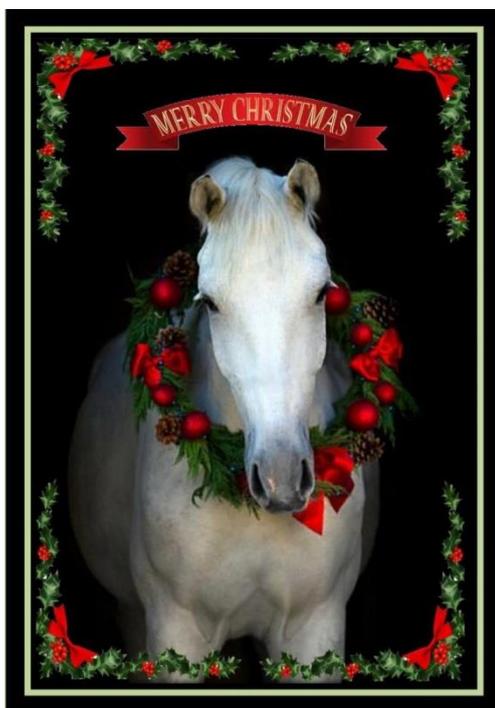


Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) News Sheet

December 2021

Wishing all our members a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year



Welcome to our December News Sheet for 2021. Please take a few minutes to read it, so that you don't miss out on exciting opportunities to support your Society and the Irish Draught breed.

This issue contains important news about how to become a trustee, the outcome of the AGM on 5 December and our plans for stallion and mare inspections in Scotland, Wales and England in 2022. We also invite you to contribute your views to Horse Sport Ireland's review of the Inspection Amnesty, which as far as we know, is due to end this month (December).

On a very sad note, we have had to say goodbye to one of the breed's staunchest supporters, Janet George, who died peacefully at home on 21 November. There is a tribute to Janet on page 9.

COVID is back on the horizon. We hope that you and your families keep safe and well in the months to come. We have lots of events planned for 2022, including our Annual Breed Show at Onley on 13 and 14 August, our regional shows and a full programme of inspections. We hope that our national vaccination programme continues to keep us safe and protects us against the latest variants, so that we can enjoy being out and about with our horses.

Heather Chaplin, Newsletter Editor

The next edition of our news sheet will be available in February. If you have some news to contribute, please email: news@idhsqb.com

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Membership reminder – due on 1 January 2022

We value your membership. Our Society would be non-existent without its members. Membership allows you to vote, stand for Council, apply to be considered for the judges' panels, register stock, show in our affiliated shows, advertise stallions in our publications and have your horses inspected. Most importantly, it also allows you to have a say in how your Society is run.

In view of the challenges we have all faced in recent times, the Council has decided not to increase membership fees for 2020 - 2022.

Membership fees are due on 1 January each year. There are three categories of membership; full, joint full and associate. These are described below.

Our new Articles of Association, which include some changes to our membership categories, were approved at our AGM on 5 December 2021. From now on, young people under 21 years of age are deemed to be full members, but continue to pay a reduced membership fee until the 1 January after their 21st birthday.

Single full membership: This entitles members all members, regardless of age, to:

- subsidised class entry fees at the Annual Breed Show
- reduced class entry fees at the North West ID and Hunter Show
- the right to register purebred stock
- subsidised DNA fees
- the right to enter stallions and mares in inspections
- the right to receive notice of and attend any General Meetings
- a Yearbook sent by surface mail (all other communication is by email, to save on postage costs).

Members aged 18 years and over have the additional rights to one vote at a General Meeting, and to put forward written resolutions at a General Meeting.

FEE: Over 18: £45 if paid online, by cheque or cash or £40 if paid by direct debit or standing order

FEE: 18yrs to 21yrs on 1st January: £20 if paid online, by cheque, cash, direct debit or standing order.

Joint full membership – for two Members residing at the same premises, two votes, one set of publications, other benefits as for single full membership.

FEE: £65 if paid online, by cheque or cash or £60 if paid by direct debit or standing order

Associate member – Yearbook sent by surface mail, all other communication by email, no voting rights, no subsidised class entry or stabling fees at the Annual Breed Show. This option is not available to Stallion owners, Judges on the IDHS (GB) Judges' panels, those wishing to register purebred stock or have animals inspected.

