

# TURN OUT

*Dial Wood Carriage Driving for the Disabled*

*Newsletter March/April 2018*

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2018. We hope you are all enjoying the great British weather – Snow in March/April!!!! Duncan certainly has - he's loved the opportunity to play out with the big boys!!

## *NEW CLIENTS FOR DIALWOOD*

A number of new clients have been enjoying the benefits of carriage driving over recent months.

Jeremy joined us late last year as he was having a break from riding following an operation.

Jeremy enjoyed the experience so much that he is now a regular weekly driver, who would gladly stay 'onboard' all afternoon if he got the chance.

Another new client is Lauren whose cheeky smile and infectious giggle brightens everyone's afternoon, she loves driving out with Duncan and even gets her carer Maddison to film her each week so she can watch it over and over until it is time to return for the 'real thing'. Oxfield Court and Choice Support have both been bringing new clients on alternate weeks, these older clients are clearly enjoying the fresh air and sense of freedom that carriage driving brings, and their carers have remarked on just what a difference it makes to them all.

Seeing the therapeutic effects carriage driving has on our clients makes it all very worthwhile.

On Sunday when a regular client can't come we offer the space to someone on our waiting list who has been assessed. Tommy especially enjoys putting Duncan through his paces!



## **A Driving Force for 20 Years**

2018 sees 20 years of Dial Wood Carriage Driving for the Disabled. First opened by HRH Princess Anne in 1998 we have gone from strength to strength providing opportunities for many people both young and old. It has been wonderful to see how our clients and volunteers have flourished, learnt new skills and developed their confidence whilst also having fun. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last 20 years and we are looking forward to the next 20.



Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to Lucy due to ill health but we have also said hello to Ellie who has come to join us. She has been settled into Dial Wood life in the company of Tonto, both of whom are planning a 20 mile sponsored walk in memory of Lucy.



## Challenge Time

Here's a challenge for you: who can remember any of these 20 names? Whoever remembers the most may get a prize! Answers as to who they are on email please to [audrey.honeyman@virgin.net](mailto:audrey.honeyman@virgin.net)

**Wiggy, Walter, Jim, Dapple, Dave, Joan, Betty, Sally, Pam, Doris, Jane, Lucy, Heather, Special, Steve, William, Diane, Susan, Catherine, Ray.**



2018 EVENTS in our 20th year:

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Volunteers Evening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Draw

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Overton Gala

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Ron's 10 Mile Challenge

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Honley Show

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Horbury Show

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Woolley Show

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Emley Show

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Wakefield RDA Show

September – 10 mile Pleasure Ride

October – Annual Quiz Night

November – Collection of Pony Boxes

December – Pennine Advent Fair



## Well Done Holly

Trainee coach Holly Crawford has won a bursary of £100 towards getting outside carriage driving training. Holly is making contact with Red House Stables in Derbyshire...watch this space!!!

## Thumbs up for Aviva

A great big thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Aviva Community Project, we have received £1000.00 which will be going towards updating our website (watch out for a new and exciting website) and general running costs for the ponies.



## GRAND DRAW 9<sup>th</sup> May

Have you got your tickets?

There are over 30 fabulous prizes, including luxury hampers and a nest of tables to be won!

