



## NEWSLETTER January 2009

### Chairman Report

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all enjoyed Christmas. I cannot believe we are at the beginning of another year, where does the time go.

The vet's talk in January was very interesting and once again the Queen's Head in Wolverley proved to be a very successful venue. We had a raffle which raised £23 for our funds. Thank you to everyone who provided the prizes. We are hoping to have raffles throughout the year to help boost our funds, any prizes you may be able to donate would be a great help.

We have I hope organized another full and varied calendar for you, with an evening at Carol and David Pawson's in February. Practice and training days, mini trials, plenty of drives mid week and weekends, showing classes and a barbeque weekend.

We have been offered a ring at the Tree Counties Show and we are currently working with the organizers to put on an event there, so it will be all hands on deck for our members.

This season we are producing our "What's on" in a booklet form. You will receive one within the next couple of weeks. Hopefully this will be easier for everyone to keep track of dates, events and venues.

I would like to say a big thank you for all their help over the years to Dawn Tebbett-vice chairman, Stephen Pond. Kate Adams and Wendy Martin, who have stepped down from the committee this year, and to welcome onto the committee Elspeth Morgan, Hannah Walker and David Smith, Carol Pawson has been elected as the acting vice chairman.

I hope to see you all soon

Sue Woods

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### WDDC Website

The Website is now up and running with all club activities, if you would like any information posted on this site please contact Elspeth Morgan. If you want to take a look at website log on to [www.wolverleydriving.co.uk](http://www.wolverleydriving.co.uk).

## Clipper Rally

*21<sup>st</sup> September at Mount Pleasant Farm by kind permission of Ivan and Carol Meredith*

Billed as a fun day for everyone, plus a treasure hunt!

During the week before the clipper rally we eagerly awaited the arrival of the instructions, map references and co-ordinates. We sat down with a cup of coffee and studied the paper work, becoming more and more confused – would we end up on the motorway or in the centre of Kidderminster? Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> dawned fine and sunny. When we had put to we went to the start and waited for the off. Trotting out on to the road we wondered where had all the other turnouts gone! But look there were wheel marks and fresh dropping, we must be on the right route! What a relief when we found our first red flowerpot and the clippers. Filled with enthusiasm we followed the route we'd marked and there it was – another flowerpot. Between flowerpots we were able to enjoy the lovely countryside, we passed people working in their gardens, who gave us a cheery wave, and you could see the expression on their faces – more of those mad horsemen!

Eventually we saw a carriage- no three trotting along, they must know the quickest way back to the farm, so we tagged on behind them. Suddenly Ivan drew up in his car and handed out ice cream cones! The whips went into the holders whilst the whip drove one handed coachman style and balanced an ice cream cone in the other hand.

At last back at the farm we handed in our punched card, wiped the ice cream from our faces and set about seeing to Jenny. When she was washed down, watered and happily munching her hay net we went over to the house - surprise, surprise – there set out on the drive was a big table covered in a white cloth, laden with all sorts of goodies, sausage rolls, pork pies, salads, rolls, cheese, crisps and drinks. All this had been prepared and served by Ivan and the girls whilst we were out driving. We all relaxed, chatted and enjoyed the warm sunshine. Rosettes were handed out to all the turnouts, we said goodbye and thanks to our host and hostess – What a lovely end to a perfect driving day.

Dorothy Billings

## Christmas Walk

Linda once again arranged a walk for members and their families and friends on the Saturday after Christmas to give us the opportunity of walking all the excesses of the festive season.

The walk around Wolverley followed some quiet roads, a lovely stretch along the canal towpath and a footpath through a small wood and across a field, which was hard going for some of Linda's family with small children and pushchairs. However all those taking part thoroughly enjoyed it and some even learnt a thing or two from the information sheet she had given to each group giving details of places of interest we passed on route.

As husband Simon was suffering with sciatica he joined us all afterwards for a very reasonably priced lunch at the Queen's Head and I am sure you would all like me to thank Linda for arranging this annual social event.

Vicki Poole

## **From The Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust**

Please pass on my very sincere thanks to the members of the Wolverley Driving Club for the very generous donation to our funds. Thanks to you too for hosting the event. The donation is especially welcome now as the credit crunch is really beginning to have an effect on donations and I think the next year will be a case of keeping going and not embarking on any new projects.