FEE: £25 if paid online, by cheque, cash, direct debit or standing order

Joining fee – one-off fee payable on joining for the first time or re-joining if the subscription is lapsed [i.e. not renewed by 28 February in the current year]. **FEE: £10**

Administration fee – to cover the cost of printing and postage for those who prefer to receive all communication by surface mail. **FEE: £10**

Registration fees – rates include VAT @ 20%

Irish Draught Purebreds (Members only)	£40	plus DNA testing of foal + dam if not already done
Irish Draught Sport Horses (Members)	£40	
Irish Draught Sport Horses (Non-Members)	£60	
Utility passport	£30	No pedigree will be recorded. Available only to animals not eligible for any studbook.
Duplicate or replacement passport	£60	To replace missing passport or lost/damaged documents.
Transfer of ownership	£20	Transfer of Ownership form must accompany application.
Over-stamping of other Societies' passports	£30	
DNA Parentage testing (Member)	-	Compulsory for all animals in the Main Studbook (Breed Register).
DNA Parentage testing (Non-Member)	-	Not compulsory for sport horses, apart from fillies eligible for Supplementary Grade-Up.
CPR Prefix Registration	£60	Please apply to the Central Prefix Register to register a prefix.
CPR Prefix Extension	£25	When your prefix is registered with another Society and you wish to add an extension to the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB).
<p>Additional cost of posting documents by special delivery: £10. The IDHS (GB) does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to documents in the post.</p>		

Inspection fees – rates include VAT @ 20%

The only price increase this year is highlighted. Stallion inspection fees have increased by £10 to reflect increases in the cost of having radiographs read by the panel.

Irish Draught Purebred Colts and Stallions – assessment for Class 1	£400	The fee includes inspection, vetting on the day and evaluation of x-rays, plus updating the passport with the outcome. It does not include the pre-inspection veterinary examination, x-rays or health swabs (CEM, EVA, EIA).
Re-assessment of Class 2 stallions (New X-rays not required)	£330	The fee includes inspection, vetting on the day and updating the passport with the outcome. It does not include the pre-inspection veterinary examination, endoscope or health swabs (CEM, EVA, EIA).
Irish Draught Sport Horse Colts and Stallions – assessment to be an Irish Draught Sport Horse stallion.	£330	The fee includes inspection and trot-up veterinary assessment on the day, plus updating the passport with the outcome. It does not include the five-stage veterinary examination prior to the inspection.
Uninspected Irish Draught fillies and mares, plus re-inspection of Class 2 fillies and mares	£180	The fee includes inspection, optional athleticism assessment (Moreton Morrell only), vetting on the day and updating the passport with the outcome.
Athleticism assessment of Irish Draught Purebred Mares previously classified as RID, Class 1 or Supplementary Grade Up.	£100	The fee includes initial linear profiling, trot-up veterinary assessment, jumping lane assessment and updating the passport.

Nominations for the Council

The following Members of Council retire in April 2022. If willing, they may stand for re-election without further nomination:-

MRS SUSAN BENSON MRS NORMA GRUBB MS CAROLINE MURPHY

Please note that after our new Articles were passed by our members on 5 December 2021 (please see below), there is a modification to our procedure for recruitment of trustees.

We currently have 14 trustees. This means that there will be a maximum of four vacancies. In the event of more nominations being received than places available, there will be a postal vote.

If you wish to nominate a member to stand for election to the Council of the IDHS (GB), please complete the nomination form on our website at <https://idhsqb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Application-to-be-a-Director-Trustee-Dec.-2022.pdf> and send it to the Administrator at the address on the form, no later than **12 noon on Monday 31 January 2022**.

The person you wish to nominate must complete the second part of the form indicating his or her willingness to stand for election, complete the questionnaire and identify two referees. The questions will be used to structure an informal phone or Zoom discussion with the applicant prior to any postal vote.

If you would like to know more about becoming a trustee, please contact a member of the Council (contact details are in our Yearbook and on our web site at www.idhsqb.org.uk). You may also wish to visit the guidance on the Charity Commission's web site at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-commission-guidance>

Annual General Meeting 2021

On 5 December 2021, we welcomed our members to our first General Meeting for three years. The meeting was very well attended and there was a warm and friendly atmosphere.

