



NEWSLETTER

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Come to Ashby Show on 14th July!

Special Caspian classes will be open to ALL Caspian owners of any society at this popular show! We urge anybody who can make it to bring horses - stabling can be found nearby. Stewards and stand personnel will also be needed, so please help if you can. (More information on all items will appear in the Spring 'Caspian' Magazine.) Classes at Ashby de la Zouch have been championed by our Vice-President, Elizabeth Mansfield-Parnell. Caspians and part-breds will be in a SPECIAL PARADE in the Main Arena in the afternoon and Persian tack, rugs or clothing are encouraged. Ashby's Horse Committee is excited and waiting to welcome us! Funds from the sale of Ruth Staines' Turkmen Prayer Mat will be shared to help with fuel costs for entrants travelling a long way - entry fees will be refunded if you turn up on the day and stay for the Parade! (NB: Class Sponsorship would be most gratefully received.)

Janet Dediccoat must very soon decide which Caspian classes to hold, based on the horses likely to be available. ***PLEASE HURRY TO TELL JANET WHICH HORSES YOU CAN TAKE!*** Ring her on 0121 445 1984 or write to her at: 2, Bittle Farm Cottages, Bittle Farm Road, Barnt Green, Birmingham B45 8BL as soon as possible.



Members' Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas get-together (above) was again held at the Mason's Arms at Swerford, near Chipping Norton, on 25th November. Several lucky members and guests enjoyed an excellent lunch provided by the new management. The raffles raised a generous £70 for the society.

Wet grass can be fatal

Sadly, two Caspian colts have recently died due to 'Sporadic Atypical Equine Myoglobinuria', a rare condition possibly caused by toxins in wet grass or leaves. Young horses are especially vulnerable, we're told.

Subscriptions are due!

This is a polite reminder that your 2013 yearly subscriptions are due by 1st April. Standing Orders save time and money! For information: vshortis@sizzel.net

Easy Fundraising

Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/ to see how you can help raise funds for the preservation and promotion of the Caspian.

Spring Magazine copy deadline is 1st April. vshortis@sizzel.net

South West Equine Fair

Pandora Best's Caspian mares Miran Khomet and M. Kansei (below) were on the CHS stand, Westpoint Showground, Exeter, on the weekend of 7th & 8th December. Pandora and Liz Webster reported good interest and sunny weather, and raised £139 for the society by raffling the book "Majesty of the Horse", a fun children's competition, collecting tins and merchandise. (The book raffle alone raised £111). Grateful thanks go to Mole Valley Farmers for their sponsorship of feed and bedding.



Prayer Mat Sold for CHS

Joyce Covington, ICS Secretary, made the winning bid of £276.40 (\$450) for the Turkmen Prayer Mat featured in the last magazine. Ruth Staines brought the rug back from a riding trip with Louise Firouz in '99, so it has high-class Caspian connections! Thank you, Ruth.

How would you like your AGM?

Remember that form in your last Caspian magazine? Please send it in by 12th March in time for the meeting on 17th (see right).

Points & Special Rosettes

Ashby Show entrants can earn DOUBLE POINTS and a Special Rosette for the Parade. During the season, all forms of competition will qualify for performance points.

Ask Helen Thirlby for a Points Card early, get show secretaries to sign it and return a well-filled card to Helen next autumn. Tell her two weeks in advance where you have entered classes, so she can send the show a special rosette for the Highest Placed Caspian.

HELEN THIRLBY - 01509 412026 or helenthirlby@gmail.com

Suffolk Show Ipswich, 29th & 30th May

Geldings Runnymede Meteor and Bytham Churchill (Casper) will give demonstrations to the public on both days, thanks to two of Emy Randall's young pupils. All members are welcome to the CHS stand.

Horsemeat Matters

Remember to hand passports to the vet BEFORE any treatment is given (vets have forms to use in emergency). DEFRA and FSA have reminded vets and they are taking notice. Whether the horse is intended, or not, for human consumption, *must* be checked. If signed OUT of the human food chain by owner and/or vet, drugs do not have to be recorded. If drugs (e.g. 'Bute') are given, it MUST be signed out and if the owner is unwilling, the vet should do so.

chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com
(See World Horse Welfare's website on ending inhumane horse transport).

Typesetter Required

We need a typesetter for our magazine! If you, a friend or a family member can help, please contact vshortis@sizzel.net

Next Council Meeting

Shawell Village Hall, Sunday March 17th. Members may raise questions or contribute to items to be discussed. Contact Liz at lizwebster08@gmail.com, or Ruth Staines at 01608 642076 or chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com before 12th March. (See the Agenda on our website)

Remember, as a Member your support is valued - you are helping to Preserve a Rare & Beautiful Small Horse

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