

HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY

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Chairman's Chat

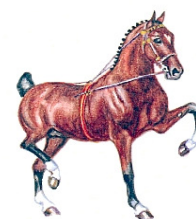
Unbelievable, another year is drawing to a close and we have another show season of great memories to look back upon. The Presentation Dinner was wonderful, a really lovely evening for our Champions and also for the members and our guests. The Society came across as a friendly, happening, progressive and positive one, a sentiment with which I know the vast majority of the Society agree. Of course the Society exists for one reason only and that is our incredible breed the Hackney and from three years ago when registrations were at an all time low we have certainly made progress.

During the course of the evening our retiring President Stan Harris handed over his badge to our incoming President Jeff Osborne. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Stan who has been so diligent in his duties as President seeming to have more energy in his eighties than many of us twenty years younger! Though not known as a "Hackney" man he has taken us to his heart and assures me that he and his lovely wife Linda will keep turning up to support us.

Our incoming President Jeff Osborne needs no introduction already being a "Hackney" man and tremendous competitor. He thoroughly enjoyed the evening saying what a vibrant and friendly and welcoming Society we are, making special comment for particular praise the cabaret entertainment and the skills of our MC Gary Docking. I know Jeff is looking forward to his tenure and we are delighted that he has accepted the role.

The parade of Champions reminded us of the excellence that you can see in the show classes. In any of the Championship classes today it seems to me that there is so little to choose between the top exhibitors that it really does come down to who is on song on the day and obviously the judges personal preference. The following day you could have a class with the same animals and get a totally different result and that too could be correct. The standard is very high, keep up the good work exhibitors, Brilliant!

Thank you to Council for your support and to all who have worked hard on behalf of the Society this year. I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a New Year filled with good intentions, prosperity and success.



THANK YOU FOR THE PROMISES AND RAFFLE PRIZES

Thanks must be extended once again to all who have supplied auction promises and raffle prizes over the last year.

For a small Society we manage to achieve things that much larger Societies would not manage.

We have members and supporters who are so passionate about this wonderful breed and hopefully this will mean this superb animal will be around for the next generation of "drivers".

RESULTS OF COUNCIL - VOTING 2016

The following members have been voted onto Council for 2016:-

- Mr Stephen Bamford
- Mr Reuben Carter
- Mr John Cresswell
- Mr Mark Hardy
- Mr Richard James
- Mr Robbie Robertson
- Mr Ernie Ward

Their term of office for Council will run for 3 years commencing January 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.



The President,
Chairman,
Treasurer,
Secretary and
Members of
Council
wish all our
members a very
happy Christmas
and prosperous
New Year

NEWCOMERS CLASS

There will be a new class at the Annual National Breed Show for both horse and pony in 2017. It will be for any novice animal which has never entered a class previously. No novice points will be awarded and if it is the only class entered in that novice season then it will not be taken into account as part of a novice season. The Society would like to thank Mr Gary Haffenden for kindly agreeing to supply cups for these classes.

EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR

Just a note for your diaries for 2017 the Exhibitors and Judges Seminar will take place at Ashfields Carriage Driving Centre on Sunday, March 19th commencing at 11am. The Society is covering most of the cost but there will be a small charge of £5.00 which will include a light lunch. We will need to know numbers prior to the event so a booking form is enclosed.

2017 Year Book

If anyone still wants to include something in the 2017 year book they have until 2nd January 2017 to forward it to the Society's offices or to Mrs Stockton.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 2017

Your annual subscription is due on January 1st 2017 It really helps the Society when payment is made by standing order so I have included a form of Banker's order for those who would be interested in this method of payment. Single membership £30, double membership £42. To be returned to Hackney Horse Society, Haydon Farm Cottages, Sutton Parva, Tytherington, Wiltshire, BA12 7AF

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