I have just returned from The Gambia and our annual show which was a big success. People are really beginning to understand what the shows are about now and turnout was good. It was lovely to see the big difference between the project donkeys and the normal donkeys; it does show that with training for the carers the condition of the animals can be dramatically improved.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Heather Armstrong

Dear Members

Many thanks for generously topping up the money raised at our driving weekend for the donation to Gambia Trust

This summer they had 4 trainers from the UK and were able to equip the local students. Imagine how motivated they will have been!

A new innovation is an annual show, encouraging owners to take pride in their equines.

Thanks again

Lynn Smith

## **TWAS THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Twass the month after Christmas, and all through the house  
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse  
The biscuits I'd nibbled, the champagne I'd taste  
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the shops (less a walk, more a lumber)  
I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,  
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese,  
And the way I'd never said "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt,  
I said to myself, as only I can,  
"You can't spend all summer disguised as a man"

So – away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip,  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished,  
'Til all the additional ounces have vanished.  
I won't have a biscuit – not even a lick.

I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.  
 I won't have hot scones, or cake, or fruit pie,  
 I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry and lonesome, and life is a bore,  
 But isn't that what January is for?  
 Unable to laugh, no longer a riot'  
 Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet

Carol Meredith

### **REPORT BY THE CLUB LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE TO AFFILIATED CLUBS IN THE MIDLANDS REGION, NOVEMBER 2008.**

I am one of eight Regional Representatives forming a Club Liaison Committee covering England & Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We were reformed last May following pressure from the 40 plus Affiliated Clubs. What they wanted was to feel more involved in the BHDТА, and to have better rapport with the BHDТА Council and its Office. To this end, one of our Committee, Audrey Barron, has been co-opted to Council, and a further member, yet to be nominated will be co-opted next May.

So that all clubs are 'singing from the same hymn sheet', a Club Pack has been produced that contains all the information, insurance details, risk assessments and paperwork to run an Affiliated Club and its events up to and including a Novice Qualifier. This Pack has been very well received by all Club Secretaries, and is available for you all to view on line at [www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk](http://www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk), under the heading of Affiliated Clubs – click on 'Club Paperwork'.

It was the object of Council that the Regional reps would administer any grant funding that became available for a Regional Training Scheme. In these stringent times, this funding has not yet been forthcoming, and it may well be the case that any future scheme will be financed from inside the BHDТА rather than from outside. Watch this space!

On a personal note, I represent six BHDТА affiliated clubs in a triangle drawn from Chester and North Wales across South Nottinghamshire and Lincoln and down to Kidderminster.

In order of size of membership those clubs are:

Midland Driving Trials Group, Chester Horse Driving Trials Group, Lincolnshire Carriage Driving Group, Wolverley & District Driving Club, Poacher Harness Club and South Forest Harness Club.

My role, as I mentioned previously, is to liaise with the chairmen and secretaries of these clubs, and to act as a bridge to the BHDТА Office and the BHDТА Council. I have been successful in sorting out a number of queries and issues that have arisen in the six months that I have been in position. In my first season as Regional Rep., I have maintained a calendar of events run by these six clubs in the Midlands Region, and have circulated this to all the club secretaries. My aim is to eventually avoid or minimise any clashes of event dates. What we really need is one or two months that have six weekends in them!

There may be matters sooner or later, that I can refer on behalf of your Committee, via my Chairman directly to BHDТА council, thus saving time and inconvenience.

Tony Gregory  
 17.11.08



**‘MUNCHIE’**  
**(PAPERMILL CARIANNE)**  
 1983 – 2008

Sadly, on Monday 15 December 2008 ‘Munchie’ passed away at Mount Pleasant Farm. For the past 25  $\frac{3}{4}$  years, she has always been part of the ‘fixtures and fittings’ at the farm and she is now greatly missed by all of the family.

