Parade on Easter Monday.



**Jan Curd - Club and Show Secretary**

Jan has driven in the past but now enthusiastically gives of her time to running and helping at events and organising the club show, she is a great asset to the club.



**Jessie Hunnisett - Committee Secretary**

A non-driver, Jessie is a hardworking Committee member always ready to help out and is also a valued member of the Oaks catering corps.



**Andy Hunnisett - Course Builder**

One of our most valued committee members, a qualified course builder and health and safety officer. Andy is always willing to help whatever the job.



**Andrea Scott - Social Secretary**

Andrea has been driving for a number of years and enjoys competing with her pony Texas. A past Chairman for Kipling County RDA, she still volunteers as a Companion Whip. Andrea is very good at organising social events.



**Tina Ray - Social Secretary**

Has been driving for 17 years with Dick Carey. In that time she has driven single, pair, tandem and team. In 2012 and 2013 Tina national indoor pony tandem champion. Currently driving open single pony. With her experience and high competition buzz Tina can help fellow members reach their goals and keep them on the right track.



**Jason Fieldwick - Young Driver Liaison**

I started driving aged 10 and enjoyed a successful showing and competition career at club level and competed at the Stanmer Park National 3 Day Event aged 13,14 and 15. Since leaving school at 16 it quickly became difficult to find time to keep driving. 2017 has been a busy year supporting my daughter, Rosie in her new driving career at 16 years old and hopefully I can help encourage more juniors to take up the reins.



**Pru Wynne-Evans - Membership Secretary**

Having worked in thoroughbred breeding for many years abroad, Pru returned to England and rode with The Mid Surrey Farmers Drag hounds for some 25 years. The body eventually rebelled, she didn't bounce so well and the ground seemed harder. Luckily Pru tried driving and the rest is history. Pru has a lot to learn and is enjoying every minute of it.



**Dick Carey - Club President**

Although not strictly a Committee member, no run down of the Club's officers would be complete without a mention of our President. An accomplished pony team, tandem and randem driver, he is the inspiration behind the Indoor Driving Trials.



**Well, that's the Committee; an interesting combination of drivers and non-drivers whose aim is to provide the members of the Oaks Driving Club with the right mix of training, pleasure driving and competitive events in an enjoyable, safe and fun way. We all hope to meet you very soon.**

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