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Penny and Justin Shine at Ashby's First Caspian Classes!



Ateshe is New Patron of the CHS

Ateshe Firouz-Larssen (shown on right), who judged the Caspian classes by special invitation at Ashby, has kindly agreed to be our new Patron! Ateshe is keen to do all she can to help promote the Caspian.

AGM - Our Day at a Film Studio

Seventeen members and five guests spent a most interesting and enjoyable day at Farokh Khoroooshi's film studio at Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, on Wed. 28th August - the first time the AGM has been held on a weekday.

After AGM formalities were over, we all tucked into a Lunch provided by Council members and eaten outside in the sunshine. After lunch Farokh talked about filming with a variety of animals. A montage of photographs taken at Ashby Show played continually.

Our New Chairman

Ruth Staines has been elected as the new CHS Chairman following the retirement of Elizabeth Webster after 5 years in the post. Ruth will combine her new position with her duties as Registrar for the time being.

Council Members Confirmed

Following a vote by members, Helen Thirlby, Penny Walster and Vicki Shortis were returned and Farokh Khoroooshi was welcomed to Council.

Caspians to Help Father Christmas
The South West Equine Fair will again have Caspians exhibited on 7th & 8th December in the Breeds Area at Westpoint, Exeter.

Pandora Best and friends will run the CHS stand. Rumour has it that Santa's reindeer may look a bit different around Exeter this year...

Penny Walster's lovely 6 year old stallion, Bytham Justin Time, took Show Champion in the first Caspian classes ever held at a sunny Ashby Show, on Sunday, 14th July. The Judge, Ateshe Firouz-Larssen (Louise's daughter) was delighted with the presentation and condition of the Caspian Horses put before her. Justin was bred by Mrs Pat Bowles and stands at Penny's Bathley Hills Stud, near Newark on Trent.

Runnymede Meteor took Reserve Champion for owner Dreda Randall and was shown in-hand and ridden by Charlotte Archer-Goode. Nine pure-bred and four part-bred Caspians provided a good turnout for the Caspian, whose origins were later explained to spectators in a special parade in the Main Ring by Ateshe, with Liz Webster. BBC Persia TV filmed throughout, for viewers in Iran and parts of the Middle East.

Suffolk County Show

Trinity Park at Ipswich hosted the Suffolk County Show on 29th and 30th May. Poor weather again reduced attendance overall, but Ruth Staines, Vicki Shortis and Liz Webster 'manned' the CHS stand, which attracted children galore! Dreda and Emy Randall supplied Casper and Meteor for the stand and several ridden demonstrations were given by young Pagan Kerntaler and Charlotte Archer-Goode.

Caspian Stud Owner gets 10 Year Ban

Deborah Thomson, owner of the Darkhorse Caspian Stud in South Yorkshire, received a 10-year ban from keeping horses after pleading guilty to failing in her duty of care and causing unnecessary suffering to many of her 76 pure and part-bred Caspians and other horses.

On 12th September, Barnsley Magistrates Court imposed a nine week prison sentence, suspended for twelve months and ordered her to pay £2,700 in costs and perform Community Service.

Earlier, Thomson had sent some Caspians to York Sales, where CHS members purchased and subsequently re-homed four pure-bred mares. A Welfare Fund and possible homes have been set up by CHS in case any Caspians still need rehoming.

Although Thomson is not a member, CHS Chairman Ruth Staines expressed the Society's thanks to the Animal Health Division of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council for their hard work in gaining a conviction.

Get that Standing Order Ready!

Subscriptions will be due next 1st April. Remember that setting up a Standing Order with your Bank now will save you £2 next Spring!

Louise's Book is Published!

Thanks to Brenda Dalton (who edited Louise Firouz's manuscript at her request), the amazing story of Louise's extraordinary life and how she discovered the Caspian Horse can be enjoyed at last.

Many years in its writing and publication, 'Riding Through Revolution' has recently been published by Advanced Global Publications, with the approval of Louise's family. The book can now be obtained through Amazon.

Christmas Presents Galore...

Don't forget! Louise's book and other CHS merchandise, such as our exclusive Sweatshirts, will make excellent Christmas presents! For information, contact lizwebster08@gmail.com

Winter Photos Needed!

We are always looking for lovely Christmassy photographs featuring Caspians or part-breds for our CHS Christmas card. If you have one, please contact vshortis@sizzel.net.

Annual Caspian Christmas Lunch

We are hoping to arrange another Christmas Lunch this year. An Invitation will be issued once confirmed. If so, we hope to see you there this year!

NB - Points for Performance

Cards should be posted back to Penny Walster by 30th October. Please make sure they are signed by show secretaries!

Any Ideas for CHS Policy?

Ideas are welcome from members, for discussion by Council on 13th October. Email chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

Our Quiz Winner!

Congratulations to Naomi Thomas, clever winner of the Quiz in the last (Spring) Magazine. She wins a copy of Brenda Dalton's book 'The Caspian Horse'.

Magazine Articles are Needed!

Please send your contributions now to vshortis@sizzel.net

Please send any photographs as jpegs and restrict text to 500 words. Editors may need to condense articles to fit.

All topics in this newsletter will be featured more fully in the Autumn/Winter Magazine.

Remember - as a Member, your support is helping to preserve a rare and beautiful small horse.

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