

Peter Nichols

We have received news that Peter Nichols died last week. Peter was Area Commissioner for Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and North Avon Area for many years until 1997 and from 1990 until 1997 he was National Chairman of the BDS.

He had continued as a member until his death, but sadly had not been in good health for some time and for the last few years had lived in the village of Oaksey. Peter was serving in both roles as Area Commissioner and National Chairman when I joined the BDS in the early 1990's and had started showing with my beloved pony Macintosh, I very much appreciated the encouragement that Peter and his wife Polly gave me then, as there weren't very many Shetlands being shown in those days.

There will be a **Memorial Service** for Peter at Oaksey Church on Friday February 7th at 12 noon. RIP.

Hazel Woodbridge

Introducing – Richard Berry!

It's with great pleasure that we welcome Richard Berry as a new AAC (Assistant Area Commissionaire)

Richard is well known in the area; easily identified as he drives a rather smart tandem of New Forest ponies.

Richard can be contacted on 01380 828034 or email gillberry@hotmail.co.uk

News – Carriage Driving

Learn to Carriage Drive Rally

held at Tresham on Friday 3 August 2012

An eager audience attended the first ever Carriage Driving rally to be held in the Beaufort Pony Club.



Hazel Woodbridge from the British Driving Society, Area Commissioner for Wiltshire, brought her patient old Monty and his 2 wheeler carriage to give children their first carriage ride, nobly assisted by Police Officer, Sue Johnson who is herself a Trials driver. Super-kind Judith Cowles with years of carriage driving experience, drove 6 year old driving/riding star, Cosmo, owned by Nichola Waddicor, for the other children.

The children were all hooked when they were allowed to briefly take the reins to bend through a course of cones. All the children learnt the harness names and carriage parts with unbelievable enthusiasm. Hazel then tested them individually and all 13 passed the Mini Achiever Badge after 2 hours of intensive instruction.

Amelia Waddicor and Alice Fulford, who have qualified for the 10 – 14 yrs carriage driving, took the Achiever Badge and passed under Hazel's watchful eye.

EVEN More CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

This time to Alan and Karen Whitbread – regularly seen on Wiltshire drives... we suddenly received this cryptic message.....

Question:

How do you change a groom into a bride?

Answer:

Marry her!

And here's the result!!



To Amelia Waddicor and her pony Cosmo - who came a very impressive second at the Osbourne Refrigeration National Championships in the Junior Driver 10-14 years Exercise class, followed by a second and Reserve National Champion in the Lucy Smith Young Driver competition.

To Clare Humphries and Frosty who competed at the Donkey Driving Championship at Morton Morrell College

AND

Took the Donkey Breed Society British Supreme Driving Championship

