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|  | | **WEALD HARNESS CLUB**  President: Mr Barrie Luck  Club founded in 1977.  **Newsletter** | | |

It seems such a long time since the last newsletter. COVID 19 is still with us although rules to protect us have come and gone and may soon be back again. The Club did welcome Alison Drew and Susi Anderson on to the Committee following the Zoom AGM so your Committee has been me, Sally O’Nion as Secretary, Janet Ashdown, Alison Drew and Susi Anderson with Georgi Ashdown co-opted to handle the website and social media.

It has been possible for events to be held with suitable caveats on well being and safety being in place. I managed to host a number of “Have A Go” days at Old Hay, plus run a two-day event for the Club. Late August events could not go ahead as the fields were waterlogged. Same at the beginning of October. Who’d have thought?!

On a personal note, this year I have continued to attend National and Club driving events as a probationary judge in the hope that I can attain the necessary standard. I have also earned my Tandem Bars at the Tandem Club meet held this year in the grounds of Woburn Abbey. A wonderful day, great weather and a fabulous afternoon tea at the end of the drive with a pianist to serenade us. My young leader was not fit enough or mentally ready for me to compete with my tandem this year on the National circuit, hence I have filled my time in other ways, including attending the World Horse Pairs Championship in Holland in September as lorry driver and help for Diana Lindsay who represented Great Britain. Next month, is the AGM for British Carriagedriving and I have agreed to stand for the Council. I want to support the local carriage drivers and clubs. I have taken part in Zoom training sessions this year organised by British Carriagedriving relating to Safeguarding, Course Building and being a Technical Delegate, plus have a refresher First Aid course scheduled for November. This one will be in person rather than by Zoom. Alison Drew and Susi Anderson have also attended Zoom courses for the benefit of the Club.

Your Committee met last week to discuss future plans for the Club. We have 2 events planned for the end of this year: a Christmas meal out at the Halfway House, Brenchley on Friday 10th December 2021 and a Xmas Fun Day of obstacles and cones at Saddlesdane, Badlesmere on Tuesday 21st December 2021. We are looking to organise a couple of outings: Carriage Museum at Maidstone and to a local Coach driver but these have yet to be confirmed. I am planning to run more events next year at Old Hay, and Alison Drew has offered use of her land near Bethersden for an event, details yet to be finalised.

It is hoped that we can hold an “in person” AGM at the end of March 2022 so we do not have to do this again via Zoom. Alison Drew is investigating a suitable village hall and details will be sent out to all Club members in due course.

The Club is only as good as its members. The Committee needs your input to run well and if you like (or dislike) what we are doing, please contact any of the committee members so we can address matters.

Do you have any news you wish to share with other Club members? If so, why not let me or Georgi Ashdown know so we can help you?

I have just taken delivery of my new Jacket & Gilet embroidered with the WHC logo by JS Teamwear. Do have a look at their web shop for more club logo clothing items. The Club no longer holds stock as you can order direct from [www.jsteamwear.co.uk](http://www.jsteamwear.co.uk) They have colours and sizes to suit all.

Keep safe and well and I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Jane Lamb

WHC Chairman

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