The General Meeting approved our new Articles of Association. This is a landmark in our history and we are keen to start implementing some of the positive changes that are enshrined in our new Articles.

Questions raised by members in advance of the meeting included polysaccharide storage myopathy (PSSM 1 and PSSM 2), which is rare in our breed, with just one diagnosed case that we are aware of at present. We do need to be aware of genetic conditions that can affect any equine. This disease is common in the Belgian Draught horse. It is also known in the Thoroughbred, which is of course a constituent breed of the Irish Draught. This subject generated a good discussion. The take-home message is that anyone who is concerned about any symptoms should speak with their vet.

We then enjoyed an excellent buffet lunch catered by our hosts, Stallion AI Services, followed by a presentation by Tullis Matson. We were treated to a tour of the stallion barns, where we met some of the well-known stallions still in residence. Tullis showed us the impressive laboratory and storage facilities. He explained how the Stallion AI centre is involved in a wide variety of conservation programmes, including cryonic preservation of genetic material from deceased animals to preserve rare equine and farm livestock bloodlines. The centre is also at the leading edge of pioneering genetic preservation work undertaken with some of the world's rarest species, such as elephant and rhinoceros. Many thanks to Tullis and the staff at Stallion AI Services for a very pleasant and highly educational day.

200 Club

If you would like to join the 200 Club draw, please visit our website at <https://idhsqb.org.uk/members/200club/> and click on the link on the right hand side of the screen. You will be guided through an online application form where there are three payment options of £12 (one chance), £24 (two chances) or £36 (three chances) to win a prize each year. This is a great way to support our Society.

200 CLUB WINNERS 2021

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Ticket No</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Prize</i>
SPRING 2021					
	Alison Buchanan	Scottish Borders	117	1st	£60
	Carol Rudd	Cheshire	112	2nd	£30
	Mrs C Horne	Yorkshire	87	3rd	£15
SUMMER 2021					
	Richard Thomas	Conwy, North Wales	145	1st	£60
	Mr & Mrs P R Turpin	Cumbria	135	2nd	£30
	Louise Morton	Staffordshire	128	3rd	£15
AUTUMN 2021					
	Lisa Stewart	Lancashire	284	1st	£60
	Victoria Wilkinson	Kent	235	2nd	£30
	Ina Valler	West Sussex	156	3rd	£15
WINTER 2021					
	Liz Gates	Dumfries and Galloway	21	1st	£60
	Gillian Keeton	South Yorkshire	282	2nd	£30
	Pauline Somers	West Yorkshire	109	3rd	£15

Web site, Facebook announcement page and our members' Facebook group

Please visit our web site at www.idhsgb.org.uk for up-to-date information on our activities, policies and news. If you click or tap the various headings, you will have access to detailed information and also, contact details for people who can help with specific questions. The web site hosts **free** for sale and wanted ads for members. Advertising is in a set format to help ensure accuracy.

We have two Facebook pages. One is our original Facebook page for news and public announcements about events: <https://www.facebook.com/IDHSGB>

There is also a more recent, moderated Facebook group page for members and non-members to enjoy: www.facebook.com/groups/928909631249104/

In early December, an outside group decided to spread disinformation about our Society and the current inspection system on their own Facebook page. This is part of their strategy to apply for control over the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland. The Studbook is currently managed by Horse Sport Ireland.

On 13 December, we issued a statement on our own Facebook announcement page in response to this group's post. In response to this, comments of dubious authenticity were posted on our page. Because this page was set up many years ago and was never designed to be moderated, the only option was to manage the 'comment' facility proactively to put a stop to the misinformation. This action was not taken lightly.

The separate Facebook group page is open to members and non-members, where you can comment and contribute as much or as little as you wish. Those interested in the Irish Draught are welcome to like, share and join in the discussions. You can share photos and experiences. There are some basic ground rules in place for this group, to ensure that visiting the page is a pleasant experience for all. It is moderated by a small team of members. This helps to protect the overwhelming majority of members who just wish to share their achievements with their horses in a friendly and supportive manner.

