

TURN OUT

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

WINTER 2021.

As Christmas canters towards us and the phrase 'it'll be here before you know it' punctuates most conversations I think we are all feeling a little nervous about what it may bring. Last year's bleak mid Winter taught us resilience, flexibility and the power of hope, qualities that will see us through to 2022 and as the year draws to a close we hope you will enjoy reading about all that has been happening at Dial Wood over the past few months...

'THE NEW BOY'



Meet Tyson, Dial Wood's latest and youngest team member. The Group had been looking for a pony for some time and after the loss of our dear old friend Big Splash the search continued.

The handsome seven year old joined us early in November and is settling in really well. A 13.2 hh ride and drive pony with a lovely nature and a very impressive mane, Tyson will certainly be an asset to the group and is looking forward to making lots of new friends.

NEW SKILLS!

Carriage driving restrictions, due to the pandemic, were lifted a few months ago, but in the meantime Duncan has certainly proved



himself as a Riding therapy pony. Riding improves concentration, core strength and co-ordination and it's lots of fun too.

Regular riding therapy participant, Hafsa, gets on well with Duncan and is clearly enjoying herself putting him through his paces, that smile says it all.

In fact our Riding and Pony Therapy sessions are proving very popular all round. Many of Dial Wood's participants are enjoying learning about how to care for ponies and working on a variety of projects including Asdan and RDA Grades.



Here are Leon and Alvin proudly displaying their well deserved certificates. Both boys worked really hard to achieve their RDA Grade One Proficiency in Riding and Horse Care.

WELL DONE BOYS! (Little Splash too!)

OUT AND ABOUT

Well it has been a long wait, but the Dial Wood Volunteers have finally been able to do some pre Christmas fund raising. Naturally Covid guidelines have been followed and how lovely it has been to be able to meet people again, chat about the group and raise some much needed funds.

The group had stalls at QEGs selling craft, Scissett School with a popular Tombola and also a Tack sale where we were able to sell a few surplus equine items.



Volunteer Andrew at Scissett School ready for the rush.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Dial Wood is proud to announce that it has been chosen as one of the Co-op's charities this year. Becoming a member and selecting Dial Wood as your charity of choice means the group will receive 2p in every pound spent on Co-op branded products. So why not join up and do your Christmas shopping at your local branch for a gift that keeps on giving.

ADOPT A PONY

Pondering over those last minute gift ideas? Adopting one of Dial Wood's ponies makes a really worthwhile gift. For

just £19.99 per year you receive a charming framed photo of your chosen pony letters straight from the horses' mouth, as well as regular newsletters. Check out our website for more details.

MAXIMISING HELP!

It was great to have a team from Maximus UK on the yard in October sprucing up our stables. The team worked very hard all day and made a real difference to the appearance of our yard. THANKS TO ONE AND ALL.



Ahh we've been expecting you! Two of the Maximus UK team adopt a Bond pose

TOP DRAWER GRAND DRAW

Dial Wood is delighted to announce that our Annual Grand Draw this year raised an astonishing **£977.00** which makes it our best ever. So big thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and congratulations to all the lucky winners. A list of all prize winners has been posted at the yard and is also available to view on our website.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HERE'S TO A BETTER 2022. HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE

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