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Welcome to the new look newsletter

The aim of the newsletter is to keep members in touch with Caspian matters between our twice yearly magazines.

Louise Firouz

Sadly on the 25th May Louise Firouz died aged 74, she will be missed by many, not least because of her knowledge of the Caspian Horse which she rediscovered in 1965.

In 2004 the CHS hosted the Caspian conference here in the UK. We were very honoured to have Louise attend as one of our main speakers and she also judged at the breed show. This gave many Caspian enthusiasts the opportunity to meet and talk to her about the finer points of the Caspian.

The lovely painting of one of Louise's Caspian's is by Bridget Tempest, Bridget also painted several of Louise's Turkoman horses, to see more of Bridget's work she will shortly have a new web site www.bridgettempest.com



There will be many tributes and memories of Louise Firouz in the Autumn/Winter magazine and it has been decided to hold a Memorial Service for Louise. It will be held at St Mary's parish church, Thorpe, Surrey on Saturday 25th October at 1.30 pm. The CBS members will be joining in with us.

Breed Show



You should have all received a copy of the schedule for the CHS breed show it is also available from our website

www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk

The judge this year is Joan Taplin who is flying in from Bermuda she has a good knowledge of the Caspian, she was in Iran in the early days and joined Louise on some of her treks looking for more Caspians.

Do come along and meet other Caspian owners and supporters on Sunday 27th July if you need more information or would like to sponsor a class please telephone either Kay 01566 784226 or Emy 01480 830223.

Handling Stallions: Under NPS rules ages for handling & leading a stallion is 12 years and over, and 14 years and over to ride one.

CHS Charity Picnic Ball

On June 27th we held the CHS Picnic Ball in marquees in the lovely surroundings of Holywell Hall. About 100 attended and a great time was had by all. It was lovely to welcome our President Jane Holderness-Roddam and her husband Tim, and Liz Mansfield, Vice President, with her husband Tim Parnell. Local people were very kind in helping

and donating super prizes for the auction which raised nearly £2,000 and the raffle over £300. We also had very generous sponsorship so we have not only paid for the new updated brochure but also have swelled the funds considerably. At the time of going to press the final accounts have not been completed.

Caspians at Burghley Horse Trials

4th - 7th September

Saskia Barker will be doing the concours d'elegance driving one of her Caspians to a governess cart at Burghley on the last day of the horse trials. If you are going watch out for her.

Brenda's Book

"THE CASPIAN HORSE" by Brenda Dalton is now available in paper back for £8.99 + £1 p&p from Brenda at Beechgrove, Spark Lane Rufford, Nr Ormskirk Lancs L40 1SV



This new addition has some new and more coloured photographs. This very interesting book is the only book available about the Caspian Horse. Thinking ahead it will make a lovely Christmas present for

family and friends.

Amanda Saville

The latest report on the "Boys" is that they are both coming on well. Bytham Churchill is a saint as of course he would be being Pure Bred and Bytham Joshua is more willful being a part bred!

They are backed now and Amanda is bringing them on slowly as to take part in the display team "Chariots of Fire" they have to have total confidence in her. Hopefully they may come out next year.

New Logo & Brochure

You will see at the top of this N/L we have a new Logo, this is the logo on the new brochure which will be available shortly. We have been lucky to have this initiated by Artisan-Creative who have heavily subsidised our new brochure and logo to bring new appeal to prospective members who we hope to recruit.

Pat goes to the Palace



On the 7th May our chairman Pat Bowles went to Buckingham Palace to receive her MBE from Her Majesty the Queen.

Photo Show & Web

You will have seen included with the last magazine an entry form for a Photo Show. We do hope many of you will enter, you might just win a prize and be one of the lucky ones to have your photo picked for future publicity for the Caspian.

Do look through your old photo's as well you might find a stunning photograph worthy of entering, the society wishes to build up a good library for the archives for future generations as a record of as many Caspians as possible and to do this we need

Pat was awarded an MBE in recognition of all her hard work for many local causes and the support she has given the Caspian Horse Society. Pat has played a major part in promoting the breed and holding many events to raise funds for the society which are very much appreciated without them the Society would not have been able to achieve so much.

We will all be wondering did Pat tell the Queen about Paddington, perhaps he will tell us in his next chapter in the Autumn/Winter magazine or will it be a family secret.

your help. Photographs need to be sharp, well framed and horse and handler looking smart.

We are looking for help to get our web site revamped and we urgently need some good photographs of pure & part bred Caspian's being ridden, jumped and driven, if you can help please contact Vicki Shortis 01603 742012 or vshortisat@sizzel.net

Good Luck

AGM

This year it was held at the home of our secretary Dr Rosemary Harris, after the usual AGM business, we all enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by Rosemary followed by a very interesting talk by Liz Mansfield about showing. She went on to also tell us how often her paths had crossed with the Caspian. In 1976 she was on her way home from Australia via Tehran where the plane stopped to pick up 7 Caspians bound for the UK, this was the last load that was able to leave Iran for many years.

The ICS Caspian Horse Forum

We would like to encourage people to swap chat, information, news, photos etc. on the site to help, inspire and inform the promotion of the Caspian Horse.

The **email** address, should you wish to write to the Forum, is:

ICS_Caspian_Horse@googlegroups.com and the **website** address, to read what others have said, is

http://groups.google.com/group/ICS_Caspian_Horse

You can, of course, also post your own contribution from the site. Users will have difficulties accessing the site if they try to

Also at the AGM members were told that the council is looking into the possibility of holding some council meetings via SKYPE. Some council members have to drive many miles to attend meetings and with the ever rising cost of fuel this would be a great help and particularly in the winter when sometimes a meeting has had to be changed due to bad weather.

Google the address, as Google will strangely, considering it's a Google group, tell them there is no such thing! It may be to do with the low volume of activity at the moment and we may become worth noticing once activity increases.

What you do is to put the whole of the http website address into the bar at the very top of your page and click on the GREEN ARROW (NOT the Google Search) and then the website will appear.

Conferences

Germany 2009, Iran 2011

Plans are being discussed for a conference in Germany in 2009 and the Iranian agricultural department has issued an invitation for a conference to be held in 2011. There will be more about these in future magazines.

Registrations / Transfers

For information on foal registrations contact Bunty Sharman 01509 561845 e.sharman@ntlworld.com and please remember to tell her if you are selling your Caspian so that it can be transferred to the new owner.

Copy for Next Magazine

If you have enjoyed this newsletter why not forward it to a friend and I would love to have your comments, please email vshortis@sizzel.net Please remember COPY FOR THE AUTUMN / WINTER MAGAZINE is the 1st of OCTOBER. Don't forget to send in your news, views, letters, how many foals you have had, have you had lots of fun winning lots of pots etc it does not have to be a long article. We are going to include a photo page of members 2008 crop of foals please send us your pictures. Please tell us if there is anything you think would be interesting to include.

Liz lizwebster08@googlemail.com & Vicki vshortis@sizzel.net look forward to hearing from you.

Membership

If you have not yet renewed your subscription for 2008/9 which was due on April 1st it's not too late a family subscription is £25, single £15 and Associate/Junior is £7, our subscriptions have not been increased for many years, and your continued support is valued. Please remember to tell me of any changes with your address or email. If you require any information on how you can help the society by signing a gift aid form then John's your man 01664 563299 or john.sansome@btinternet.com He can also advise on fund raising ideas. Vicki Shortis, Costessey House, Costessey, Norfolk, NR8 5DG.

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