If you have a specific question about any of our procedures or rules, it is best not to use Facebook Messenger to ask for information, as not all trustees have time to go onto Facebook regularly and monitor their messages. The quickest and most reliable way to have your question answered is to email or phone the trustee responsible for that area of work, or email our Administrator on admin@idhsgb.org.uk

2021 Yearbook

If you have paid your membership, you should by now have received our yearbook. Louise Morton, the editor, has spent much of the past year putting together another highly professional publication. Thank you, Louise, for all your hard work and dedication.

In 2022, a new team will oversee the yearbook, which will again be published in December. We welcome contributions. Please email the yearbook team to let them know if you intend to submit an article, so that they can let you know the deadline and the guidelines for articles. We welcome advertisements from stallion owners, studs and other businesses. Please ask the team for details: yearbook@idhsqb.org.uk

Virtual Dressage Competition *hosted by Dressage Anywhere.*

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to our sponsors, David and Norma Grubb and Michael and Julie Cornthwaite, and to all our competitors for supporting this event.



Results of the December 2021 IDHS (GB)

Class 1	Place	Rider	Horse
BD	1 st	Kerrilee Wilson	Ferrari Star (SHR)
Intro	2 nd	Colleen Eccles	Touchstone Goldfinger (ID)
B	3 rd	Jayne Adam	Hillbilly Hunter (ID)
(2009)	4 th	Donna Fielden	Bowland Eternity (SPR)
	5 th	Maggie Anderson	Contucci (ID)
Class 2	Place	Rider	Horse
BD	1 st	Lillian Johns	Billingtons Lad (ID)
Prelim	2 nd	Kerrilee Wilson	Silver Maddigen (ID)
13	3 rd	Sandy Cherry	Indigo Legacy (ID)
(2016)	4 th	Jayne Adam	Hillbilly Hunter (ID)
	5 th	Marie-Clare Pedersen	Cleighrane Hubie (SPR)
	6 th	Jonathan Brown	Bowland Velocity (ID)
		Sarah Manton	Pembroke True Blue (ID)
		Caroline Taylor	Welcome Classic (ID)

Class 3	Place	Rider	Horse
BD Nov	1 st	Karen Scott	Way Out Star (SPR)
34 (2016)	2 nd	Rowan Moore	Bowland Eternity (SPR)
Class 4	Place	Rider	Horse
BD Elem	1 st	Harry Marsden	Bowland Celebration (ID)
49 (2009)	2 nd	Harry Marsden	Touchstone Floinn (ID)



Christmas-themed Fancy Dress winner
Rowan Moore on Bowland Eternity

Janet George: an obituary

It is with deep sadness that we have to announce that Janet peacefully passed away at home on Sunday 21st November.

Janet was a great supporter of our breed and bred some lovely horses over the years. She believed strongly in the value of inspections, and we spent many an interesting hour inspecting her young horses at Silver Birch Farm. This process was often accompanied by some forthright views and industrial language on their owner's part, which always made us smile! While Janet did not suffer fools gladly, her refreshingly honest and intelligent views endeared her to many people who were privileged to meet her.

Janet had a strong background in the racing industry and hunting. She really understood how important it is to drive breed improvement and under her Indigo prefix, she produced 119 sound and sensible animals for hunting and the grassroots leisure market. To this end, Janet loaned and bought in some really nice mares to put to her Irish Draught stallion, Lady's Tralee Raj. She then used her homebred stallion Indigo Pure Arrogance on Raj's daughters to good effect. Janet was thrilled when her fillies began to score really well in their inspections, and particularly when some achieved the much-coveted Bronze Merit Award in Conformation and Movement.

Janet was an experienced charity director. She had held many prominent roles in the charitable sector before she joined us as a trustee of our Society, notably in the Countryside Alliance and the British Horse Society. She served as a trustee with us for many years. In that capacity, Janet edited our newsletter for a while, organised an Annual Breed Show at Arena UK and moderated our website forum.

