

'TURN OUT!'



The Quarterly Newsletter
From the Dial Wood Carriage Driving Group



CHRISTMAS 2011.

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the Christmas newsletter. It has been a good year for Dial Wood one in which we have welcomed new volunteers and clients, achieved success in our funding applications and our own fund raising efforts as well as having plenty of fun along the way. Here are just a few of the ways our committed volunteers have been helping to boost funds over the last few months.

LITTLE DEVILS!

Volunteer Amber and her pony Monty went 'Trick or Treating' on behalf of Dial Wood and raised a fantastic £59.27 and gave the neighbours a few surprises along the way. WELL DONE TO THEM BOTH.



WINTER HAY DRAW

Dial Wood's Winter Hay Draw was drawn on a particularly wintry afternoon. There were twenty-one Winners in total and all prizes have been claimed. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to everyone who bought tickets, or donated prizes. This event has helped greatly towards the cost of feeding 'the boys' through the winter months.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISERS

Volunteers Julie and Chris attended the Pennine Advent fair again this year selling hand made crafts and running a tombola, the event was a success even though numbers were down on last year.

Group Organiser Audrey has again boosted funds by donating commission from the sale of Body Shop products at two pre-Christmas events.

Volunteer Chris hosted a Pampered Chef party, which raised £75 for Dial Wood.

Dial Wood was successfully nominated for a £100 award from the Barnsley Building Society, which Chris was presented with earlier this week.

FUNDING SUCCESS

A successful funding application with Kirklees Council has secured a percentage of our running costs for the next two years, which is very reassuring in the current economic climate.

VOLUNTEERS STORY

Volunteer Isobel Crawford shares her volunteering experience with us: -

Ever since I started volunteering at Dial Wood Carriage Driving my passion for it has increased and it has slightly taken over my preference for riding. I now look forward to the days when I can have a go with Big Splash and the fact that as I am working for the drives I get them free. The menage is a tad bumpy though!

I also like playing with the ponies, like taking Tonto for a walk and long reining, which really helps me to lose weight as it provides the exercise. I put together a course for the other volunteers to ride Big and Little Splash around and I enjoyed taking a slightly more active role in telling them how to do it which is a big step for me with my social and communication problems. Knowing that I am doing something to help towards their care is really rewarding, I hope I will be able to ride Big Splash in the future when the weight comes off.

The clients that come to drive with Audrey are lovely characters and seeing them respond with pleasure when Little Splash takes them for a trot is really nice. I only wish I could come more often, but Sundays will have to be it for now. I hope to take time off work in the summer and come along during the week.

We would love to hear from other Volunteers, Carers and Clients about what the Dial Wood experience means to them. Let us have your story and we will print it in our newsletter.

BETTY

Big Thanks to Betty for her donation of £50

ADOPT A PONY

There is still time to Adopt a Pony as a Christmas gift for friends or family. Choose from Big Splash, Little Splash, Tonto or Lucy. For just £19.99 a year you will receive a glossy photo of your chosen pony, a keyring, regular newsletters and stories straight from the horses mouth! New adoptions and re-adoptions made before 31st January 2012 will receive an adorable pony soft toy...how can you resist?

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Our next Newsletter is scheduled for March 2012 and will be co-edited by Volunteers Wallid and Isobel - we hope to feature some Green card achievements and ASDAN progress.

