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Caspians will again be at Newark Vintage Tractor Show!

Penny Walster will be taking her Caspians to the Rare Breeds Exhibition within the Newark Vintage Tractor and Heritage Show, which is about so much more than tractors. Pat Bowles and John Sansome undertook to represent the CHS last year and reported considerable interest in the Caspians, and we hope that Penny will

be similarly well received at the Caspian stand. The show is to be held on 13th and 14th November at the County Showground, Winthorpe, Newark-on-Trent, NG24 2NY. It would be nice if any members living not too far away could support Penny with a visit or help on the day.

The Caspian Enthusiast's Christmas Lunch

Caspian enthusiasts will meet again for a convivial lunch at the Mason's Arms, Swerwell, near Chipping Norton, Oxon. This year it will be held on Sunday November 28th. Renowned for the quality of its food, the restaurant has recently changed hands, but we are assured its tradition of good food in an

attractive ambience will continue. This time we will ask for the tables to be set up in a more conversational style so we hope to see as many members and guests as possible. The Invitation and full information will be sent out shortly by Barbara Smathers, who will be our co-ordinator this year.

The 3rd International Caspian Conference

The next international Caspian Conference may be in Sweden! Margerita Lindahl is proposing to organise an impressive Conference in conjunction with a Caspian show, at her home and stables near Stockholm. The event is likely to be in July or August 2012. To confidently book speakers and organise accommodation, Margerita needs to obtain an approximate idea of likely attendance.

The ICS has asked us to indicate how many CHS members think they may attend this great opportunity for international enthusiasts to get together again - guests are welcome. Liz Webster is co-ordinating the CHS response, which is now fairly urgently required. Please let her know by telephoning 01935 475896 or emailing lizwebster08@googlemail.com as soon as possible (and preferably by mid-October).

Caspians recreate the Caspian story in Devon

Pandora and Eric Best, of the Miran & Xerxes Studs in South Devon, have been entertaining crowds at both the Devon County Show (Exeter) and the Totnes Show this summer with their home-made Chariot 'Reinbow Warrior' and matching Caspian full sisters Miran Khomet and Kansei and the part-bred mare Every Rowena. Helping them to demonstrate how King Darius the Great hunted lion with Caspians and how Louise Firouz discovered the first Caspian, have been

Ruth Staines and Liz Webster. An informative society stand welcomed visitors at both shows.



Redesigned forms for registration and passports

Ruth and Rod Staines have now redesigned and 're-logo-ed' many of the forms used by the Registrar, mostly to bring them into line with Ned and Defra requirements and the new more user-friendly databases for pure and

part-breds being established by Rod with Ruth. Passports are now being bound 'in-house' rather than by the AHS as previously, which is more secure and will save a considerable amount of CHS funds on postage.

South West Equine Fair

Pandora (helped by Ruth and Liz) will be manning a CHS stand at the South West Equine Fair at Westpoint, Exeter on Sat and Sun 4th and 5th December

The Winter magazine is coming!

The items in this newsletter, however, are just tasters for the main event! Our popular magazine 'The Caspian' will be out in early December, when more comprehensive information and news from members around the world will be sent by post to all members. Remember that the CHS magazine is YOUR magazine. If you have any contributions, send them poste haste to Vicki at vshortis@sizzel.net

CHS members are helping other societies

Two leaflets recently produced by the CHS on pure and part-bred Caspians have been used by members in Queensland and South Australia, New Zealand and Sweden to promote the Caspian at leading shows and parades. CHS members also provided information and photographs which greatly enhanced the displays and were gratefully received and enjoyed. The CHS is proud to foster such inter-member co-operation across the world.

In addition (and with our permission), CHS protocols on Showing, Breeding and Breed Standard Approval for stallions have been used as exemplars by the SCHA to help with the current mandatory re-organisation of horse societies required by the Swedish Horse Board.

Reminder Re Sales and Stallion at stud lists

It is now time to update the Sales and Stallions at Stud lists for UK and European members, which will be sent out with the Winter Magazine. We can also add a well-posed photograph alongside the entry *on the website only*, and you are invited to send yours, as well as any updates or additions, as soon as possible to Ruth Staines on chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

CHS Annual General Meeting, 2010

The 2010 AGM was held at the home of our Chairman, Liz Webster, on Sunday 20th June in Mudford Sock, South Somerset. The Chairman's Report summed up the year as being one of real consolidation, in preparation for a wider emphasis on getting more pure Caspians in work and the promotion of part-bred Caspians as sports ponies.

