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The Caspian Enthusiast's Lunch, December 5th

The CHS is hosting a Lunch for all Caspian fans, wherever they are and whatever their society, on Saturday December 5th. Members and guests will meet from 12.15 p.m. at the Mason's Arms at Swerford, near Chipping Norton, Glos., for a chance to eat at a

restaurant praised for its food and meet and chat with other Caspian fans. Invitations have already gone out to members, but anybody wanting further information should contact Sarah Anderson, on tel 0709 2847055, or sarah.anderson@caspianhorses.co.uk

Sweatshirts now available

Attractive and useful Polo sweatshirts and standard sweatshirts for adults and sweatshirts for children in Navy and Burgundy are now available, embroidered in gold-coloured thread with the CHS logo and 'Love Caspians' for children. They will be for sale at the Lunch on December 5th to make unique Christmas presents.



Order by email from Liz Webster on lizwebster08@googlemail.com, or visit www.caspianhorsesociety.org.uk, click on Events page to see more details/order form.

Book Offer

The Caspian Horse, and **The Caspian Horse**, *photo guide*, (J A Allen) by Brenda Dalton

Signed copies at a special price of £12.00 for both books. (Postage free UK). Europe add £3.00. Other countries add £4.00

Tel 01704 821641 or daltonb@talk21.com or visit CHS website (as above), click on Articles, and under publications you will find an order form.

The AGM Visit to the National Stud

Twenty CHS members enjoyed a guided visit to the mare and foal paddocks and the stallion's quarters at the National Stud, Newmarket, before

taking lunch at the Rosery Hotel in nearby Exting on 14th June. Lunch was followed by an informal AGM.

Pandora's Drive to Work

Pandora Best and the little part-bred Caspian mare Every Rowena are to be congratulated for their heroic 80 mile, 4-day round-trip 'drive to work' with an exercise cart in late-September.

Pandora drove from her home in Hutterleigh to the Environment Agency offices in Exminster and back, to raise money for three charities, of which the CHS is a very grateful one.

Proposed Horse and Hound ad for stallions in January

Plans are being discussed to take a display advertisement in the Stallion issue of the Horse and Hound in early 2010, the cost to be shared between the CHS and stallion owners. There is also a possibility of a more informative leaflet

on cross-breeding with Caspian stallions being produced for the next stud season, to follow this advertisement. Anybody interested should contact Liz Webster on 01935 475896 or email lizwebster08@googlemail.com

The Cancelled Breed Show

The organisers reluctantly had to announce the cancellation of the CHS Breed Show, due to be held at Droitwich on 5th September at the last minute, due to late withdrawal of entries making it

impossible to put on a viable show. Apologies and commiserations go to those competitors who were intending to come and for the lost opportunity to show off our Caspians to a new and competitive audience.

Caspians on display...

Pat Bowles & John Sansome exhibited Caspians at The Newark Conservation & Heritage Show, on the weekend of 7th & 8th November.

Pandora & Eric Best, with Caspians, will be at the **The South West Christmas Equine Fair, Westpoint, Exeter** on the weekend of 5th & 6th December. If you can help on the days please tel. 07879 430366

Open Day at Bytham Stud

Pat Bowles put on a splendid Open Day at the Bytham Stud at Castle Bytham in mid-June. Over the two days of Pat's Open Day she was visited by over 100 people per day, who saw a well-prepared display of her mares, foals and stallions as well as Caspian literature and photographs. For some people this was a chance to attend two events at once, as the National Stud Visit and AGM took place not far away the following day.

Jane's Parachute Jump

Our courageous President, Jane Holderness Roddam, inspired us all by jumping from an airplane by parachute in early October, to raise money for Riding for the Disabled. Jane reports that although initially terrifying (as the first to jump) she quickly enjoyed the experience. Our congratulations for showing us the mettle of our President!

Change of Registrar on 5th Dec.

Mrs Elizabeth (Bunty) Sharman, has decided to retire after some 12 years as Registrar to the CHS, and we shall finally say goodbye and thank-you to her at the Lunch on 5th December, when Ruth Staines will take on the post. We are so grateful to Bunty and wish her well in her retirement. We are also very grateful to Ruth and wish her well too!

Retirement of Kay Taplin,

Council member & temporary Chairman
Another resignation, this time from Council. Kay will shortly be moving to Portugal now that she has finally accomplished the Herculean task of selling her house in such a difficult time. Kay stood in as temporary Chairman for six months, until Liz Webster could take on the post. We wish Kay, and her partner John, a wonderful new life in Portugal, but we'll miss her wise and entertaining presence on Council and thank her for all her hard work on behalf of the Caspian.

LOTS TO COME IN THE AUTUMN / WINTER MAGAZINE - if you need to place an advert or include some copy please contact me ASAP vshortis@sizzel.net

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