I have been asked to write Munchie’s Memoirs and although I find it very upsetting to write her life down on paper, I wanted to do this last thing for her, to tell everyone not just about her triumphs at driving trials, but also to put into words, what a loving and wonderful little pony she was, who not only competed, but who also brought enjoyment to my daughters and niece, who learned to ride on her. In 1983, Ivan saw an advertisement in the local Worcestershire paper. It was offering ‘free to a good home’, a 5 month old, registered Welsh Section ‘B’ Bay Filly. After telephoning the owner, Ivan and myself went to see this little foal at her home in Tardebigge (Redditch). After a home check and the owners approval, two weeks later Munchie came to live at Mount Pleasant Farm. At the time, Ivan (my dad) and Carolyn (my mum) were members of the WDDC and drove ‘Branwyn’, their 14.2hh bay mare, but for the next four years, just as a bit of fun, Ivan very patiently broke Munchie into harness. He loved handling her and always knew that she would make a super driving pony. His ‘piece de resistance’ was showing Carolyn how he could long rein her anywhere and proceeded to drive her through the house. After a couple of circuits around the furniture, although Carolyn loved Munchie, she really didn’t share Ivans enthusiasm or approve of his driving skills! In 1987, Ivan and Munchie were carriage driving on a regular basis around the lanes of Elmley Lovett and Cutnall Green.

In 1988, Ivan asked if I would drive Munchie for him, at a few of the WDDC rallies and events (She was now 13.1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hh). On these days out, although we were both novices (I had never even driven or harnessed up before) I really enjoyed driving Munchie and that is when our partnership started.

Munchie excelled in everything she did and we both really enjoyed competing at the WDDC `driving trials`. Munchie was extremely courageous and quick to learn. She loved all of the aspects of the Trials, even the dressage and we spent many `happy days` practising at Mount Pleasant Farm and out on the roads.

She could be a little terror though. Nothing ever bothered her and I was always happy driving her along the main roads with artic lorries flying past, but if there should happen to be an `egg carton box` or a `log` that had not been on the road the day before, then she would gather herself up and pretend that it was a lion about to pounce !

I still have to smile when I think back, as Munchie didn't mind the washing lines or gymkhana games at the WDDC fun days, however, the `Plastic Zebra Crossing`, which was laid across the ground was a different matter, she always jumped the whole thing and was not going to put one foot on it, let alone four.

In 1990, just as a `bit of fun` Ivan and myself decided to join the Midland Driving Trials Group, of which, Munchie excelled in the four events and in 1991, we then decided to `have a go` at a National. It was near the end of the season and we chose to compete at Drumlanrig Castle. It was such a big event, with huge obstacles and crowds of spectators, but Munchie took it all in her stride and by the Sunday afternoon, we had won!!

For the next eight years, Munchie and myself competed in Open Pony at national level. The longer and faster sections /obstacles did not bother her and she excelled in open dressage and cones. In those years, Munchie always came in the top four places at National level (except for Tatton when we tipped over) and our best win was `Lowther 1996 Open Pony`.

Throughout the 13 years that I drove Munchie, we also participated in all aspects of driving, which included rallies, clipper rallies, fun days, bronze award drives, etc. No matter what we did, she always put 100% into her work and was always a pleasure to drive and handle.

In 1999 because of work and time commitments, Munchie was retired from National Events, however, she was brought back out of retirement in 2001 and we competed at three Indoor Driving Trials, of which, we won them all. It was amazing to drive a dressage test again after a two year absence, as she had not forgotten a thing.

When Munchie was retired in 1999, she then taught Lucy to ride. Ivan (riding Helle) and Lucy (riding Munchie) spent many `happy` days hacking around the countryside. Later on, Munchie then taught Sophie and Olivia to ride. Children being children, Munchie was expected to `jump` and as per usual she took it all in her stride and loved every minute of doing something totally different.

Sadly in 2007, Munchie had an aneurysm. It was very unusual for a pony or horse to survive an aneurysm, however, with Ivan and Carolyn looking after her, she slowly recovered. For the past two years, I can never thank Ivan, Carolyn and Lucy enough, for looking after her and providing her with everything she needed, especially a loving and caring home.

I hope other WDDC members have enjoyed my tribute to Munchie, and although over the years I had a lot of help from Ivan, Carolyn, Sally Dingley (my best friend who groomed for me), Madge Edwards, Dorothy Billings, and tuition and lessons from various professionals, I feel that with help most people can become an accomplished driver or groom, but you cannot do it alone, and it takes a really special, kind, adaptable, forward going pony to go to the top in driving trials and I was extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to drive such a pony – and her name was `Munchie`.

Julie Taft

## A Sad Farewell to one of the Best Little Tandem Leader

### Just Joseph 1993 – 2008

I am once again the bearer of sad news. Joe. Linda's beloved Tandem Leader passed away in the early hours of 01/11/08, due to a liver tumour.

