



NEWSLETTER

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Brenda Dalton retires after 21 years

The ICS Registrar, Mrs Brenda Dalton, has resigned the post with effect from June 1st after 21 years of working hard on behalf of the Caspian and maintaining the ICSB. Recently Brenda launched a completely new website and expanded Caspian database which will provide Caspian breeders with vastly superior facilities for checking pedigrees, planning virtual foals and checking inbreeding quotients as well

as the complete international stud book. Brenda's Spark Caspian stud has produced very typical Caspians and many have been exported. Brenda has also written two books about the Caspian. The CHS would like to record our immense gratitude to Brenda for her commitment to Caspians over the years and our great sadness at her resignation. Nominees are being sought to fill the post.

Christmas Lunch and presentation to Bunty

About twenty members and guests enjoyed some excellent food on Saturday, December 5 last year, at The Mason's Arms, North Oxfordshire.

After the meal Liz Webster, our chairman,



made a presentation of a mounted statue of a horse, and a cheque, to Elizabeth (Bunty) Sharman, in recognition of her sterling service as Registrar over the past twelve years. The afternoon was rounded off by a highly entertaining talk by our President, Jane Holderness-Roddam, who took us through her life as an international, indeed Olympic, horsewoman, to her present varied career as judge, instructor and breeder. Many of us learned for the first time that she had a brief film career, playing riding double for Tatum O'Neill in 'International Velvet'! Recently she braved a parachute jump for charity! Special mention is due to Council Member Sarah Anderson for her hard work organising the event.

The CHS AGM – Sunday 20th June

The AGM will be held at the home of our Chairman Liz Webster, near Yeovil, the AGM in the morning followed by a buffet lunch and an afternoon visit to the well known Berewode Stud owned by the Chairman of the Sports Pony Studbook Society, Sarah Spiggall, who will show us her stallions, mares and foals and tell us

how the Caspian may be able to play its part in the increasingly popular Sports Pony Breeding. Details will be in the magazine and sent to members nearer the time. We do hope you will be able to come and join us, it is an ideal opportunity to meet the council, other members and voice your views. We look forward to seeing you.

New Registrar takes over

Our new Registrar, Ruth Staines, is now hitting her stride after taking over from Elizabeth (Bunty) Sharman before Christmas. Ruth and her husband Rod are creating a new version of the pure and

part-bred databases and all procedures and forms are being updated to meet new EU and CHS regulations on registrations and passports.

Reminder re sales / stallion at stud lists

It is now time to update the For Sale and Licensed Stallion lists, before they are sent out with the next edition of the magazine. We are now able to add a small photo to each entry on the list **on the website only**.

Please send your photos (and updates) to the registrar, chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com, **by 15th APRIL**. Good photos only, after all, you are trying to advertise your horse!

New Part bred leaflet ties in with Horse and Hound advertisement

A new leaflet promoting the part-bred Caspian as a high performance pony for the ambitious rider has been produced to co-ordinate with a stud advertisement placed, for the first time, in the Horse and Hound. On 11th March, Horse and Hound published a pull-out section in their Sports Pony and Horse stud edition. The CHS advertisement

was supported by several CHS breeders – four in Europe and three in the UK. We are very grateful to all who supplied and gave permission for the use of the many photographs featured in the leaflet. It is intended to be a powerful tool in bringing mares to our stallions and the Caspian to the attention of a wider public.

Donations for Semen Bank

The CHS is raising funds to start a semen bank to preserve rare Caspian bloodlines and to enable breeders to use it who are in need of new bloodlines to continue breeding. Read more about it in the next magazine.

Congratulations to Sarah Anderson Sarah is expecting a baby in July.

ICS database website/ studbook

The new ICS website was launched in December. www.caspianhorses.org There are two parts to the website – the main part to provide general information and the second part covers the Stud Book (updated bi-annually) registrations pedigrees etc. There is a fee of £15 to pay to visit this section. Full report in the next magazine

Spring is here after a long hard

winter – horses are going to be looking forward to the lush spring grass, Remember it can induce Laminitis. Also watch out for the first signs of Ragwort, Dig, Remove & Burn.

BHS Rethink the Horse Tax. You will have read (in the last magazine) about the Government's proposed plans to impose a new horse tax. Ministers are now under pressure to reconsider after more than 10,000 people signed a petition opposing the move. If you have not already signed the petition please consider doing so by 11 September or sooner, for more information visit www.rethinkthehorsetax.org

Copy for next magazine

COPY DATE IS 1ST OF APRIL. Please send in your articles, news, views etc. by 15th April at the latest. I look forward to receiving it. vshortis@sizzel.net

Membership

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010/11 ARE NOW DUE. These can be paid by standing order or Cheque made payable to The Caspian Horse Society. Please send to The Membership Secretary, Vicki Shortis, Costessey House, Costessey, Norwich. NR8 5DG. Single £16 Cheque/ £15 Standing Order. Family £26 ch/ £25 S.O. Overseas £19 ch/£18 S.O.

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