

Autumn Newsletter

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### GROUP ACTIVITIES

#### Vaulting

Scrumpy Jack is now being used for vaulting as well as for riding and driving. He is taking to the new job very well and the children really appreciate working with a smaller horse.

We were unable to do as much during the summer holidays as we had hoped due to individuals being away on holiday and Julia unfortunately having a spell in hospital. We wish her all the best for a speedy recovery and a successful year at Walford on her new course.

Holly is starting up working as a self employed 'Horse/ House/Carriage Driving Helper'. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

#### Riding

Anne Browning rode Warpaint at the National Championships and did very well indeed in the Freestyle to Music where she was placed Fifth out of a very strong class.

There will be a change to the Monday Riding Group. Condover College will no longer be sending youngsters to ride, The Woodlands School from Wem have asked if they can take up the vacant session.

#### Carriage Driving

A very successful picnic drive was organised at the end of term on Nesscliffe Hill. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

We now have Murphy back on the driving squad and the new addition of Louis who will be used in Micky's old carriage.

Emma Suddaby, who is one of our drivers, is currently languishing in the Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobowen. We wish her all the very best for a speedy recovery. Anyone able to, please pop in and see her as she expects to be there for some time.

## FUND RAISING EFFORTS

The bucket collection at the West Midland Show was very disappointing due to poor coordination of our demonstration by the Show Authorities. A shame for everyone who put so much effort into it.

The Open Afternoon was blessed with the weather we have come to expect, glorious sunshine but the addition of a welcome breeze. It was very well supported and the cakes and tombola raised some funds for the group. There will be a much bigger Craft Stall for next year so if anyone has any ideas please?

The Horse Show was a huge success. The state of the showground from a previous event was not good and took a lot of tidying up before we started to get ready for our event. However it all went off alright on the day. Competitors and judges turned up, stewards, secretaries and commentators all took their place and the show ran like clockwork. Very many thanks to everyone who helped on the day and before and after, without you all this could not happen! Certainly none of it could happen without the invaluable assistance of the Show Secretary, Vanessa Gibson. Thank you Vanessa.

Money continues to drizzle in from the Sponsored Bike, Walk, Carriage Drive and Ride across the 100 mile Jack Mytton Way which took place at the end of July. At the moment the total is up to £1,800. A magnificent sum and everyone who took part seemed to enjoy it immensely.

In August The children took part in a 16 mile Sponsored Ride across the Long Mynd. The weather was kind to us, all ponies and horses were well behaved and it all went well. No idea of sums raised as yet.

## HORSE AND PONY SPONSORSHIP

The Teece Family are sponsoring Warpaint until the middle of 2007.  
O2 are sponsoring Scrumpy Jack until next August.

NEXT YEAR'S FUND RAISING

Music and Horses Demo at Walford College Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Group Open Day Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Family Horse Show Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

There is a possibility we may be producing a calendar for next year, so look out for this

**WATCH THE DATE**

Good luck to Denny on the forthcoming arrival.

GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Nesscliffe Village Hall 12.30 FOR 1



**Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!**

Alexia Ross, Friday 22 September	Gillian Carder, Thursday 12 October
Pam King, Tuesday 26 September	Pam Evans, Thursday 12 October
Annette Knight, Tuesday 26 September	Julie Argue, Monday 16 October
Dulcie Raynor, Wednesday 27 September	Delphine Hulme, Sunday 19 November
Dawn Broster, Thursday 05 October	Cathy Buckland, Tuesday 21 November
Jane Barker, Friday 06 October	Marion Reed, Tuesday 21 November
Angela Hanmer, Saturday 07 October	Yvonne Cliffe, Thursday 07 December
Jenny Sheldon, Monday 09 October	Carol Towers, Wednesday 20 December

