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Horses waiting to be unloaded before a horse show held on the shores of the Caspian Sea at Rasht, in August 2014. (Photo by Colin Barker)

Out and About with Your Caspian this Summer?

The CHS stand and live Caspians will be at well-attended shows this summer – please join us in supporting your favourite breed. So far, two shows are confirmed.

July 12th: ASHBY SHOW, Leics. Caspian classes. Be sure to enter yours!

August 1st: EMLEY SHOW, W. Yorkshire, World Breed and other suitable classes. Live Caspians will be exhibited.

Sadly, no **Suffolk Show** stand this year, but we hope to be there again soon.

Attracting Attention to Caspians

Caspians and part-breds need to be seen to raise their profile and create interest.

They're capable of more than grazing or standing in a stable! Think how to publicise your Caspian - showing, driving, jumping, dressage, racing, children's polo, Pony Club, and loads more...

CASPIAN CLASSES AT ASHBY will be listed in the Spring/Summer 'The Caspian'. For all sorts of reasons, it's *vitaly important* to enter your Caspians and part-breds! Make your plans now! Tell us where you're going so we can send the event a special **Highest Placed Caspian Rosette**.

DON'T FORGET your Performance Card! Apply early to helenthirby@gmail.com

CHS Website Statistics Leap

More people than ever before are visiting the CHS website. This includes new and repeat visits. Grateful thanks are due to Farokh Khorrooshi for his considerable input. www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk

4th International Conference to be held in Iran!

On the 50th Anniversary of the re-discovery of Caspian Horses by Louise Firouz, it is fitting that the 4th International Conference on Caspians will be held by the Caspian Sea at Rasht. From 7th to 9th September 2015, the Conference will include a Breed Show and a number of activities and exhibitions. Iranian breeders now have many fine Caspians and suitable stock will be assessed in the autumn.

Interesting excursions are planned for after the Conference. Ateshe Firouz-Larsson, CHS Patron, is co-ordinating plans with the Iranian Equestrian Federation and the ICS. More information to come in the next 'The Caspian' magazine. NB: Visas will be required. See www.caspianhorses.org

50th Anniversary Calendar

Farokh and Colin report that photography for the Calendar is in the final stages.

Catch Farokh's fascinating diaries, regularly downloaded onto the CHS website! There's a lot more to come, so keep checking...

Annual General Meeting, 2015

Please note, our AGM will be held in Leicestershire, at the kind invitation of Mr John Oakland, of Woodhouse Eaves, near Loughborough and the M1, on SUNDAY, MAY 17th. Members will be able to stroll round his five acre gardens, which are open to the public during the rhododendron and azalea season. **Note the earlier date!**

Subscription Time is Coming Up!

April 1st is the day we hope to receive your Annual Subscription! To enable us to promote and preserve the Caspian, we are hugely grateful to our members. Can we count on you again?

Standing Orders are cheaper and help everyone - if you haven't changed yet, how about now? If you pay tax, Gift Aid can raise funds for CHS. Ask our Treasurer, john.sansome@btoopenworld.com for details.

Fund-Raising - As Important as Ever

CHS always needs income to balance its expenditure on behalf of Caspian Horses.

If you haven't yet tried raising money for CHS, ask pat.bowles@btinternet.com for tips. Pat has been the CHS' most prolific fund-raiser and will be glad to give you some ideas now she has retired!

Registration Matters!

The CHS has been audited by DEFRA and will continue as an approved PIO. Please note - DNA parent verification is now required for registration of purebred Caspians and correct paperwork is vital to future sales and welfare.

Information can be obtained from chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com Legal requirements for Equine Passport Holders can be found on our website, www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk

The Welfare of Caspians

Unluckily for several non-CHS Caspians, the past year has been notable for welfare issues, as the country struggles with an overload of horses it cannot afford to keep. CHS members have come up trumps and provided safe and loving homes for several Caspians. To donate or find out more about the CHS Welfare Fund, please contact Ruth Staines, at chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

New ICSB website

ICS Chairman Brenda Dalton has announced a lovely new version of the ICS website. The database is also more user-friendly, to help national society registrars to input registration data. Visit www.caspianhorses.org to see it.

CHS Council Meetings in 2015

Spring – March 22nd

Summer – July 5th

Autumn – October 25th (tbc)

Please contact any Council member up to three days beforehand with any questions you would like to ask.

COPY DEADLINES FOR 'THE CASPIAN' are 1st April & 1st October

We welcome your contributions! Please send a maximum of 450 words (photographs as jpegs) in good time, to joint-editors v.shortis@sizzel.net and lizwebster08@gmail.com

The editors reserve the right to shorten or edit copy to fit space and context.

New-Look Newsletter

Our logo has changed, and so has our newsletter. We hope you like our new look! If you hear about it, but don't receive a newsletter, please check with vshortis@sizzel.net that we have your correct email address.

Remember, as a member of CHS, your subscriptions help to support a rare and beautiful horse!

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