This cheeky little chap will be much missed by so many. He had done so many things in his life time, showing, both driven and in hand, also under saddle, trials x country, dressage and show jumping. He has dumped many an unsuspecting jockey and stood there grinning. He was not averse to doing a runner in pairs either. A memorable time at Addlington, when after several laps of the arena with his legs over the pole, he was finally anchored down by four rather large guys.

He was retired from pairs driving at a Wolverley Training day when Linda buried him in a hedge at the top of a steep hill. He loved his Tandem Lead job. He could strut his stuff out of reach of "Mom" or so he thought, but Linda got an extending whip, "Look out Jo I've got you", Linda would say. I went along as part of the team the day they got their Tandem Bars. Joe that day was a superstar.

When back stepping for the boy's indoor "Little rat" could be heard in Linda's dulcet tones, as Joe would leave the dressage arena and then jump in again. Any gap he would always make for always thought he knew better (wrong). As for showing days, he got fed up with standing around and would stand on his hind legs and wave at the judge. Not the "done" thing. But it got him out of the ring. As a pair he made it to the finals at Keysoe in 2003 with his lifelong pal Ollie, where they came a creditable 6<sup>th</sup>. Not bad for a Henley Market Babe

### And an Ode To Just Joseph

From foal to teenage terror  
 He was noted for his charm  
 If he had been a human he would have take you by the arm and led  
 You through a world of wonder and alarm  
 They tried him at showing that was not to be  
 Too much standing around drove Jo out of his tree  
 He was more noted in showing for his airs above the ground  
 The one thing he didn't like was hanging around  
 In pairs he could turn the charm on or off to suit  
 Carting Ollie, Lin and Brian was our Jo's pursuit  
 He could even do a runner with his legs over the pole  
 No good trying to stop him, he could escape through any hole  
 As a Tandem Leader he found the role he loved  
 He could show off with the best of them, this crazy little tike  
 He was always in your pockets, undoing zips and velcro to  
*If he could have talked what would have come from those lips  
 No fancy dancing handses, he didn't hold with that  
 Just Joseph will always be remembered as such a cheeky little chap*

Poll Thompson

Junior World Trophy 2008  
Stadl Paura, Austria  
23-27 July

## **English Team Bring Home Bronze**

On Saturday 19 July the English and Welsh teams met near Dover to off load their ponies into the care of Parker's Transport and repack their luggage, carriages and camping gear between the 4 other lorries which were going to make the 2 day, 700 mile trip to the show ground about 50miles west of Salzburg. The lorries took the 8.00 am ferry to Calais and met again at the overnight stop just south of Frankfurt. We arrived at the show ground about 4pm on Monday afternoon and set about unloading all the ponies and equipment and setting up the camp. Paddy, Alice Stable's granny brought along 2 big tents which we filled up with an assortment of chairs and together with a hot water urn and a fridge created a brilliant spot for us all to meet up and relax when we had a chance.

Then the rain set in. It was not cold but it was wet and it rained off and on until Friday with some particularly spectacular storms, thunder and lightening and lots of water. The organisers delivered gravel to each camping area so we were able to pave the inside of the meeting tent and make gravel walk ways between the lorries. The ponies were also provided with extra sawdust and straw as some of the stables had a torrent running through them at times.

Sara Howe our chef d'equipe had a mammoth task on her hands – I do not think that any one before has been mad enough to take on the job for 2 teams at once, totalling 15 children. She did a sterling job arranging all the entries and the transport of the ponies before we left. She and Anna White (team vet) travelled out in the transporter and kept Richard the driver entertained.

Tuesday was a rest day of sorts but after Anna Grayston (team trainer) arrived everyone set about their exercise program at the allotted times. The outdoor school was becoming rather boggy and the indoor one was too small for the dressage test so the organisers were anxious.

Wednesday was vetting. The plaiting started in earnest for the week and our teams were complimented for their smart turnout – humans and ponies. The children were wearing team kit and the ponies had green or blue rugs with the appropriate flags on them. Every one passed vetting without incident – phew.

