

SOUTH WALES SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY



Charity No: 519067

Dear Member

South Wales Shire Horse Society

As a valued member of South Wales Shire Horse Society I write to take this opportunity of wishing you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year and to introduce myself.

My name is Dana Jones and I have been the Marketing Secretary for a number of years for SWSHS. This year I have received the honour of being voted in by the Committee for a new role of Events Co-Ordinator which I have accepted and wish to thank the Committee for putting me forward to carry out this exciting new role.

This new role will entail marketing, membership and arranging all upcoming events in the future and I look forward to working with the Committee and all members of SWSHS with exciting times ahead.

As members are so valued by the Society, the Committee and myself would like to thank you for your continued kind support and with this in mind I am currently in discussions with the Committee to arrange two extra events this year for our members in between our annual Show and AGM.

The first event being a hands on day where members will have the opportunity of working with a Shire, such as plaiting, running out, grooming, etc., or just watch and admire, which I think will be so beneficial and interesting to all members.

The second event I am hoping to arrange, is a more social gathering, for both the Committee and Members to get to know each other and exchange stories, which will also include a buffet followed by a speaker to give a talk about the History of the Shire Horse, and as soon as I have dates, times and venues of when and where these events will take place you will of course receive an invitation to attend.

If however you have any ideas of what events you wish to see put on throughout a year please let me know on my contact details set out below, which I can then put before the

Committee on your behalf.

I very much look forward to meeting with you at this year's Show on Saturday 4 July 2020 at Bailey Park, Abergavenny which continues, with your help and support, to go from strength to strength. If however you would like to get involved and help out in setting up the Show Ground on Friday 3 July or carrying out any duties on Show Day Saturday 4 July or both then please let me know. I will be more than happy to discuss with you all tasks and duties which are carried out for you to decide which task or duty will be suitable for you to help out and get involved with.

At this point you may recall that at last year's Show we had a television crew on site filming our Show to go out on air this year. I have now received confirmation that this will be shown this month on television. It is a new series called "The Farmers' Country Showdown" which will start on Monday 6 January on BBC One at 15.45 (repeated the following day on BBC Two at 7.15am). There are a total of 20 episodes that will air every week day at the same time for 4 weeks. Each episode features something different and all looks very exciting and interesting. I believe you will enjoy all the episodes aired and of course enjoy watching the episode of South Wales Shire Horse Society Show which took place on Saturday 6 July 2019 and will air on Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 15.45. I am looking forward to watching this new series as I am sure you will be and if you would like to share any feedback that you may have following the viewing of the episode of our Show I would be delighted to hear from you.

Finally I enclose this year's membership form for completion and return together with your membership fee to me at "Thorverton", Litchard Terrace, Litchard, Bridgend, CF31 1PN but if in the meantime you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me, details of which are set out below.

I accordingly look forward to hearing from you shortly and would be grateful if you could let me know by which means of contact you would prefer me to use in contacting you whether it be by post, email and/or telephone.

With Kind Regards and Best Wishes,