

Hello,

This will be my last Newsletter, as I have now retired as driving organiser for the club. Peter Bridson, our chairman, will **temporarily** take over till the end of the season. He will need your help and cooperation. I will not be disappearing though, as I have been involved with the club since the early 1980's, initially as a groom for my mother, driving a single pony and latterly as a driver myself with a single or pony pair. I will be attend most of the events either as a helper or a driver. If you want the club to survive the competitors, members and friends will need to get more involved by supporting the competitions by entering and volunteering. There is nothing more disappointing not to have a reasonable entry, as so much work goes into producing an event. It definitely does not magically happen.

We had our second meet in May and seemed to run well, apart from having to alter the marathon route from the original course. One track had become impassable as some vehicles in April had caused some very deep ruts and there were some large pools of water. The competition seemed to run well and good competition was enjoyed by all.

We have just had our 5th regional event which was quite a success and built on our reputation for good competition, the fantastic weather helped. I must thank all our sponsors and helpers who contributed to the great weekend. I did note that there were still some people who were eliminated by missing a compulsory gate. As course builder, I always endeavour to arrow the course to direct you in the correct direction, learning where compulsory turning flags are is as important as learning the route in obstacles, they are not there to trip you up just to ensure that you drive the distance. I was a little disappointed with the entry numbers but I have decided that the National event the week before, which was a qualifier for most advanced classes, and our previous club event just 2 weeks before influenced the numbers.

Plans for the training day and one day event in July are well advanced, so get your entries in as soon as possible so we can ensure that no one is disappointed.

I hope to see you at Windsor Park in July and or August, for our inside out event.

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