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Suffolk Show June

The CHS had a stand at this popular agricultural show for the first time, as part of the 'Equine Village' Breeds from Around the World'. Dreda and Emy Randall kindly brought the gelding Runnymede Meteor and the mare Bytham Oriole and they attracted a steady stream of visitors until the middle of the first afternoon when the heavens opened! We battened things down as best we could



before leaving, but when we returned early next morning we found our stand damaged beyond repair – along with many others! High winds were predicted for the rest of the day, and the organisers soon announced the closure of the show on that second day. This was extremely disappointing not only for the CHS but for all the other attractions at one of the biggest shows in the East of England.



This year...

2012 will be remembered for many reasons, The Queens Diamond Jubilee, The Olympics, (our President was one of the Torch Bearers,) The Third International Caspian Conference and the Weather. In this N/L we just give you a taster of Caspian associated News, with more detailed reports in the next copy of *The Caspian* Magazine, available free to members.

The Annual General Meeting & Lunch

will take place at Shawell Village Hall, Lutterworth Road, Shawell, Leics. LE17 6AE., on Sunday 14th October, open from 10.30 for 11.00 start. Information from rosemary272@btinternet.com

Members & Friends Christmas Lunch

will take place on Sunday, 25th November at the Mason's Arms Swerford, Chipping Norton, Gloucestershire OX7 4AP with a raffle in aid of CHS funds. Further details from barbarasmathers@gmail.com shortly.

The 3rd International Caspian Conference

A committed group of Caspian enthusiasts gathered at Bla Vingen, Knivsta, near Stockholm, on August 15th, 16th and 17th...

Swedish Caspian Horse Association Breed Show

After an exceptionally wet summer, the SCHA Breed Show at the Nordiclights Stud enjoyed a day of glorious sunshine...

New Bloodlines Added To The Caspian Gene Pool

In an important development for the Caspian breed, four pre-foundation mares and one pre-foundation stallion were assessed, with two offspring each, on 14th August at Knivsta, Sweden...

Points For Performance Cards

If you have shown your Caspian or part-bred this year, please send your signed cards to Penny Walster by 30th October, at the address given on the card. Please photocopy your card before sending, as CHS take no responsibility for lost cards

Breed Standard

Please note The Caspian Breed Standard has been amended and is available to view on our website.

Autumn/Winter 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

Anna Bergman's Open Day

It was a real privilege to have Liz, Pat and John here for the open day in May and they all worked like Trojans to help in every way! Their support and the display boards, banners and promotional literature made such a difference to the whole evening and lent weight to my little horses being the proper thing! The weather was fabulous, there was a really good turn out and thanks to all Pat's hard work in the kitchen all day we fed them all too! A detailed report with more photos to follow in the next magazine!



Preparation for the day included practice lunging for the boys!

Orphan Caspian Foal

A new Caspian owner and breeder in Devon, Clair Thomas, was faced with the enormous task of bringing up a foal which lost her mother when only a few weeks old. Miran Kahena, on loan from Pandora Best, died very suddenly from colic, leaving her filly foal, Bere Sahira, an orphan. The hope was that Clair's partbred Caspian mare Nyansen Mimosa, herself the mother of Bere Amira just a few weeks younger than Sahira, would suckle the orphan, proved not to be. The national Foaling Bank was unable to help, so

Clair, with the help of friends and daughter Anais, embarked on bottle feeding – and the filly has now been successfully weaned!



Reception at British Museum

When I saw press releases for the British Museum Exhibition 'The Horse – from Arabia to Royal Ascot', I realised that view of history being shown was very much from an Arab perspective. I wrote to the curator to say that I was concerned about this, particularly from a Caspian perspective. Apart from a pleasant reply, my critical letter was rewarded by an invitation to a reception to celebrate the opening of the exhibition! I arrived at the Museum on a sunny evening in May, and entered the Great Court where non alcoholic drinks and nibbles were being

passed round quite a crowd. I was a bit disappointed there were no name badges – but soon Prince Andrew (surely the least horse of the royals?) made his way down the curved staircase accompanied by serried ranks of white robed Arabian Sheikhs. After the speeches we were able to see the exhibition – including the little gold Oxus Chariot that helped convince Louise Firouz of her theories about Caspian history – definitely presented from an Arab point of view, but Louise and the Caspians do get a paragraph in the lavish catalogue.

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