

March 2020

Dear Members & Friends

The start of my March newsletter over the last few years seems to be discussing the terrible winter weather and this year is no different! The weather in Wigtownshire has been very wet and the rain is still falling as I write this, but from what I have seen on TV some members have had it a lot worse. This has not allowed many to even think of getting ponies out never mind doing it. Lets hope it changes soon.

Coronavirus

I am sure many of you are wondering if the season will start on time. Many sporting and social events have already been postponed throughout the country to help prevent the spread of coronavirus and just today British Driving Society in Dumfries and Galloway have made the wise decision to cancel their first two events. As there are no confirmed cases in our region at the moment, we will monitor it very closely as our first event approaches. Watch this space for updates but for now I will proceed as normal with fingers crossed!

Willie Dunlop

As of yesterday (Friday) Mo Chalmers went to visit Willie in DGRI and found him more comfortable than of late. He is still in the same ward and a move at the moment is unsure, again because of the coronavirus which may also stop visiting in hospitals soon. We will keep you updated or you can phone me on 01988 403403.

Membership Fees

Driving Members	£30.00
Junior Members	£20.00
Supporting Members	£12.00

Event Dates

Bladnoch	1 st – 3 rd May
Dalmakerran	15 th – 17 th May
Rigghead	12 th – 14 th June
Low Kirkbride	17-19 th July
Corwar	28 th – 20 th August
Fun Weekend	11 th – 13 th September

Full details of all events in 2020 Schedule enclosed.

Novice 80 Dressage Test

I have just recently found out that British Carriage Driving have made a brand new Novice 80 test. As our tests were discussed and decided at the AGM in December, we will continue to use the old version of the Novice 80 (2013) test for this year. A copy is enclosed. It would have made more sense if they had given the new test a different name.

Novice Competitors – Please note if you are competing at any other club's events to check carefully the dressage test being used.

Equine Flu Jags

Please remember to have your horse/pony flu jags up to date.