On Thursday it was still raining off and on. The outdoor school was becoming unusable and the tracks passable but muddy. The morning was filled by a presentation competition and measuring of carriages. After several meetings it was decided to reschedule some of the classes so that classes 2, 3, and 4 had their test shrunk to a 30x 60m arena and

performed it indoors on Thursday afternoon. Later on the decision was taken that the rest of the classes would also do their test in the smaller arena in order to preserve the outdoor school.

Thursday evening was the prize giving for the presentation competition and nation's night. This was held in the large bar/ restaurant which was set up in an indoor arena for the duration of the competition. Alice Pritchard (Wales) came first and Rosanna Walters Symons second for England in class 6. Katie Bell and Charlotte Snow came first and second respectively in class 5 for England and Jay Snow

(Wales) came third in class 2. His sister Fleur was placed first in Class 3 by one judge but her total score made her joint 6<sup>th</sup>. A prize of a grooming kit was given to the child with the worst presentation marks. .

For nation's night the English and Welsh teams shared a table but produced their own foods. The English had bangers and mash, Eaton mess, cheese and biscuits washed down with Pimms. The Hodgson camp did most the catering, Michael learnt the art of mixing Pimms and several people helped to dish up. The food disappeared at speed which was very gratifying. The Welsh end of the table also had a large gathering around it consuming lamb stew, welsh cakes, cheeses and Welsh rarebit. When our stock ran low we had a chance to wander round to the other tables to sample lots of foods, yummy biscuits and chocolates from the Swiss, a Belgium version of bangers and mash, and Austrian pancakes. Considering it was a children's competition there was no shortage of drinks – beers from Belgium and Germany, potent Schnapps varieties from Hungary and Austria. The French had Wine and cheeses on offer and the Danes provided an interesting selection of meats.

Most of Friday the diggers and levellers were out to try and get the outdoor arena into shape for Saturday. Friday saw the rest of the competitors do their dressage indoors.

Dressage prize giving was held on Friday evening with England taking a first prize in class 5 with James Gambs driving Linda Hill's pony Mildrid. In class 6 Mark Bell came first and Rosanna Walters Symons second- so more points for England. Linda Wharf's Shetland, Bownie and Michael Hodgson completed a very nice test to come 6<sup>th</sup> in class 4. Emily Ham (Wales) was placed first by one of the dressage judges but had an overall placing after the first phase of 6<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening was Austrian night – we had pork and dumplings and a three piece band who performed a mixture of traditional and modern songs and got some of the audience dancing. Most were wearing substantial shoes/boots because of the wet weather so the movements were less than elegant!

Saturday was marathon day, one fixed obstacle and two temporary indoor type obstacles interspersed with cones, to be driven in a maximum time with the obstacle times clocking up penalties. The arena was soft in places and the sun came out. The pony pairs drove the course first and the surface held up so it was on to the other classes. The Welsh had a bad day with 3 of their competitors eliminated so they no longer had a team but Alice Stable came 4<sup>th</sup> in class 4 having completed the course clear within the time. Clare Campbell's carriage wheel seized up half way through the second obstacle but she managed to complete the course with only 3 wheels turning without having any balls off. Once she was out of the ring there was a frantic session of checking brakes only to find 5 of the carriages had worn their brake pads entirely away. Luckily a certain number of spares were produced from various boxes and the wheels were all turning in time for the next competitor. It was thought that all the trundling round in the abrasive mud had worn away the pads, most of which had been changed just prior to the event. In class 6 Mark Bell and Frank Campbell had the best results for England coming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively. Charlotte Snow drove an accurate round and came second in class 5.

Sunday lived up to its name and the sun came out in style. This was cones day and the competition was very intense. In class 6 there were 5 double clears, the fastest time was posted by Mark Bell who won the phase and his class overall. In class 5 there were 8 double clears, Katie Bell came second putting her third overall in her class. In class 4 all our competitors had clear rounds but suffered time penalties so the best result was Michael Hodgson who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the class and fourth overall.

The English team were also able to bring their two reserves as individuals, Harriet Bradford and Amber O'Neil both of whom put up strong performances.

And so shortly after the end of the last class the team winners were announced. Anna White had been doing a terrific job keeping all the scores and adding up the results and she thought we had held our third place but Hungary was hot on our heels. With in half an hour all the prize winners were lined up with their ponies in a baking arena, and the other teams were on foot. There were a fair number of speeches and plaques and glass trophies were distributed. Every competitor got a commemorative horse shoe and tins of goodies. We learned that in 2010 the Junior World Trophy will be held in Turin, Italy and in Hungary in 2012. So all junior drivers get practicing so we can defend our title!