Vice-President Elizabeth Mansfield-Parnell congratulated the society on the excellent work done and said that the next year should be spent on building on these sound foundations, with more Caspians, and particularly part-breds, visible in the wider competitive world. The AGM was followed by a relaxed afternoon visit to the nearby stud of Mrs Sarah Steggall, Chairman of the Sports Pony Studbook Society.

Caspian stallion stolen in France

Brian and Fran Smith-Boyes report that their home-bred bay stallion, Rosmeat Ashik, was stolen in mid-July from his field at Gomer, Pau, France. The police and Haras Nationaux have been contacted and posters placed at vets, farriers, stables, saddlers and in numerous sites in a wide area without result so far. It is entirely possible that he is now out of France and being kept

somewhere else in Europe. Ashik is micro-chipped and has been placed on the ICS and CHS websites and we all hope he will be spotted and returned unharmed to his owners soon. Anybody who thinks they may have a lead to his whereabouts should email Bsmithboyes@aol.com or the CHS Secretary, Rosemary Harris at rosemary272@btinternet.com

CHS Rules and Regs updated

CHS Rules and Regulations on membership, registrations and part-breds have been updated this summer, to bring them into line with current thinking. When we hold our Breed Show again, we shall also have improved and amended Rules for

Showing and Competition. These have been updated along NPS lines with the help of our VP, Elizabeth Mansfield Parnell and showing members of Council. Both will be included in the mailing with the Winter Magazine.

New Manual for Caspian Owners

Ruth Staines and Elizabeth Webster have been involved in producing a comprehensive 'Caspian Owners' Manual' which deals not only with the care and welfare of Caspians and part-breds, but also deals extensively with requirements for stallions, registration,

passports and showing. The Manual now goes automatically to all new owners, but is also useful for existing owners, who may obtain it by sending an A5 SAE to Ruth Staines, Registrar at chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

Fund Raising – how will you do your bit?

Fund Raising is a constant necessity if we are to do much more than sit on our hands and wait for things to happen. In the Spring magazine, Liz Webster suggested that if every member held a Fund Raising Day/Event, truly great things would be possible on behalf of the Caspian. We have many exciting plans and this is where you, as a member, can help!

If you have already raised money this year for the CHS, let us know how you did it or how you plan to. The best will go in the magazine, if you send it promptly to Vicki.

Please send any funds raised to our Secretary, Dr Rosemary Harris at rosemary272@btinternet.com – and thank you very much for your help!

Membership

Have you remembered to renew your subscription for 2010? vshortis@sizzel.net

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Where should the AGM be next year? In the hope of gaining a wider attendance in 2011, we invite you to send us your suggestions as to venue and a 'date window' for the 2011 AGM.

Please email your ideas to lizwebster08@googlemail.com

The CHS website will have a new look soon!

Vicki Shortis and her son Chris are working on a new and more comprehensive CHS website for 2011. A new item will be a photo-gallery, a popular draw for a potential owner. You are invited/encouraged to send good, high resolution colour photograph/s of your Caspians or part-breds (especially if in harness or under saddle) to Vicki for consideration within the next two months. You can email to vshortis@sizzel.net and if you have any other suggestions, send them to Vicki too.

Retirement Presentation to Brenda Dalton

On July 1st, CHS Chairman Liz Webster and CBS Chairman Angela Leadbetter co-presented a gift from ICS members to Brenda Dalton, during a lunch to mark her retirement after almost 21 years as ICS Registrar. The crystal disk was engraved with a picture of Brenda's foundation mare Shirine and foal, by David Whymark. Liz also presented Brenda with a painting by Bridget Tempest of a Shirine daughter, mounted on a card signed by all who attended the CHS AGM.

Do we have your correct email address?

If you are able to receive this Newsletter, we do, but some are not so lucky. To save on CHS funds, this Newsletter is only sent by email to those members for whom we have a correct email address. There are others who do not receive it, either because they are not on-line or perhaps because they have changed their e-address and not told us. If you know of anybody who would like to receive it but does not, ask them to let Vicki Shortis know their e-address and remember to keep us updated. If you enjoy reading it, forward it to a friend!

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