

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

### **SPRING 2020.**

Well as we all try and adjust to this Strange New World it's important to remember some of the good things that have happened over the last few months and use this downtime to focus on the positive...stay safe friends.

## **GIMME' SHELTER**

Having a place to shelter is more important than ever right now and it is no different for ponies. Funding from Awards for All has enabled us to purchase a wonderful spacious field shelter to give our boys some protection from the rain or sun or to simply relax in. Little Splash loves the sound his hooves make as he trots through it.



Taking delivery of our great new field shelter.

#### **INSPIRATIONAL EVENING.**

What an enjoyable and truly inspirational evening Dial Wood volunteers, Audrey, Andrew, Chris and Ailsa enjoyed in February at the Kirklees Diversity and Inclusion Awards Dinner. Dial Wood had been shortlisted for an award for Best Inclusive Charity. Thanks to Becky for nominating us.



Glowing with pride quite literally.

#### **MEET THE PONIES**

Our first Pony Day of the year saw three young clients visit the yard to experience some good old pony therapy. Big Splash was really enjoying all the attention and even gave two clients a ride around the yard. Thanks Ailsa and Vicky for helping.



Big Splash makes a new friend.

#### FOND FAREWELL

It's time to say Goodbye and Good Luck to Volunteer Kellsie who has put in 315 hours at the yard for her work placement from Askham Bryan College! Kellsie also achieved her Bronze Level YELA award and RDA Green Card certificate.



Kellsie and friends.

# LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE VOLUNTEERS!

Dial Wood remains closed until further notice but never more have we appreciated our dedicated Volunteers than right now. Keeping to the maximum of two attending at any one time, and following all the Government Guidelines our team are providing essential care for the boys and looking forward to better days ahead when we can safely welcome back our wonderful clients.



Holly and Duncan observing the 2metre rule!

## **EVENTS**

Sadly all the Summer 2020 Events that the Group were booked to attend have been

cancelled. We will update you further in the next newsletter scheduled for June. In the meantime there are other ways that you can help us.

#### ADOPT A PONY!

Duncan, Big Splash, Little Splash, Tonto and Ellie would love you to adopt them. At just £19.99 a year this makes the perfect Easter Gift (less fattening than an egg), or perhaps you might just like to cheer up an older or vulnerable person stuck at home. All Adoptees receive a lovely framed photo of their chosen pony along with regular updates and letters.



How can you resist!

Contact Audrey or Ailsa for further information.

#### NOTHING BUT BLUE SKIES FROM NOW ON......

And finally a pause for thought. This lovely photograph of the sky over Dial Wood cross hatched with vapour trails was taken at the beginning of February this year. Stay well and stay safe!



Next Newsletter is scheduled for June 2020. ALL ARTICLES TO CHRIS PLEASE.