Apart from packing up on Sunday evening there was a lot of swapping of clothing between the different nations and signing of flags. The social side of this event was great. The children and adults all made new friends who we hope to meet again over the following years.

There is a huge list of people to thank:

Sydney Smith and the BHDTA for their support.

Sara Howe our chef d'equipe who kept her sense of humour through it all, although she was heard to threaten a late comer with a firing squad.

Anna Grayston our trainer who helped to keep the competitors calm and relaxed and encouraged them to drive their ponies positively.

Anna White the team vet, who also was able to supply bites and stings lotion to humans, was a champion at adding up scores and also had her plaiting talents put to use.

Maureen Bell for embroidering all the team clothing and who with Nina Snow organised the England team outfits.

Alice Pritchard and Emily Ham for getting the welsh kitted out.

David Pritchard for his services as a champion shopper and taxi service for the team.

Paddy Marris for her mass catering and the provision of camping equipment.

The Hodgson team for nation's night and daily supply of cakes for the campers.

Website Anna for [www.fariyclan.co.uk](http://www.fariyclan.co.uk) keeping those back at home up to date with the progress of the team.

Baileys Horse Feeds for supplying feed to all the ponies and delivering it to Austria

Charles Owen for giving their very smart GR8 hats to all the drivers.

The Ham family, David Pritchard and website Anna for photography.

The Campbell family for looking after the finances.

Last but not least all those who supported our fundraising events and all those who put them selves forward for selection, took part in the training and supported the teams who were eventually selected.

Paddy Marris

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### **Young drivers indoor event at Ashfields this summer**

In 2008, 16 children from England and Wales went to Austria to take part in the Junior World Trophy (JWT). The English team brought back the bronze medal. In 2008 The Channel Cup was held as a warm up event for the JWT, held in France in May mainly for the French and Belgians. One English competitor entered, Frank Campbell, he won his class and Sara Howe also went a long to see the event first hand.

In 2009 The Channel Cup will be held at Ashfields Carriage Driving Centre, Essex. French and Belgian drivers are expected to come over for the event as well as having competitors from all over the UK.

The Channel Cup is a competition for young drivers born between 1991 and 2000 based on rules drawn up by The International Collective for Kids Driving (ICKD). It is an arena based 3 phase competition much like the events run by Indoor Horse Driving Trials (IHDT). The main difference is that the marathon phase also includes cones, a bit like world cup driving, except the cones must be driven in trot only.

The format is very user friendly for children of all ages, with simpler dressage tests for younger competitors while the cones and marathon can be quite technical so that there is a challenge for the older competitors especially when they are under pressure!

This email is to give you advance notice of the competition. The organisers hope that all IHDT junior members will enter this new event and experience the format ready for the next Junior World Trophy in Turin in 2010. A schedule will be available shortly. UK competitors will be asked to enter as individuals with teams being put together once the entries have closed.

If you would like British Young Drivers to come and give a presentation to your club or a group of juniors about the competition please let me know. If you would like a schedule when they are available please contact me.

Mary Jane Campbell

Entry Secretary

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### **Wolverley & District Driving Club Annual Awards 2008**

<b>Senior Whip</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Julie Wedgbury	138 points	W.H James & Son Cup
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anthony Gregory	105 points	Breach Candy Cup
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Smith	81 points	WDDC Tankard
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Blakeway Smith	76 points	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Wiggin	74 points	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Woods	71 points	
<b>Senior Groom</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Gregory	92 points	Blakedown Landscape Challenge Cup
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah Walker	77 points	Forest Harness Cup
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elsbeth Morgan	71 points	Golden Playboy Cup
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Madge Edwards	42 points	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Phillips	41 points	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony Bache	33 points	
<b>Junior Whip</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Emily Ham	50 points	Earnwood Edwin Shield
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joseph Adams	29 points	Blue Cloud Junior Whip Shield
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alice Green	25 points	James Bend Cup
	=4 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Lewis	20 points	
	=4 <sup>th</sup>	Kellie Hill	20 points	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Taft	14 points	
<b>Junior Groom</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Buxton	102 points	Grinnals Sports Shield
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jessica Maddocks	42 points	Silver Wedding Trophy(Horses Head)
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rebecca Green	25 points	Christain Maundy Cup
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Adams	9 points	

