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Bytham Oriel and Lee McColl, parading at Ashby 2013. (Photo by Colin Barker)

Colin Barker in Belgium

Looking for more Caspians to photograph for the unique celebratory Caspian Calendar, Colin has recently visited Ateshe Firouz-Larssen, the latest to contribute to the project. If you haven't contacted Colin yet to photograph your Caspian, don't miss out! Contact colin@colinbarker.co.uk

"Riding Through Revolution"

Many years in its writing and publication, 'Riding Through Revolution' went through several revisions by Louise, but after being completed by Brenda and approved by Louise's family, it is now obtainable through Amazon. CHS also has copies for sale – we are grateful to Brenda for allowing us to sell them at a small profit to help raise funds for CHS. To buy from CHS, please contact lizwebster08@gmail.com

CHS needs Secretaries!

Please email chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com if you can help us with General Secretarial work. Email patbowles@btinternet.com if you – or a friend - would like to learn about the Membership Secretary's role.

CHS Council Meetings

Winter (Skype): Sunday 19th January

Spring (Shawell): Sunday 16th March

Summer (Shawell): Sunday 22nd June

Autumn: (Shawell): To be confirmed

Annual General Meeting: To be confirmed.

Don't forget that you can contact any Council member up to seven days beforehand to have your questions discussed by Council.

Caspian Classes will be at Ashby's 100th Show on 13th July!

Caspian classes open to all Caspians will again be welcomed to Ashby Show this year. CHS will be holding five classes for pure and part-bred Caspians and have again been invited to stage a Parade of Caspians and Part-Breds after the classes. The CHS stand and our dedicated show ring will be in the Horse Fields at the side of the main showground, as before.

We look forward to seeing a really good turn-out again this year and hope you will all make a special effort to be at this important show, even if you don't have a Caspian. Full details, schedules and entry forms will be available from mid-May, from lizwebster08@gmail.com

Suffolk County Show, May 2014

The CHS stand will be attending the Suffolk County Show at Trinity Park, Ipswich, on Wednesday and Thursday, 28th and 29th May. The Randall family have again agreed to supply the 'live exhibits' and hopefully they will give a ridden demonstration – perhaps even with jumps – in the nearby display ring. The CHS stand is in the Equine Village area. This year we would appreciate some help on the stand! If you can help, please contact vshortis@sizzel.net.

CHS 'Points for Performance' Cards

2013 Winners, Bytham Justin Time and Penny Walster have received their special CHS Points Rosette and Sash - with our hearty congratulations - for obtaining 96 points last year. Helen Thirlby will send you a Points Card on request, so that your Caspians or part-breds can take part this year. It's time someone challenged Penny! helenthirlby@gmail.com

A Brand New Website for CHS!

Work on the design of a brand-new website for CHS is now well under way. With new photographs, all the information anyone could possibly want and a new look, we can't wait to see it. More to be revealed later!

Will You Help Sponsor 'The Caspian'?

With postage and production costs increasing, our popular Magazine needs a little support so we can continue to print and send it to all our members around the world. To find out more about advertising and sponsorship, email vshortis@sizzel.net.

New Registration Rule

Will breeders please note that as from 1st January 2015, DNA parent verification will be required to register a Caspian. Details will be available later in the year from the Registrar.

STOP PRESS!

In the wake of last year's horse meat scandal, horse passport regulations are tightening. From 1 February 2014, PIOs are required to report breaches of the regulations to Trading Standards: for example when a passport is applied for outside the statutory time limit and failure to report new ownership within 30 days. Please ensure you keep your paperwork up to date. For more details please contact the Registrar via Contact page or chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

CBS Resigns from the International Caspian Society

Following the results of a vote by ICS member societies, which declined to change ICS rules of territory, CBS have decided they no longer wish to follow ICS rules and have resigned their membership as of 15th January 2014. Their stated intent is to set up another 'world-wide studbook' in direct opposition to the ICSB. As the official holder of the Stud Book of Origin, the CHS therefore needs to remind all Caspian breeders that registration with an ICS member society is the only route to inclusion in the ICSB and that ICS studbook records are copyright, as stated in their website's Terms of Use.

World Horse Welfare - Laws Slipping?

WHS have revealed that hard-won protection for horses and ponies against indiscriminate export for slaughter is being undermined by lack of enforcement at ports. An unknown number are leaving Britain's shores without required checks on welfare or paperwork, under the pretence that they are for leisure or sport – but may in fact be sold for slaughter.

Visit www.worldhorsewelfare.org to help.

APRIL 1ST - A Date to Remember!

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Please send photographs as jpegs and try to restrict text to 500 words unless agreed otherwise. Editors may need to condense articles. All topics in this Newsletter will be featured more fully in the Spring Magazine.

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