



NEWSLETTER

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Liz takes over from Kay

NEW CHAIRMAN TAKES OVER ON 1st APRIL – Last autumn, Council voted for Liz Webster to become Chairman of the CHS once she had retired from her four years as Chairman of the ICS in January. Kay Taplin very graciously agreed to fill the post for six months until Liz was available and, after a busy and very productive stint as interim Chairman, will now be handing the baton over to Liz as of 1st April this year. Council have very much enjoyed working

with Kay and are extremely grateful to her for so ably taking on the task.

Winter Skype Meetings

During the wild winter weather Council has held three Skype meetings, This new innovation has been a great benefit for the CHS. There were a few minor glitches but soon sorted. A great deal of progress was made on new projects for the future, all for the cost of an email and from the comfort of our own homes.

Have you completed the Members Survey and returned it? Your views are important for the future of the Caspian horse and the Society.

AGM and visit to the National Stud, Newmarket 14th June

Arrangements are now finalised for our members to take part in a group visit and guided tour of the National Stud on the morning of the AGM on Sunday 14th June. This will be followed by Lunch at the Rosery Country House Hotel at nearby Exning

and the business of the AGM after lunch. More details and booking information will be given in the Spring magazine - but please reserve the date right now! For further information visit www.nationalstud.co.uk

Breed Show 2009

The Caspian Horse Society's Breed Show 2009 will be held on SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER, at the GRACELANDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, Elmbridge, Nr Droitwich, Worcs. Gracelands is conveniently situated approximately 3 miles from Junction 5 of the M5. There will be In-hand and Ridden classes for pure and part-breeds, plus open jumping, Private and Cones Driving, a timed Obstacle and Obedience competition and

Fancy Dress. This should be a super show, with a chance to show off our Caspians to a far wider audience and we call on *all* owners of Caspians, whatever their society, to do their bit this year. **BOOK THIS DATE NOW.** You have plenty of time to prepare! More information will appear in the Magazine and Schedules and Entry Forms will be circulated in June.

Subscriptions - are due 1st April

If you pay annually please consider paying by Standing Order? This saves us time and money sending out reminders if you forget. Also, did you know that if you pay income TAX in the UK, simply filling in a **gift aid form** allows the CHS

to reclaim the tax on your subscription, which will benefit the society by a further 26%. For more information contact the Membership Secretary 01603 742012 or vshortis@sizzel.net

Bushfire Appeal

We have heard from Maureen Byrne in Australia. There is an ongoing need to support horse owners who have lost everything in the recent devastating bush fires. We moan about our weather problems but we do not often suffer on this scale.

You can make donations on the links listed below, or we could contribute as a group by sending in donations to our treasurer John Sansome, Flat 3 The Grange, New Road, Burton Lazars, Melton Mowbray. LE12 5LQ john.sansome@btinternet.com
http://www.valleycountry.com.au/catalogue/horse_rider/bushfire_disaster_donation
http://www.redcross.org.au/vic/services_emergencyservices_victorian-bushfires-appeal-2009.htm
http://www.rspcavic.org/campaigns_news/news_bushfires.htm



Coming Soon Spring/Summer Magazine

Liz & Vicki have started to compile copy for the next magazine, coming up..... News & Views from breeders and owners, the CHS & ICS. Caspian events World Wide. More about the CHS AGM and visit to The National Stud and The CHS Breed Show at Gracelands. Update on the Members Survey, "Journey to 4 - part 3" by Dick Kearley CHSA, Caspians are proving a great success in riding schools. More about the foundation (Turkish) Caspians in Germany - six have gone to Sweden. Plus lots more..... **Please remember to send us your copy by 1st April 2009 to:** lizwebster08@googlemail.com and vshortis@sizzel.net We look forward to hearing from you.

If you have a Caspian for Sale/Loan or a Stallion at Stud, send details to the Registrar e.sharman@ntlworld.com (tel: 01509 561845), in time to go out with the magazine.

Ruth Staines' talk on ...

'The History and Origins of the Palomino, Akhal-Teke and Caspian Horses' at the Moreton Morrell Centre at Warwick College on Friday 6th February, was postponed due to snow. **This will now take place on Friday 17th of April at 7.00pm. If intending to go please phone David Webb (organiser) on 01926 613029.**

Conference in Germany 2009

Unfortunately this is cancelled due to Christian and Ines Schoppe from Lutzow moving to Switzerland and the subsequent sale of the Turkish foundation Caspians. *More in the next magazine.*

Conference in Iran 2010

To date it is still intended that there shall be an International Conference in Iran in 2010, organised by Dr Shahram Dordari. More information will be made available as soon as it is known.

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