**POACHER HARNESS CLUB** 



## **CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER**

## **December 2008**

The Poachers Harness Club has had a very successful 2008 season thanks to its dedicated Committee members who have worked tirelessly to ensure the PHC members have enjoyed great venues and entertaining events. Sadly, after five years at the helm, Angela is now stepping down as secretary and for my sins I have been nominated in her place. Along with Nigel and Greg, we complete the new members of the existing Committee below:

Chairperson	Clive Borman
Secretary	Belinda Rees-Evans
Treasurer	John Cooke
Health & Safety	Duties to be shared
<b>Course Builders</b>	Greg Farrow-Lawton & Nigel Patrick
Event Secretary	Sarah Braybrook
Publicity Officer	Duncan Seth-Smith

Details of all Committee members contact emails and phone numbers, (even photos), are now on the website email on <u>www.poacherhc.org</u>

We start the New Year off with the very successful Quiz Night/Buffet and Raffle at the Bell Inn, Bishops Bridge, Nr Market Rasen - the date is yet to be confirmed but we are aiming for Saturday 21st of February 2009. Please check the website for date confirmation after Christmas. The programme of events will be similar to last years with the addition of a long distance drive with timed sections. We have booked some very good trainers for the training days including Wendy Stomberg, National Pairs Driver and member of the NEDTL.

We would like to end the 2009 season with a superb opportunity for PHC members to go on an organized trip to Holland to see the Paard & Koets (Horse and Carriage) show at the Brabanthallen Exhibition Centre in Hertogenbosch approximately 1 hours drive from Amsterdam. The event attracts Carriage driving enthusiasts from across Europe and they assemble for three days of all things associated with the sport under one roof spread across six large exhibition halls. There are approximately 150 exhibitors from the Netherlands, Belgium, UK Germany, Poland, Hungary and Austria. All the latest Carriages are there with fabulous new features, plus all the usual harnesses, trailers, fencing riding equipment, nutrition- you name it, it will be there! Truly a mind blowing experience for the enthusiast. Shows are run throughout the day and night in a central arena where every conceivable horse is displayed and put through its paces. Not to be missed! Limited places are available so if you are interested please contact me on reesevans@tiscali.co.uk or on my phone 07925 181953.

In the next news letter early next year, I will be giving the PHC members an update on our Founder, Sheila Brooks, with her tireless work opening up and maintaining the bridleways in the Lincolnshire

Wolds. So please make this a New Years resolution to go into the link at the top of the PHC website and support Sheila by signing and sending a letter to the MP.

That's all for now folks. Have a great Christmas and New Year. Please do not forget to check the websitefor updates especially the confirmation of the quiz night date and 2009 dressage tests. These willbeonthewebsitejustafterNewYear.

Remember, if you have anything to sell, please send details direct to Duncan

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

See you all soon

**Your Editor** 

## **Belinda**