

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

SPRING 2019.

Well we have certainly had some bizarre weather with the hottest February on record one week and storm clouds, hail and snow the next...but we are a hardy bunch at Dial Wood and keep busy whatever the weather has to offer.



Big and Little enjoy a few bonus days of sunshine

GRAND SPRING DRAW

It's that time of year again! Raffle tickets for Dial Wood's Spring draw are on sale now. This year we have some fantastic prizes including an amazing weekend break at a Cottage in Richmond, 'cottages.compropertyuk2097' a Model Aircraft flight experience (both courtesy of new Committee member Ailsa,) as well as Hampers, Restaurant vouchers and many more exciting prizes. We have extended the draw date to 12th June so plenty of time to sell them let's make this year's Spring Draw the best ever.

VOLUNTEERS GET CRAFTY!

Dial Wood's volunteers are a talented bunch as demonstrated by a new fund raising venture this year, the 'Dial Wood Craft Consortium!' Co-ordinated by Chris, volunteers are inspiring one another, sharing ideas and creating some attractive and very professional looking craft which will be on sale at shows and events throughout the year. If you wish to get involved too contact Chris or Audrey for more information.

TERRI'S ENDEAVOUR – Report by Julie

Client Terri received her Endeavour Award at the end of February. Since Terri started driving with Duncan, she has been learning to give him commands, Terri's challenge was to and try and earn an Endeavour Award by remembering to say Duncan's name first, before giving the command to 'walk on', 'come left' or 'come right'.

With a lot of practice and encouragement, Terri finally achieved her goal and was presented with her certificate and badge by Julie on the 21st February 2019, as you can see she was very proud and rightly so.



The Endeavour Award can be awarded for successfully achieving a specific target, which is set together by the RDA Coach and the driver or their carer.

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Dial Wood's clients are really working through their grades at the moment, with Grahame and Jordan preparing for Grade 1, Craig doing some sterling work towards his Grade 2 and Carol, Tommy and Adam preparing to take their Grade 3. Daisy has her endeavour challenge too. **WELL DONE GUYS!**



Grahame clearly enjoying his drive with

Duncan

RIDING THERAPY

We have been at the mercy of the weather over the Winter but Riding Therapy is progressing well with Cora showing real improvement especially where her balance is concerned. We currently run one session per week but are hoping to expand over the Summer. Anyone interested in helping at these sessions, please contact Audrey on 07905331917 for more information.

VOLUNTEER EVENING

Dial Wood's annual Volunteerl Evening held on Friday 8th March, was a success with lots of lovely food, a fiendish quiz a tombola and some great craft for sale. Certificates were awarded to many of our new D of E students and new volunteers and it was nice to meet new faces as well as catch up with some old friends.

EVENTS LIST – 2019.

Sat 11th May – Craft Stall St. Peter & Pauls Church – near Asda.

Sat 8th **June** – Overton Gala – Bottle Tombola

Sat/Sun 15/16th **June** – Horbury Street Fayre – Craft

Sun 30th **June** – Horbury Show – Tombola & Craft

Sat 27th July – Woolley Horse Show – Craft Sat 3rd August – Emley Show – Craft

Sat 19th August – Wakefield RDA Show – Tombola & Craft

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

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

A BIG WELCOME to new Committee Member Ailsa. Anyone interested in joining the Committee and learning about the interesting and exciting work we do please contact Audrey, Chris or Julie for details.

AND FINALLY a 'thought for paws!'

A message from one of our Stable cats Belle...

Hello I'm Belle, I've not been well Isn't that a pity. If we get ill, Who Pays the Bill? Think we need a 'Kitty' Kitty!



Please remember our Stable cats, they might not pull a carriage but they always give us a warm welcome and keep the mice away from our precious food store.

DATE OF NEXT NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019. Contact Chris with articles.

