

TURN OUT

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

SPRING 2022.

With all the challenges our fragile world has been facing over the last two years at least the changes of the seasons remain a constant. It is always a welcome sight to see cornflower blue skies over Dial Wood and a variety of brave early spring flowers reminding us, for all the ugliness in the world, there is a great deal of beauty too...much of it on four legs!

FOR THE LOVE OF PONIES

Our four legged friends certainly felt very loved during February when a Valentine theme ran through many of our pony therapy activities.

Pony Therapy has become very popular with many participants continuing to enjoy their equestrian journey. We have recently begun carriage driving again and are building up participants slowly but surely so that Duncan can be at his best for his fans!



Erin gives Tyson's tail a good brush as part of her pony therapy session.

IF WISHES WERE HORSES!

A little over two years ago one of the items on Dial Wood's Wish List was a 'Horse Simulator'. This expensive, highly sophisticated piece of equipment would add to our expanding list of opportunities providing a confidence building, socially distanced riding experience for riding therapy participants and those wishing to make the transition from Pony Therapy. Thanks to a generous legacy our wish came true and 'Ben' is now enjoying life in the end stable. Software has recently been installed to further enhance this marvellous experience.



Hafsa putting 'Ben' through his paces

ROOM AT THE TOP!

Wind and rain lashed the yard during recent fierce storms, the resultant flooding turned the arena into a lake and the high winds nearly took our carriage shed roof with them. Good job Andrew was on hand to carry out a few very necessary repairs. Roll on Spring...



Volunteers rock! Hopefully that ladder doesn't!

CO-OPERATIVE PONIES

Well by their very nature Dial Wood's ponies have always been co-operative, but Tonto and Ellie took it to a another level on a recent visit to Mirfield Co-op to meet and greet customers. The Co-op membership scheme allows customers to donate, via their membership points, to a chosen charity. 2p is paid in every pound spent on Co-op branded products and over £600 has already been generated for our group. It's not too late to become a Co-op member and help us out.



*VIP Tonto meeting his public!
Very Important Pony!*

OPEN DAY

Recent funding has allowed Dial Wood to offer six Open Days over the next few months. These events are designed to encourage volunteers and participants giving them a taste of all we have to offer. We held a very successful taster day on Saturday 5th March. The first Open Day will be Saturday 9th April, check our face book page for other dates.

TEA WITH A PONY

Dial Wood is very excited to announce the launch of its' latest venture. Tea With a Pony. This initiative began at a group in the Cotswolds and proved very popular.

Care home residents and elderly individuals are being invited to come along with their carers for tea and cake and the opportunity to spend time with our wonderful ponies. The first session on Thursday 14th April is already booked, and we are hoping to run lots more during the Summer depending on demand. Interested? Contact Chris 07769 713767 for more details.



ADOPT A PONY

Don't forget you can help our Group by adopting one of lovely ponies. How about our new boy Tyson....just look at those feathers!! Check our website for details.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS – March – June

Sat 9th April – Open Day at Dial Wood.

Sat 14th May – Overton Gala

Sat/Sun 18th/19th June – Horbury Street Fair.

Sun 26th June – Horbury Show

DATE OF NEXT NEWSLETTER:-

June 2022 – Articles to Chris.