With around 80 horses at one time, Janet was very busy, but she always had time to help anyone with an interest in horses. She was very helpful and supportive to many of our members. The Indigo Irish Draught Facebook page shows the many much loved and successful horses that Janet bred, and the lively and positive community that she created:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/105812282793548/>

There are many happy owners out there with Indigo stock, and Janet will be very sadly missed. We know that Janet had great plans for the future and sadly, these had not had time to come to fruition. She was definitely not ready to move to pastures new, but she leaves behind a great legacy in the quality of her stock. It is good to know that before she passed, and after recovering from major surgery, Janet did manage a final ride on one of her beloved mares.

Janet's funeral will be taking place on Friday 21st January at 10.30 am at the Kidderminster Crematorium. Please contact Mandy Weston via email (mandy@westonswillsandprobate.co.uk) if you wish to attend. Arrangements regarding the wake will be announced in due course.

Tony Hargreaves: 1937 – 2021



It is with the deepest regret that we announce the peaceful passing of Tony Hargreaves, on Wednesday 22 December, at home, with his wife of 61 years, Pat.

Tony was a lifetime supporter of the Irish Draught horse, in GB, Ireland and the USA, travelling thousands of miles each year to attend shows, events and Annual General Meetings and to meet up with his many friends. He was always there to lend a hand at the Great Yorkshire Show and the Annual Breed Show.

He hardly ever missed an AGM and loved the Dublin Horse Show. He attended the majority of ID Sales at Cavan and Goresbridge and kept meticulous records over the years.

Tony and Pat owned Cringles Irish Draught Stud and, along with their daughter, Gail, kept, bred and showed Irish Draught horses for their own pleasure. He was most proud of their homebred RID mare, Cringles First Lady, out of Cringles Irish Lady by Brown Lad Lara. He was also the owner and Managing Director of an electrical engineering company at Saltaire, Shipley, manufacturing, amongst other things, security systems.

Tony was a decent, proud West Yorkshire man, reliable and dependable, blunt but honest, with a razor-sharp wit. He was a devoted family man and a loyal friend. He was a real character and a man I am proud to have known.

Rest in peace dear friend, *Norma Grubb*

Affiliated/Regional Shows and the Annual Breed Show 2022

The Midland Irish Draught Show, Stourport Riding Centre, Upper Poollands Farm, Hartlebury Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9JD. *Date to be confirmed*. Please contact Dan Ash for details: enquiries@stourportridingcentre.co.uk

The North West Irish Draught & Hunter Show will be held at Myerscough Arena near Preston Lancashire on 31 July 2022. General enquiries – please contact Carol Rudd on 07860 102256.

Wincanton Horse Show, featuring Irish Draught classes, will be held at Wincanton Racecourse, Somerset, on 7 August 2022. Schedules are available online. Show Secretary: Lindsey Millar: klmandjml@aol.com

Annual Breed Show: 13 & 14 August 2022

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Breed Show will be held at the Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex, Willoughby, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8AJ. Make a date in your diary. You will be pleased to hear that we will once again be running qualifiers at many affiliated shows for two of our major Championships:

The £2000 IDHS (GB) Ridden Challenge & The Moorbenhall Irish Draught Youngstock Challenge.

We will also be running the Amateur Ridden & Produced Irish Draught Class which is very popular. The schedule will be finalized early in 2022 and it will be posted on the website for you and we hope that you will join us and make a full weekend of the event.

Trophies

Anne Beattie will be writing to you next year for the return of your trophies in time for the 2022 Annual Breed Show. Trophies should be returned, clean and in good condition, to Tony Phillips. Please note the change of return address when you receive Anne's request to return your trophy.

Memorandum and Articles of Association update

A General Meeting of members was held at Stallion AI Services in Shropshire on Sunday 5 December. During this meeting, members present voted unanimously to accept our new Articles of Association.

These have now been submitted to Companies House. Our Vice President spotted an omission in our Memorandum of Association, which had been unnoticed since the last revision in 2000. This has now been corrected. The amendment is in paragraph 4 (1) of the Memorandum, and the added text is in red:

4. In furtherance of the Objects, but not otherwise, the Society may exercise the following powers:
 1. to promote the **Irish Draught Horse and the** Irish Draught Sport Horse...

Irish Draught Studbook Inspection Amnesty

The Irish Draught Studbook inspection amnesty permitted animals that met the pedigree requirements for the Irish Draught Studbook, but which had one or more uninspected parents to come forward for inspection between the years 2017-2021. The amnesty is due to end this year.

