

Make your voice count



Council elections are just around the corner which means new members are being sought, our meetings are set to continue online and there is a new regional event planned for Frickley Park in Yorkshire.

OFFICIAL NEWS Council meeting

For the foreseeable future, Council will be conducting business through online meetings and email conversations. Council always welcomes, and takes into account, feedback received from members, so if there are any matters or issues which you would like Council to consider, please send an email to the British Carriagedriving office.

Council Elections

Please give some thought to anyone you may wish to propose for Council (with their permission of course). There are three vacancies and Council is keen to hear from anyone willing to put their name forward to take an active part in running British Carriagedriving. Patti Atkinson is willing to continue on Council and has put her name forward for re-election.

Rod Holdsworth will stand for election as he is currently a co-opted member and James Broome retires after the maximum length of service of nine years. The existing Council members are happy to chat about what is involved so please approach them for further information or contact the BC office.

The format for Council meetings has changed. Although forced by coronavirus, online meetings are now considered to be the best way forward. Council now meets every four weeks with shorter evening meetings and the intention of having one or two face to face meetings each year.

The relevant forms which are required to be completed by each candidate are on the website www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk. If you are unable to download or print these, please contact the BC office to request a copy sent by post.

Nominations close on Monday 5th October 2020 to enable an election to take place before the AGM if required.

A.G.M. and Conference

The A.G.M., Conference and associated meetings will still take place on Saturday 31st October but will now be held online via Zoom.

Many people will now be familiar with Zoom and one of the handiest features is that pressing the space bar enables you to speak; your microphone is muted again when it is released.

There will be a test meeting a few days in advance of the conference weekend to enable anyone who has not previously tried Zoom to ensure they have downloaded the app correctly and can get connected.

The plan is to follow the usual timetable with the International and Club meetings in the morning and, after lunch, the AGM and conference.

Links for all meetings will be sent to members nearer the time.

Conference packs will be distributed in advance by email and can be requested from the BC office by any member who does not have an email address.

Harness fitting workshops

The Worshipful Company of Saddlers and the Society of Master Saddlers have made funding available to deliver two harness fitting workshops. Given the current Covid situation, these will take place online in November via webinars. Dates have still to be confirmed. There will be two sessions: the first on fitting the harness to the horse and the second looking at adjusting the harness to fit with the vehicle.

EVENTS

New Regional at Frickley Park

An exciting new Regional event, sponsored by Carriagehouse Insurance, is planned for Frickley Park on 10th-11th October 2020, with the opportunity to qualify for the 2021 BC National Championships.

The venue is easily accessed and is not far from the A638 exit on the A1. The event plans to run club classes and the schedule is available to view on the BC website. All entries for the Regional event will be online via the Members Login on the website, other than club entries which should be sent directly to the organiser. Hopefully lots of you will be able to support this event which hopes to upgrade to a National in 2021.

Virtual Events and Riding and Harness Stuff Quizzes

After the last quiz in the online events series "at Bywell", we would like to thank our generous sponsor, Sanchia May, whose business Riding and Harness Stuff is such a regular supporter of horse driving trials at all levels.

Also, thank you to everyone who took part in the quizzes "at" the various events over the summer. There were six events in total. The winners of the £50 Riding and Harness Stuff vouchers were:

- Ashfields – Hamish Reid
- Hopetoun – Esther Rawlinson
- Cricklands – Terry Logan
- Sandringham – Team Bradford
- Onley – Esther Rawlinson
- Bywell – Team Bradford

There were four contestants earning a final total of over 500 points: Terry Logan, Marisa Pinnock, Hamish Reid and Ginger (Sara) Howe. With a grand total of 572 points, Terry Logan wins the overall Quiz Champion title and the £100 Riding and Harness Stuff voucher.

We hope events will now run in their more usual format and we can have Drivers of the Year again in 2021.

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