

SOUTH WALES SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY



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Dear Member

A beautiful day for SWSHS very first Experience Day



I hope this Keeping in Touch Bulletin finds you well. As you can see above the sun was shining on us all for our harness and driving experience day. Firstly a very big and sincere thank you to Charlotte Trott who we were all very lucky to have as our instructor for the day. THANK YOU CHARLOTTE. I am now going to share with you all some snapshots of this amazing experience which was enjoyed by all.













Before I go any further I am absolutely certain we will see this young man above at our 40th Anniversary Show Day on Saturday 1st July 2023 as a new young handler.



Our day was absolutely fantastic, so much was packed in and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning so much and having a go. I really cannot thank you all enough in making our first experience day the most

successful, enjoyable and fun-filled day that we had. I wish to give my sincere thanks once again to Charlotte Trott who kindly agreed last minute to demonstrate and share her invaluable knowledge in harnessing and driving. Charlotte explained and demonstrated everything in such a way that her audience was captured every single minute. There was not a question that she did not answer. The whole day was very enjoyable, all those attending learnt so much and Charlotte was very interesting in everything she talked about and demonstrated. I must also of course thank the two beautiful Shires who were absolutely gorgeous and won the hearts of everyone. Thank you Charlotte and the two beautiful gentle animals. Since our experience day I have received no end of kind messages not only from those who attended but those who were unable to attend and I thank you all for your kind and continued support. There have been requests for more of these experience days which of course will take place and are being looked into as to when the Society can arrange them. We can all expect a lot more of these invaluable experience days. Again my sincere thanks to all who made it possible. I would also like to thank Smugglers Equestrian Centre our host for the day and also for their very kind support, enthusiasm and comments of the day. A big thank you also goes to our Chairman and Secretary who tirelessly worked to arrange this day for us all and thank you to all Committee Members for their hard work to ensure this day went ahead. You can see from the photos that quite a few of us had a turn of driving just an absolutely amazing experience. Charlotte once again thank you and to Dave and of course those amazing two beautiful animals. This experience is going to stay with us all.

As you are aware we do have and continue to have our hands on day but these experience days will certainly work hand in hand with our hands on days. I am so excited for the future of SWSHS.

Now time to move on and as Christmas is just around the corner I wish you all a most festive and enjoyable season whatever you may be doing and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

With 2023 nearly upon us, this year is going to be very exciting for us with lots going on. 2023 IS OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY and I look forward to joining you in all that goes on during 2023 celebrating this amazing achievement. With all that is going on and with everyone's enthusiasm, positivity and most generous support SWSHS will be around for at least another 40 years. I am so excited to see what next year brings.

Dates to look out for.

- A talk by our very own Chairman about "What the Judges Look For".
- Members Meal and get together.
- Hands on Day hosted by our President Mr Jason Holder.
- Our Second Experience Day.
- A trip to another Show that our Chairman will be Judging.
- **Our 40th Anniversary Show Day – 1st July 2023.**

Another delicious recipe.

This recipe sounds delicious even though it is done in the microwave and so quick. It is called cheat's microwave Christmas Pudding.

Ingredients

- 1 x 500g bag of mixed dried fruit
- 1 x 330ml bottle of orange juice

3 tsp ground mixed spice
1 tsp ground cinnamon
75g plain flour
100g suet (normal or vegetarian)
100g dark brown soft sugar
50g breadcrumbs
2 tbsp medium sweet sherry
1 large eggs, lightly beaten
Icing sugar, for dusting

Recipe

1. Put the dried fruit into a pan with the orange juice. Bubbling for 5 minutes until the fruit has absorbed almost all of the liquid and plumped up.
2. Meanwhile, combine the remaining ingredients, except the icing sugar, in a large bowl. Stir in the hot dried fruit. Pour into a lightly greased 2-litre glass (microwave-proof) bowl, base lined with a circle of nonstick baking paper. Cover with a microwave-oven plate.
3. Microwave at 600W for 10 minutes. Remove from the microwave and leave to stand for 10 minutes. Invert the pudding onto a serving plate. Dust with icing sugar and serve with brandy butter, rum sauce or Chantilly cream.

ENJOY.

I think I will try this. Let me know, when you have tried, what you think.

It is this time of year also when I send out renewals for your annual membership fees which are due in January. For those of you who have received your Keeping in Touch Bulletin by email could you please either complete your membership form from our website under downloadable forms and email back to me with confirmation that you will be sending me your membership fees in the post or have bank transferred them to SWSHS bank account details of which are set out below or simply confirm to me that you are sending your fees to me by post or have bank transferred and I will make a copy of 2022's membership form and file that copy for 2023. If you have received your Keeping in Touch Bulletin by post and you prefer to send by post then it is as before just complete the enclosed membership form and return to me with your membership fees. I am trying to make it easier for everyone and make it in a way that is easier and more convenient for you. Even if you have received your Keeping in Touch Bulletin by email but would rather me send you a membership form just let me know or if you have received by post and would rather bank transfer membership fees then again just let me know. Whatever you prefer to do. If you feel that setting up a yearly standing order would be easier for you, then, just let me know, that is your preference, and when you have set up your standing order.

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If you have any family or friends that wish to become members and join the SWSHS family I would be delighted to hear from you. I list below as a gentle reminder some of the benefits of being a member of SWSHS

- The Mare's Grant Scheme – this is for SWSHS Members who are Breeders of the wonderful Shire Horse and would need to be a fully paid up member for 2 years (without missing any years) when applying and that their annual membership has to be paid no later than January 31 each year and have exhibited at our Show for 2 years. For further and full details of this benefit and how to qualify for this benefit please contact me where this benefit can be fully explained in how to qualify.

- Free entry to SWSHS Annual Show and access to and from the hospitality enclosure throughout the day
- Discounted entry fees for exhibitors
- Invites to SWSHS Hands On Days
- Invites to SWSHS Experience Days
- Invites to talks held by SWSHS whether it be by our Chairman or a farrier or vet and others
- Membership Meal and Get Togethers
- Entry into the Membership draw which takes place twice a year at the AGM and on Show Day.
- Receipt of Newsletters and Keeping in Touch Bulletins.
- Any advice or help that may be required is only a telephone call away.

There are many benefits of becoming a member not only in the above but to me an invaluable benefit is being part of promoting the **Shire Horse Breed** and in meeting amazing, talented and knowledgeable people and other members which lead on to making true life-long friends and the lovely feeling of belonging to one big happy family all with the same cause and love. I know that is exactly what has happened to both David and myself and we both feel very proud and honoured in playing a small part in helping to promote the Shire Horse Breed.

Finally I will end this Keeping in Touch Bulletin with a couple of Jokes that I have yet again received (and thank you to those who sent them to me). I hope they make you smile as it did me:

Carrots are good for your vision. A few glasses of wine doubles that vision.

What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum? A meltdown.

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

What does Mrs. Claus say to Santa when there are clouds in the sky? It looks like rain, deer.

Just brilliant and very festive.

Please keep them coming I really do enjoy them. Thank you.

If you have any news whatever it may be, recipes, jokes or sayings that you would like to share please let me know.

As always please visit our website at www.swshs.org.uk and our social media platforms for all updates but if you do however have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on the details set out below.

I thank you for your generous kind and continued support. Please continue to keep safe and until I speak to you and see you again

I WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR – HAVE JUST THE BEST TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON AT OUR NEXT EVENT IN 2023 AND JOIN YOU IN THE CELEBRATIONS OF SWSHS 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

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