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Pilot Scheme For Showing Caspians

Derby County, Notts Derby Charity Show, Midlands County (in Veteran Horse Society's classes), 'Equifest' and, hopefully, the Royal London Show (Nr Rugby) have invited Caspians to show in Rare and World Breed classes this year, to win a CHS 'Highest Placed Caspian' rosette. The Veteran Horse Society also runs classes for horses and ponies over 15 years old and will be happy to include Caspians or part-breds.

This is a great chance for Caspians to reach a wider audience and owners to have some fun. Good entries may mean more classes in future and the extension of the scheme.

Links to shows, classes, schedules and entry forms will soon be available on the CHS website. A CHS Points Scheme will be run in conjunction with these classes, with Winner and Runner-Up sash and rosette at the end of the season.

Midland Counties Show

Uttoxeter Racecourse, 4th and 5th June.
Close of entries 18th April

Derby County Show

Elvaston, near Derby, 26th June, Close of entries 20th May

Notts Derby Charity Show

Long Eaton, Beaston (off Junction 25, M1), 13, 14 August. Close of entries, 5th August.

Equifest

East of England Showground, Peterborough, 18, 19, 20, 21 August, Close of entries 18th July

Royal London Show

Onley Grounds E.C., Nr Rugby, 2, 3 4 September, Close of entries to be notified

The CHS Australian Floods Appeal



To donate, go to <http://www.justgiving.com/John-Sansome> and thank you for your help.

Many farm animals and horses were drowned or destroyed and owners now face a terrible fodder shortage. The CHS Australian Floods Appeal aims to help Caspian breeders facing high prices for essential feedstuffs this year. John Sansome is sponsoring a Flood Appeal for donations, to be divided amongst those affected. The Appeal is also featured by the Equus Survival Trust, USA, the ICS Caspian Forum and a link on the CHS website.

Wikipedia

The Caspian Horse Wikipedia page has now been updated. We sincerely thank all who freely gave permission to use their photographs and contributed or checked text. We are now awaiting final copyright permissions to insert photographs. Special thanks go to Penny Walster and her partner Andrew, for refusing to be intimidated by the technicalities involved!

Looking For Something Different?



CHS Sweatshirts and polo shirts now feature in full colour on our website. Liz Webster is more than grateful to grandchildren Mimi and Felix and friends Maggie and Clive for modelling them! Both styles are long-sleeved, suitable for boy, girl, man or woman and wash and wear well. **Look good while supporting the Caspian!** See the Home Page at

www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk

Sold A Caspian?

Please remember to notify the transfer promptly. It is the VENDOR'S responsibility to return the papers to the Registrar, who will return them to the new owner!!!

The 2011 AGM & Stud Visit

The Annual General Meeting and Buffet Lunch will be held in the Newark area, followed by a visit to Penny Walster's highly successful Bathley Hill Farm Stud, this is a great opportunity to see stallions, mares and foals and learn more about Sports Ponies, Penny was recently

awarded Highest Placed Sports Pony Yearling through the BEF Series 2010, "Bathleyhills Monet", will stand as a future stallion at the Stud. Details in the Spring Magazine. **Reserve the date – SUNDAY 10th JULY – in your diary NOW for an interesting and rewarding day out!**

The CHS Website – Photos Needed Please!

Vicki Shortis and Penny Walster are enlarging and updating our Website. Quality photos of Caspian stallions, mares, foals and especially ridden & driven are needed for the new Gallery, so grab your camera and get busy this summer, photographing your Caspians out and about.

The Stallions at Stud pages urgently need useful information and high quality photographs. Sell your stallion's services and interest some new clients ABSOLUTELY FREE! Take a magnificent photograph and send it soonest to chs.registrar@dial.pipex.com

Elizabeth (Bunty) Sharman

Sadly, our previous Registrar, Elizabeth (Bunty) Sharman, passed away on 5th February. After many years work for the CHS, Bunty had reluctantly handed over to Ruth Staines due to ill health in October, 2009.

She attended last year's AGM, Autumn Council meeting and Caspian Lunch in late November and remained courageous and cheerful to the end. Her Obituary will feature in the Spring Magazine.

Royal London Show

The prestigious **Royal London Show** (held near Rugby) has offered us free stand space and reduced stable rates. Penny Walster hopes to show stallions Runnymede Felfel and Bytham Justin Time in classes *and* run the CHS stand, so if you can help with that, she would be much relieved! She hopes to qualify Justin and

Felfel for the spectacular floodlit evening display, when gleaming horses and smartly dressed handlers attract huge attention from spectators and press.

Please put the dates 2nd, 3rd and 4th SEPTEMBER in your diary NOW, and resolve to go along and support them! To offer help on the stand, contact info@bathleyhillfarmlivery.com or ring 07753 445614.

An Appeal For Brave Steph

Eric and Pandora Best have launched an Appeal for funds to help Stephanie (Steph) Read, who is registered blind and confined to an electric wheelchair by Ehlers Danlos Syndrome. Along with her full time carer and guide-dog, Steph first met Caspians at Exeter's Christmas Equine Fair in 2009 and later drove the little part-bred mare Every Rowena at the Devon County Show.

A driver before her illness, Steph has found new motivation and self-confidence with the help of Pandora, Eric and Rowena during 2010 and now longs to be able to buy her own cob and driving vehicle. Read more in the Spring Magazine.

If you would like to help Steph achieve her dream, call Pandora on 07879 430 366 or email her at pandorabest@btinternet.com

Fundraising For The CHS

CHS Council is full of great ideas and committed to working hard to promote and preserve the Caspian. Your enthusiasm and support will help put these ideas and plans into action. Just one fund-raising event per member on behalf of the CHS will hugely increase the effect, so please think of ways to help us this summer!

Vicki Shortis has a list of 100 fundraising ideas, supplied by Pat Bowles. Some will feature in the next Magazine. To see the whole list and hold a fund-raising event of your own, email vshortis@sizzel.net or ring 01603 742 012.

The Membership Drive

New members bring subscriptions and new ways to promote the Caspian in the equestrian world. Perhaps your family or friends would like to join us? Standing Orders save us time and money, so from April, annual subscriptions paid by cash or cheque will cost £2 more than those paid by Standing Order.

Subscriptions paid by Standing Order will remain the same, so it makes sense to change the way you pay. (Standing Orders are easily cancelled.) Vicki Shortis can send you the necessary form, contact her on 01603 742 012, or email vshortis@sizzel.net

REMEMBER 1st APRIL annual subscriptions are due. **ALSO COPY** for the Spring / Summer magazine.

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