

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

SUMMER 2019

Well the show season is upon us once again and Volunteers, Clients and friends are all helping us make the most of our fund raising events this year.

LOTTA BOTTLE

There certainly were a lot of bottles on our exciting Bottle Tombola at Overton Gala this year. The rain didn't dampen spirits and an admirable £80.00. was raised.

FUN & FUNDRAISING

Our first Craft stall of the season was at St. Peter and Pauls Church, a dull and drizzly day but a friendly venue and although the weather kept the crowds away Shelagh and Terri joined the stall and helped to introduce a few new people to Dial Wood. The weather was a little kinder for our bigger event at Horbury Street fair, a first for Dial Wood, this enjoyable village event was well attended and made for a fun and profitable weekend.



Our Colourful stall at Horbury Street Fair

GOING FOR GOLD!

As many of you will know 2019 marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of The RDA. To mark this occasion Dial Wood has set up a Golden Mile Challenge for all clients to record their driven miles between May and the RDA's Official Birthday week at the beginning of October. Our target is a total of fifty miles and I am delighted to report that we are already half way there. There will be certificates for all that take part as well as individual prizes for the most miles covered and the most sponsorship monies raised. SO keep up the great work.



Kirklees students designed our Golden Mile 'thermometer' showing our clients progress toward the Golden Goal.

MOVING ON UP...!

Yet again Cummins have come up trumps, designing, constructing and fitting a superb ramp attachment to provide an easier loading facility for carers who previously struggled with the steeper integral ramp on the Fenix Freedom.

Cummins Engineers have worked long and hard on this project and we are so grateful for their expertise. Once it has been tested by an independent engineer and Jo Pilling it is hoped that this new ramp will also increase our client base.



Two of Cummins Engineers make a few final checks

TEAMWORK! By Holly

Anyone who sees me knows that I am groom and back-stepper to my friend Leah who has a pair of Welsh Section A ponies (like Little Splash) called Mac and Chop-Suey. On the 2nd June we attended our first BDS show in some time at Red House Stables near Matlock, Derbyshire. After days of polishing carriage, harness and ponies we entered two classes in a very bumpy show ring where I had to hang on very tight, and thankfully one class comprised of a 4 mile road drive on the Derbyshire hills. Despite on and off showers of rain we all had a great time and came home with rosettes. We also qualified for the BDS Championship Show in Buckinghamshire in September!



Leah, Holly, Mac and Chop Suey showing the power of teamwork.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Graham who has achieved his Grade One driving certificate. Well done! Tommy and Adam are working towards their Grade 3 and Adam and Terri are embarking on the Asdan Project. Keep up the great work!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Without our team of hardworking, committed and loyal volunteers Dial Wood simply could not continue the great work that we do, but we are always looking for new volunteers to spread the load. We need help with sessions both carriage driving and riding therapy, out general mucking duties. administration and fund raising. Know someone who might like to join the team? Let Audrey, Chris or Julie know and we will invite them along to join a session.

<u>EVENTS LIST – 2019.</u>

Sat 27th July – Woolley Horse Show – Craft Sat 3rd August – Emley Show – Craft Sun 11th August – Wakefield RDA Show – Tombola & Craft Advent Fair – tbc

Please support us by coming along or offering help at these events.

We are always looking for Tombola items or, if you are creative, ideas for our craft stalls. Let Audrey, Chris or Julie know if you can help.

DATE OF NEXT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019. Contact Chris with articles.

