

TURN OUT

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

SPRING 2024.

A VERY BIG WELCOME THIS QUARTER TO
Grahame our guest editor.



Grahame has been a participant at Dial Wood for several years now and has a lovely rapport with our ponies, especially Duncan who he drives regularly. Over to you Grahame....

Three weeks ago I was enjoying the Luna New Year in Vietnam. While on holiday I missed more snow and cool temperatures at home, whilst enjoying plus 32 degrees Centigrade in the shade in Saigon; our ponies would melt! Seriously though, I do miss my 'boys' and our excellent volunteers.

Spring is just around the corner; Snow drops, Daffodils all appearing from their winter slumber. Those in the equine world have to be hardy; come rain, snow, gales or sunshine our ponies require attention each and every day, whatever mother nature throws our way. Personally I love the cold as I lived

'outside' at the school I attended (long story).

It seems only two minutes ago that I started attending Dial Wood. In reality over six years have flown by. I am confident interacting with Duncan, Ty and Splash. Lovely patient Splash, my waving an adapted grooming gadget, or 'walking' him round the yard, he takes it all in his stride, bless him.

Thanks to ALL the volunteers. Ruth gives great advice, Sally great gardening tips too! Whatever you do this month, keep well, warm and be happy.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Big Congratulations are in order this quarter for our hard working participants who have achieved their most recent goals. They include Mia, Sammi and Terri (Grade 1 Horse Care), and Miles, Jade, Isla and Kimberley (Endeavour Awards). VERY WELL DONE!



Mia with her Grade 1 Horse Care certificate

LETS ALL STRIVE FOR FIFTY FIVE!

The Dial Wood Team love a challenge and the latest one celebrates the fifty fifth anniversary of the Riding for the Disabled Association. Volunteers and participants are being encouraged to complete 55 tasks before June. The mix of tasks is creating a fun and interesting angle to normal sessions with such varied goals as

checking a pony's pulse to enjoying a canter on 'Ben' our mechanical horse.

FUN DAY FOR ALL

Our Open Country visitors certainly enjoyed their time at Dial Wood during a busy weekend of horse care and fun.



Holly demonstrates mane plaiting with the help of Tyson.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Dial Wood Team are always on the look out for new volunteers and have attended a couple of events recently to spread the word about the wonderful work we do and opportunities we create. Thanks go to those volunteers who promoted us at New College Huddersfield Apprenticeship Fair and Greenhead College Volunteers fair. We provide so many opportunities for young people including Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Yela and work placements and they certainly seem to enjoy working with us.



Megan has enjoyed her placement

EGGSELLENT GIFT IDEA!

Easter is early this year so what better time to choose a gift with a difference. Adopt one of Dial Wood's wonderful ponies for just £19.99 a year and get regular pony letters and a framed photo of your chosen pony. Lasts much longer than an Easter Egg and far fewer calories! Interested? Just check out our website for more details. www.dialwoodrda.com



Ellie looking every bit as irresistible as the finest easter egg.

You can also support us with the Easy Fund Raising shop on line scheme.

SHIP SHAPE SHEDS

Finally big thanks to the guys behind the scenes keeping us in good order. Daniel for his work on the carriage shed roof, Andrew for fixing our damaged metal shed and the HMP contractor for letting there be light in Duncan's stable.

EVENTS:

Our next event is the Kirklees Families Together Event on Saturday 18th May 2 – 5 Skelmanthorpe.

Look out for a busy Summer of shows/events in our next Newsletter scheduled for June.