

## POACHER HARNESS CLUB



President – Mr. Clive Borman

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

We are just about to hold our annual quiz and supper evening and the snow has come down in buckets. However, we do not anticipate cancelling as we have a lot of entries from our brave members and they will turn up, no matter what! I expect to tell you how things went in my next news letter.

Please have a look at our published schedule of events for this year as all events have now been confirmed with venues and judges. I sent a copy out with the last newsletter but if you need another let me know. The 2 training events at the beginning of the season are really good value and everyone would benefit from these so make sure you get your names down as numbers are always limited for these sessions.

Each year PHC re-affiliates to the BHDTA as we receive many benefits from this, but the cost is rising. Currently half of your £40 membership fee goes to BHDTA affiliation which covers such things as insurance for our events and indemnity insurance for the officials in the event of an accident etc. They also provide help and support to the club. This is one of the main reasons why we need to have your subscription early as the Poacher and the BHDTA year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January.

There are a few news items to pass on to you, some of which I have put in fuller detail on the web page, rather than take up loads of space on this particular newsletter. Go to [www.poacherhc.org](http://www.poacherhc.org) and enter into the “News” page. You should see several links to recent news items.

Introducing the BHDTA insurance scheme – we are not endorsing or encouraging anyone to use this insurance, just making sure you are aware that you are eligible to consider it when taking out your carriage driving/equestrian insurance.

Poacher Harness Club is affiliated to the national ruling body of our sport, the BHDTA, who have asked me to draw your attention to the insurance offered by them. Individual Associate membership costing £59, offers 3<sup>rd</sup> party legal liability cover 24/7 for 365 days of the year. This cover extends to all animals owned by the member and to anyone handling the animals with the members permission. Full details of the benefits attached to each category can be seen on the web-site [www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk](http://www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk)

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under heading of membership. There's more of the "boring" stuff about their insurance cover on the website news page.

**And theres more.....**

### **New off-road routes for carriage drivers**

The official opening of the Lindsey Trail will take place in Willingham Woods, just outside Market Rasen on the 29<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. It has already been featured a couple of times on Look North, with Sheila Brookes becoming our own "celebrity TV star".

The Lindsey Trail has off road tracks and routes that stretch for 75 miles around the stunning Wolds area which are suitable for carriage driving, riding and walking. All riders, drivers and walkers are encouraged to attend the opening event to show how much this route is needed, wanted and will be used in the future.

Our Chairman Sheila and our member Cathy Towle have been relentless campaigners for this route and have even become members of the steering committee to keep up the momentum. Please show your support as I am informed that the media will be out in force.

To get there, leave Market Rasen on the A631, you will come to a wooded area with a layby and cafe on the left as you go towards Grimsby. Drive into the gateway to the left of the cafe and drive through to the meeting area within the woods. It should be marked up.

### **New initiative from Sport England. - Driving Back to Sport**

A new initiative to encourage non-driving people to take up the sport of competitive carriage driving is being rolled out by Sport England. 'Driving Back To Sport' is focused on the introduction of 200 mature adults to carriage driving with a goal of sustaining their long term interest. The initiative has been designed to inspire new participants to Carriage Driving, helping them learn and turn ambitions, whether to compete or become an official, into reality.

'Driving Back To Sport' will be run over 5 weeks as a series of 5 full day sessions. The first local 'Driving Back To Sport' session will be held at Bennington Carriages by Sue Mart with the first of 5 sessions on 9th February and will be held at the Bennington Carriage Driving Academy. After their final session Bennington invite all Poacher drivers to their end of course party on the evening of April 19<sup>th</sup> start at 6pm - 8pm, which includes the "sports makers/buddy up evening". This is being delivered by Sport England and will be an inspirational evening. If there is any further information available in the future I will let you know.

**Bye for now,  
Your Editor  
Angela**

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