

TURN OUT

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

AUTUMN – 2023

As the end of Summer draws near we have enjoyed a few stolen days of sunshine, but the crisp and misty mornings reminds us that Autumn is well and truly on the way and as the leaves turn gold another precious metal features in Dial Wood's story this quarter.

PONIES ON SHOW!

Our very own Tonto and Ellie were ambassadors of Dial Wood at this year's Mirfield Show. A busy day saw lots of visitors to our stall giving volunteers the opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones.



Tonto seems eager to meet his public

IT ALL MAKES SENSE

A wonderful day was enjoyed by Sense families who came to enjoy a taste of what Dial Wood has to offer. Children enjoyed carriage drives, pony rides, pony therapy and even a ride on 'Ben' our

horse simulator. The day was a great success and many who joined us hope to make a return visit.



Volunteers pause for a photo and a well earned break from a fun and busy day.

TYSON STRIDES OUT

As well as being a favourite at Tea With A Pony afternoons, Tyson shows his versatility as both a ride and drive pony. He is already proving to be a lovely and patient riding therapy pony and is continuing his driving progress and will soon be ready to drive out with our participants



The Talented Mr Tyson

THEY BE DRAGONS!

Big congratulations go to the Cummins Team who came a very impressive fifth in the Pugneys Dragon Boat Race in July. Dial Wood Volunteers went along to cheer them on. Our group benefited from some of the funds raised and a fun day was had by all.

HI HO SILVER!

Dial Wood's twenty fifth anniversary celebrations on Sunday 24th September were a great success. The team organised a special event in the form of an afternoon tea party with opportunities for guests to meet the ponies, enjoy a go on the Tombola, purchase a horse shoe or two and enjoy a lovely afternoon Tea. It was an excellent turn out culminating in the drawing of tickets for our Annual Grand Draw.



A lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

And a BIG THANK YOU GOES TO Katy and her family for their generous donation.



*'I think we should spend it on carrots and hay',
Suggests Tonto.*

THE TOOTH THE WHOLE TOOTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TOOTH!

Little Splash was a brave boy during his recent tooth extraction. Our lovely lad is literally a little long in the tooth and inevitably having a few dental issues. He made a swift recovery and was back to the important job of eating in no time at all.

The removal of this troublesome tooth will make him feel much more comfortable.

SCHOOLMASTER DUNCAN!

Duncan proves what a good boy he is as two volunteers enjoyed an impromptu ride recently. Julie is more familiar with carriage driving than riding and this was only Suzy's second time on a pony. Duncan's riding therapy skills came to the fore as he proved what a patient boy he is.



Julie & Suzy enjoying some riding therapy.

FIRST AID.

Volunteers and Coaches recently honed their first aid and life saving skills attending the three yearly refresher course held at the Mining Museum.

ADOPT A PONY

Looking for that perfect and original gift? Why not adopt one of our wonderful ponies for a friend or loved one. You will receive a super framed photo, regular updates and letters 'straight from the horses mouth'. The price has been kept at just £19.99 a year. Check out our website for more details www.dialwoodrda.com

DATE OF NEXT NEWSLETTER:- December 2023. All articles/features to Chris.