

# NEWSBRIEF

SPRING 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY



Wolverley & District  
Carriage Driving Club

## **CHAIRMAN'S NOTES MARCH 2023**



Your committee duly met last Tuesday, and the calendar for this season has been fixed now.

We have yet to decide on a couple of non horsey meetings, so do look out on the website and the Facebook page for up to the minute news.

It has been decided that the entry fees for events this year will be reduced to help make life a little easier.

Your committee has been discussing:

- Entry fees
- Cost of insurance
- Updating the Club website
- A possible Blossom Drive
- Social meetings
- Venue for the Annual dinner/supper & Presentation of Awards
- Sorting out of equipment and trailers

The committee met recently in our 'home' village of Wolverley after several years' absence. We met at the Queen's Head where we were made very welcome. We shall meet there again soon. Maybe we could have a casual meeting there for a drink and a chat one Tuesday evening. Look out on our Facebook page for a date.

The next committee meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please let me or Linda know if you want anything aired or discussed.

We hope to see everyone out and about again,

Tony

## **LONG REINING FUN DAY.**

The **closing date** for the Long Reining Fun Day is **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, so if you haven't already done so, get your entry to Linda ASAP.

The event will commence at 10.00am sharp.

The programme for the day will be:

1. Individual exercises. The running order will be announced after close of entries. (16<sup>th</sup> March). The exercises will be sent to you when we receive your entry.
2. There will be a Carriage Driving Quiz to complete throughout the morning - when you're not busy!
3. Gymkhana games.
4. Morris dancing – Yes! - Morris dancing!

There will be **a raffle** towards club funds, and donations of prizes will be welcomed by Linda on the day.

## **UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023**

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Skittles & supper	The Squirrel, Alveley
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Alvechurch, B48 7EL	Long reining fun day	Seecham EC,
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April (Minimum 6 turnouts)	Drive	Elmbridge
13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> May	Training Weekend	Much Marcle
<b><u>Contact Julie &amp; Jackie</u></b>		
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Mini driving trial	Prestwood
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June <i>WITH WMDG</i>	Fun trial	Solihull RC <i>JOINT EVENT</i>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	BC Gateway event	Prestwood
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August WR7 4DH	Traditional Driving Day	Ridge Hill Farm,
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Mini driving trial	Enville Hall
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	One Day Event	Charlcombe Farm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November Chaddesley Corbett	Poppy Drive	Bluntington,

- Note the **changes of dates** from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and 16<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July as previously published!!

**TRAINING WEEKEND.** It is important that you contact Julie 07773329653 or Jackie as soon as possible to ensure that the Training Weekend can go ahead. They need to know that you are 'up for it'; they plan training sessions using experienced club members in order to minimise the cost.

The event at Prestwood on 9<sup>th</sup> July will be run as a British Carriagedriving's Gateway competition.

It will still be an Inside/Outdoor event with the same vehicle track width, but a simpler dressage test referred to as 'Compulsory Shapes', and fewer pairs of cones than usual.

Not only will 'shapes' be judged, but the horse's way of going and its paces will also affect scores.

You can have a look and see what's involved by visiting [https://www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk/rules/gateway\\_rules\\_for\\_competitors.pdf](https://www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk/rules/gateway_rules_for_competitors.pdf)

A schedule and entry form will be available in due course.

### **EMBROIDERED CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE!**

Louise Wright has located a friendly supplier who now has our club logo awaiting our orders.

Please visit their website <https://www.countyschoolwear.co.uk/contact-us> where you can find details of what's on offer. You can also phone them on 01384 352 340.

The WDDC logo can be large or small and appear on the back/and or the front of the garment. The company is owned by Dave who is good to deal with. You can pay online or by card over the phone.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

If you have not renewed your membership to WDDC by 31<sup>st</sup> March, this will be the last **Newsbrief** that you will receive. Subs. to Linda Sprosen please.