#### **Millennium Cones Under 13.2**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Julie Wedgbury
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sandy Blakeway-Smith
=3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rachel Reilly
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Linda Wiggi (under 12.2.
=5 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Blakeway Smith (pr)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Wiggin (Oliver)

#### **Millennium Cones Over 13.2**

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dawn Tebbett
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anthony Gregory
4 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Woods
=5 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Ham

5<sup>th</sup> Carol Pawson

Overall Winner Millennium Trophy	Julie Wedgbury
Harley Street Man Rally Shield	Dorothy Billings
WDDC Driving Trials Cup	Julie Wedgbury
Nippy Napper Funday Shield	Anthony Gregory
Blood Sweat Toil & Tears Tray	Ivan & Carolyn Meredith

## MILLENNIUM CONES 2008

### The final positions

The points from your best four competitions counted as follows: -  
6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> : 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> : 4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> : 3 points for 4<sup>th</sup> : 2 points for 5<sup>th</sup> : 1 point for competing.

Name	Horse/Pony	Practice	Enville	WestMid & WDDC	Rushock Saturday	Rushock Sunday	Total for all comps	Place
Julie Wedgbury	Wayne & Minx	6	4	6	6	6	28	1st
David Smith	Jemima		5	6	5	2	18	2nd
Sandy Blakeway Smith	Oy		6		5	5	16	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dawn Tebbett	Katie		6			6	12	4th
Anthony Gregory	Redwing Rea				6	5	11	5th
Susan Woods	Benson	5	2			1	8	6 <sup>th</sup>
Emily Ham	Crossfield Glory		3			4	7	
Carol Pawson	Mearus				4	3	7	
Rachel Reilly	Smartie	3				3	6	
Anthony Gregory	Rocky & Rea	6					6	
Linda Wiggin	Under 12.2.			6			6	
Sandy Blakeway Smith	Jasper & Sparkle	5					5	
Tony Gregory	Redwood Rocky		5				5	
Linda Wiggin	Oliver		5				5	
Joseph Adams	Cadenza					4	4	
Alice Green	Annie	4					4	
Lucy Taft	Hellie	4					4	
Sara Hobbs	Rosie	3	1				4	
Hannah Walker	Boycie		3				3	
Paddy Marris	Wispa					2	2	
Sandra Phillips	Tom	1				1	2	
Lisa Lewis	Ozzy		1				1	
Carol Gregory	Rocky					1	1	

**Congratulations are to the overall winner of the Millennium Cones Competition Trophy, awarded at the Annual Dinner on November 14<sup>th</sup>**

TO

*Julie Wedgbury*

Class positions are as follows:

**Small Ponies: Under 13.2.**

1<sup>st</sup> Julie Wedgbury  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Blakeway Smith  
 =3<sup>rd</sup> Rachel Reilly  
 =3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Wiggin (under 12.2.)  
 =5<sup>th</sup> Sandy Blakeway Smith(pr)  
 = 5<sup>th</sup> Linda Wiggin (Oliver)

**Large Ponies: 13.2. & Over**

1<sup>st</sup> David Smith  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn Tebbett  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anthony Gregory  
 4<sup>th</sup> Susan Woods  
 =5<sup>th</sup> Emily Ham  
 =5<sup>th</sup> Carol Pawson



## **WOLVERLEY & DISTRICT DRIVING CLUB**

### **A general jolly evening in February**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.30pm. Bangers and Mash supper, tea and coffee provided but bring your own booze and glass.**

**On the night there will be skittles and a sell or swap shop so bring all your surplus equestrian items that are currently gathering dust. Please come along with or without any items for the swop. Anything not sold or swopped at the end of the evening can be donated to the Gambia trust. Please complete the slip below and return to Carol Pawson at James Place, Pound Bank, Far Forest. Kidderminster DY14 9DG. Telephone number 01299 266790**

Name –

Contact Telephone Number

Vegetarian – How many

Bangers and Mash – How many

Cost £5 per head, cheques made payable to WDDC

Closing date 24<sup>th</sup> February

**If anybody has any stories to tell, details of events or events they have been to please send reports to Elspeth for next newsletter**

**Please support the above event as a lot of time and effort goes into organising it.  
Thank you.**