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CHS President Jane Holderness-Roddam, with Sammy Parker on Casper and Charlotte Archer Goode on Meteor, after one of their ridden displays at Suffolk Show.

Caspian at Ashby's 100th Show

The CHS display stand and several members of Council attended the Caspian classes at Ashby Show on Sunday 13th July. Early rain cleared in time for our classes. We had fewer entries this time, due to last-minute problems, but our judge, Mr Chris Porter, has become interested and well-informed on the Caspian breed. The Caspian attracted considerable spectator interest in their afternoon parade in the Grand Arena.

Champion: Bytham Justin Time, Reserve Champion: Lanhill Antimay. Congratulations to Penny Walster, and Angela Leadbetter.

A BRAND NEW Website for CHS!

A fine selection of photographs taken at Ashby Show can be seen on the new CHS website. Visit our updated website and take a look at all the other new and helpful information on Caspian that can be found there!

www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk

First time for CHS at Emley Show

Following the Caspian welfare case of 2013 in the Barnsley area, CHS was invited to the popular Emley Agricultural Show, West Yorkshire, with the aim of showing what a well-fed and cared for Caspian looks like. The CHS stand was well-sited, overlooked all showing rings and was clearly visible in many official photos!

Penny Walster took Justin Time into the World Breeds Class. Our display stand was run by Ruth Staines, Liz Webster and Pam Waddington-Muse on Saturday, 2nd August.

Mrs Jenny Quinney, long-time breeder of Caspian under the Eastern prefix, sadly passed away on 20th August. Her obituary will be published in the Autumn/Winter magazine.

Casper and Meteor do us proud at Suffolk County Show!

The CHS stand again attended the Suffolk County Show at Ipswich, on May 28th and 29th. Ruth Staines and Vicki Shortis 'manned' the stand, helped by member Laurie Boorman. Dreda and Emy Randall again generously provided the pure-bred geldings 'Casper' (aka Bytham Churchill) and Runnymede Meteor and their young riders (see photo left), who gave twice-daily ridden exhibitions in the Equine Village display ring.

If anybody would like to help next year, please contact vshortis@sizzel.net

CHS 'Points for Performance' Cards

Performance Cards for the 2014 show and event season should be returned by 31st October. If you have one of the older cards, Penny Walster's address is shown. On more recent cards Helen Thirlby's address is shown. Either will do, so long as you return the card, signed by the event secretaries or organisers, by the due date!

Calendar Photographer visits Iran

CHS members Farokh Khorrooshi, Colin Barker and Ateshe Firouz Larssen have recently returned from photographing Caspian in Iran for the Caspian Calendar, in preparation for the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of discovery by Louise Firouz. Following earlier visits to the Netherlands, Belgium and Scotland, further overseas and UK photos are planned. Look for Farokh's weekly Iran diary on the CHS website!

AGM –a day to remember

The 2014 Annual General Meeting was held at the home of Farokh Khorrooshi on 21st August. Following the formal business and lunch supplied by Council, members were treated by Farokh to a vivid presentation of photographs taken on the recent visit to Iran. We saw many beautiful Caspian and he passed on a most sincere message of thanks to CHS from Iranian breeders for our longstanding work in supporting the breed. The Chairman reported that membership of CHS is slowly increasing and includes some welcome new owners in the UK.

Caspian at Exeter in December

Pandora Best, of Xerxes & Miran Stud, will again represent CHS in the Equine Breeds area at the West Country Equine Fair at Westpoint, Exeter on 6th and 7th December.

Be Prompt With your Paperwork!

EU has now announced new equine identification regulations which are due to come into force on 1 January 2016. DEFRA already has its Minimum Operating Standards as from February this year. Passport Issuing Organisations must now request breeders to file all registration and ID paperwork strictly on time and are asked to report any breaches of the regulations. For clarification, contact Ruth on chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

CHS Needs Help!

After 34 years on Council, our Company Secretary, Dr Rosemary Harris, has decided that well-earned retirement is due, as soon as a replacement can be found. Sadly, for health reasons Treasurer Ray Austin must also retire. Warm thanks go to both. Replacements for both posts are now urgently needed. We also need a Membership Secretary and a General Secretary to take Minutes etc.! **If you can help in any way, please contact Ruth, on chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com**

New Stallions Licensed

Four newly licensed stallions will be standing in 2015 at the Arjuna Caspian Stud, owned by Barbara Smathers at Audley, Staffs. See details of all Caspian stallions at stud on CHS website and with the biennial magazine, 'The Caspian'. NB - *Good photographs are vital to attract mare owners. Mere 'snaps' just won't do it!*

CHS Council Meetings

Don't forget that you can contact any Council member up to seven days beforehand to have your questions discussed by Council. **The next (Autumn) meeting is on 19th October.**

*MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE *

Articles/News for 'The Caspian', Autumn issue, are needed right now please! Send your contributions to: vshortis@sizzel.net and lizwebster08@gmail.com by 15th October.

Send photographs as jpegs and text in Word - restrict to 500 words unless agreed otherwise. Editors may need to condense articles. All topics in this Newsletter will be featured more fully in the Autumn/Winter Magazine.

Will You Sponsor our Magazine?

Our magazine 'The Caspian' is welcomed in many countries around the world, but costs us money to produce and post! If you know of a business that might be willing to help by advertising or sponsoring a page, please email Vicki on vshortis@sizzel.net for more information.

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