



# NEWSLETTER

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## Changes On Council

John Sansome retires shortly as the CHS Treasurer, after managing our finances most efficiently for 13 years. He will be much missed at council meetings.

Helen Thirlby is temporarily taking over the job of Minutes Secretary from Dr Rosemary Harris, who has been doing it for as long as we can remember.

Rosemary will continue as the Company Secretary and Breed Liaison Officer, but please note that Rosemary has moved house, which changes the CHS Office address (For the NEW ADDRESS, see bottom of the page).

## Christmas Lunch and Raffle 2011

On 27th November, 12 members and guests enjoyed a delightful Caspian Christmas Lunch at the delightful Fox Inn, at Lower Oddington, near Stow on the Wold. We couldn't have been made more welcome and the food was beautifully presented as well as delicious. Sarah Anderson deserves credit for her organisation of this event, but wishes that more members would join us!

Raffle tickets were sold for two copies of the beautifully illustrated book, 'The Majesty of the Horse', purchased by the CHS, which covered all the known breeds of horse or pony. The Caspian Horse was well represented by Pandora Best's bay stallion "Casbrook Kozzar Zeven".

More raffle tickets were sold the following weekend at the South West Equine Christmas Fair at Exeter's Westpoint Showground. The lucky winners were Harry Thirlby (son of Helen, Council member) and Rachel Taylor. Pandora's good idea raised £145 for the Gene Bank!



Ruth Staines (Registrar) and Jaffa Jenvey at the Fox Inn

## Winner of Last Year's Points Performance Award

Penny Walster and Rosemary Harris's dark bay stallion Runnymede Felfel earned a very respectable total of 120 points during 2011, despite the fact that Penny was pregnant for much of the show season and Felfel is 20 years old!

All congratulations go to Penny, Felfel and Rosemary for this achievement – the prize being a special rosette and sash, plus a bag of carrots for Felfel. It is hoped that Penny will have some strong competition from more Caspian owners this year.

## Brian Wood

Sadly, Brian Wood passed away on the 4th March aged 84. He has been a supporter of the Caspian for many years. He was an authority on bloodlines and has left us with

excellent records to this effect. An Obituary will follow in the next magazine. If you would like to contribute, please send your thoughts to the editor.

## The Show Season is Fast Approaching

This time of year is really exciting - our Caspians are now starting to emerge from their Winter Woolies and into their gorgeous summer attire. It's time to get them out into the public eye and plan our forthcoming shows. Most local riding clubs have classes that the Caspians can enter such as the Under 148cms, Open, Rare Breeds, Show Jumping, Working Hunter and Open Ridden. These are usually 'enter on the day'. The county shows often have a Rare Breed class (check it is not just for native breeds) or Foreign Breed class that they can enter too.

These are only by entry previous to the show, so look out on the schedules for the closing dates so you are not disappointed. Of course if your Caspian is 15 or over there are the Veteran Society Classes, with a huge Championship at Olympia if you qualify to go. Let's get as many of the Caspians as possible out and about this season of 2012 and show the public just how special they are. The CHS has a Points Card for ANY show attended, with a beautiful sash and rosette for the most points gained!!!! Good Luck!!!! Penny.

## Exeter Show, December 2011

Once again Pandora Best exhibited a Caspian at the South West Equine Fair in December. Thanks go to Rebecca Mann for loaning us her lovely filly at short notice.

## Anna's Bergmann's Open Day, 2012

Stichill Caspian Stud will be holding an Open Evening on Friday May 25th as part of the prestigious annual Borders Festival of the Horse, instigated by the BHS to counteract the detrimental effects of Foot and Mouth on tourism in Scotland. The ten day festival features a wide range of demonstrations, open yards, talks and guided rides, attracting an audience from far and wide. [anna@stichillstables.co.uk](mailto:anna@stichillstables.co.uk)

## International Caspian Conference

The Third INTERNATIONAL CASPIAN CONFERENCE will be held in SWEDEN between 15th and 17th August - a great opportunity for owners and breeders from around the world to meet and share their views. A varied and interesting program is being planned, along with their Breed Show. Details in the next magazine, on

[www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk](http://www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk)

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## Stamps for Fundraising

Thank you to those who have sent in your used stamps. To make this a viable fund raising event, we need many, many more stamps, so please keep sending them in - it is the unusual ones that will have the most appeal to collectors.

## Membership Reminder!

Please remember that annual subscriptions are due by the 1st April. Have you thought of paying by Standing Order? Thanks to those who already do!

## Reminder: Sales/Stud Lists

Our registrar, Ruth Staines, will be updating these ready to go out with the Spring /Summer Magazine and on the web-site. Please contact her if you have sold a horse already on the list, have one you wish to sell, or have a Stallion standing at Stud.

## Spring/Summer Magazine Copy Date

I am now starting on the magazine, so please do send me your news, views and pictures to share. ASAP please!! [vshortis@sizzel.net](mailto:vshortis@sizzel.net)

## OUR AGM

Will be held in October (date to be confirmed) at Shawell Village Hall, with lunch provided by Council. This proved to be a popular day last year. If you couldn't make it, try and come this year.

## Christmas Lunch

Will probably be at the same venue, on 25th November. Confirmation in the Magazine.

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

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