

TURN OUT

Newsletter of the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group

SUMMER 2022.

Dial Wood has certainly felt like a very positive place to be over the last few months with new volunteers, fun themed sessions and an exciting new Summer initiative.

TEA WITH A PONY

This great new venture originally began at an RDA Group in the Cotswolds with others soon following suit. Dial Wood set up a small Tea With A Pony Team and welcomed its' first tea guests, from local residential homes, at Easter. Such is its' appeal we are hosting sessions nearly every week. The benefits of being around our calm and gentle ponies is clear to see.

Each session has followed a theme, including an extra special Platinum Party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.



This lady was softly singing to Tyson not a dry eye in the yard!

Big thanks to Audrey and Andrew for bringing Tonto and Ellie over for some of these sessions.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS...

Of course Dial Wood could not survive were it not for our wonderful volunteers old and new. Aadil joined us for the whole of June to gain horse experience before embarking on an animal physio course at University. We wish him the best of luck. Good wishes too to Lydia and Georgia who are both moving on from their time with the group.



Aadil perfecting his plaiting skills.

Be their service long or short we value all our volunteers and long standing volunteer Merriam was presented with her well deserved Big Splash Award recently.



Merriam being presented with her Big Splash Award certificate by Eileen Head, Carriage Driving Leader.

BACK IN THE DRIVING SEAT

Dial wood had to adapt over the pandemic and we tentatively welcomed clients back with pony therapy and riding therapy opportunities all proving very popular, but now we are glad to announce that, we are carriage driving again...Hooray.



Nina enjoying being 'back on board'

THE SHOWS MUST GO ON...

How marvellous it has been to attend a number of shows and galas over the last few weeks. Netherton Gala, Overton Gala and most recently Horbury Street Fair. There really is no substitute for being out in the fresh air and chatting to people, raising awareness and funds.



The Mayor of Wakefield has a go at the Lucky Dip at Horbury Street Fair.

CLIENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Maximising on pony therapy opportunities has enabled many of our clients to complete their Asdan projects. Erin, Daisy, Terri, Grahame and Craig have all gained their certificates over the last few months and other clients have been inspired to work towards theirs.



Erin receiving her Asdan certificate from Audrey

EVENTS LIST

Good to see the Events List back in the Newsletter. Here are a couple of dates for your diary...please come along and support us.

SUN 26TH JUNE – HORBURY SHOW – TOMBOLA, LUCKY DIP & CRAFT

SUN 21ST AUGUST – MIRFIELD SHOW – STALL AND DEMONSTRATION WITH TONTO & ELLIE.

You can support the group in other ways too. We currently have some super hanging baskets for sale courtesy of Merriam's mum Lindy.

Or perhaps you would like to Adopt A Pony. See our website for more details www.dialwoodrda.co.uk

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