

Subject: BDS News

From: Kirstin McBride - To: Janette Watson - Date: 7 September 2017 at 21:36

Dear Members,

Firstly some information for those of you who will be joining us at Lochhill for our forthcoming drive this Sunday, please enter Lochhill at the second gate if you are coming from direction of the A75, there will be an arrow up to direct you. If you are coming from Tywnholm direction this will be the first gate. Anyone who has not already indicated their intention to come and would like to, are still more than welcome to join us. The route will be slightly shorter than previously thought due to some unsuitable sharp stones on the forestry tracks we had planned to use. The route we will now take is 6 miles but is quite hilly, with some roadwork but majority on nice tracks with some lovely views over the surrounding countryside. Let's hope for some half decent weather so we can appreciate them! The start of the drive will head down the road from Lochhill towards Ringford, as this is a narrow, windy road could I please ask that no turnouts set off until we are sure that everyone has arrived as it could cause difficulty to meet a lorry on this road. In correction to my previous emails, there is no need to bring food for the table as Helen has kindly insisted on doing food for us.

The next event is a joint one with Wigtownshire Driving Club, the Raiders Road Drive on Sun 24th September. Phone Jean Clarkson, Tel 01557 814 672 for further information.

We have a training day arranged at Barstobrick on Sun 8th October from 10am until 4pm with half hour lessons available with Justine Hunter or Jean Clarkson. Cost of lesson with Justine will be £15, this is just to cover our costs. Please contact myself, Janette or Dougie to book a lesson.

Further dates for your diary are:

Sat 18th Nov Training day at Barstobrick
Sun 10th Dec Christmas long reining Fun Day with Christmas Lunch
Sun 21st Jan '18 Annual Meeting at Arden House Hotel, Kirkcudbright
Sun 25th Feb Training day at Barstobrick
Sat 24th Match Training day at Barstobrick
Sun 8th April Training day at Barstobrick
Sun 15th April Visit to Beamish Museum for Horses at Work weekend.

It would be especially helpful if anyone thinking of attending the Christmas Fun Day could show their interest to give us a rough idea of numbers in order for us to design a course, especially for any juniors who wish to attend as this takes a little planning. The closing date for the Fun Day will be One week prior. Like last year there will be teams of 3 or 4 with the best 3 scores taken so it may be helpful to start thinking ahead and make up a team now.

Can I please bring it to your attention that to take part in any of these events you must be a BDS member. This includes the training days. Unfortunately this is now a requirement of our insurance regulations and we cannot allow non members to take part in any event even for a 'trial' day. There is still time to become a member and take part in the remaining events of this year and anyone who joined now would get 15 months for the price of 12 as their membership would run until the end of 2018, so no better time to join! For any children who are interested in joining, please note that they do not need to take out the whole 'Family' membership and that children can join independently of their parents.

Lastly can I say that as you can see we are busy trying to arrange some, hopefully, interesting and enjoyable training days for the dates we have booked for next year but we do run these for you, our members, and any input would be most welcome. If there is anything in particular you would like us to try to arrange on one of these days please do get in touch.

Best Wishes
Kirstin

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