As a harmonised filial society, we follow the same principles of inspection as Ireland. We therefore implemented this rule in Great Britain. Eight mares and one stallion with an uninspected parent have been inspected under these rules.

We have recently been informed that the Irish Horse Board plans to review the inspection amnesty rule before the end of February 2022. We also have been informed that the harmonised societies will be consulted as part of the review. Until the review is

complete and a decision has been made by the Board, we will not know whether or not animals in Great Britain by, or out of, uninspected parents can come forward for inspection in 2022 and beyond.

If you wish to have your stallion or mare inspected in 2022, **whether you are affected by the amnesty or not**, please contact us in good time (before the end of March) so that we can check your horse's eligibility for inspection. We can then inform you directly by email or phone to keep you up to date with developments.

It is also important to let us know your views on whether or not the amnesty should continue, so that we can pass these on during the consultation process. **Please email the inspections mailbox at inspections@idhsqb.org.uk** if you are affected by the amnesty rule, for example, if you bred or have purchased a yearling or two-year-old by or out of uninspected parents that wasn't old or mature enough to come forward before the amnesty reached the end of its published term this year.

Stallion inspections: 1 September 2022

In line with the majority of stallion owners' expressed wishes, and as announced in the last news sheet, we will once again be holding our 2022 Stallion inspections for purebred and Irish Draught Sport Horse stallions in September at Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell. The date is **1 September 2022**.

Mare inspections will be run the following day, 2 September 2022, when voluntary athleticism assessments will be available for existing or newly-graded Class 1, RID or Supplementary Grade-Up mares.

The venue has been booked and we welcome expressions of interest at an early stage, so that we can keep you informed of developments with regard to Ireland's inspection amnesty, which is due to end this year. We are told this will be reviewed before the end of February.

The application forms and full guidance will be on our web site within the first few days of January 2022.

The set of 16 stallion radiographs required by Horse Sport Ireland and the IDHS (GB) is also available from our web site (it is on the pre-inspection veterinary report form) and from the inspection administration team at inspections@idhsqb.org.uk

Please have the radiographs completed between six and three months before the inspection date, e.g. between 1 March 2022 and 1 June 2022 (the closing date is 15 June 2022). This will give you time to ask your vet to repeat any x-rays that are difficult to read.

Owners of colts or stallions with an uninspected parent should wait until the outcome of the amnesty review before spending money on veterinary examinations. Please keep in touch with the inspection team for updates.

Expressions of interest for the stallion inspections can now be submitted by email to inspections@idhsqb.org.uk OR on the online form.

After 15 March, you will need to complete a formal application, not the expression of interest form.

The FINAL closing date for the stallion inspections is 15 June 2022.

This means submitting a completed formal (signed) application, to include:

fees, radiographs, pre-inspection vetting reports and health certificates.

All x-rays are submitted to our radiograph panel.

Please allow plenty of time, in case there is an issue with one or more of the x-ray views.

We regret that we cannot accept late applications.

Mare inspections 2022

We already have around 15 applications left over from 2020 and 2021 from owners who could not, for some reason, bring their horse forward, with more enquiries each week, so this coming year seems set to be another bumper year for inspection numbers.

In view of the administrative challenges in 2021, when we had four times the usual number of mares, we will be reinforcing our inspection administration team to keep up with the work. We hope very much that this will mean no delays in sending out the bar charts and reports in 2022.

A list of **provisional** inspection venues for the mares will be posted on our web site early in January 2022. Whether or not an individual venue is viable will depend on the number of applications received. There is no set minimum number of mares and we make decisions on a venue-by-venue basis, with more flexibility in remote areas with fewer Irish Draughts. We always keep in touch with members throughout the process and consult with them about the choice of venue.

The closing dates are:

Spring mare inspections (for three-year-olds upwards) - to be held in April and May: 15 March 2022

Mid-summer mare inspections (two-year-olds upwards) - to be held in June and July: 15 May 2022

Later summer mare inspections (two-year-olds upwards) - to be held in August and September: 15 July 2022.

No late entries can be accepted, unless we specifically request extra entries via social media to make up numbers at a venue that is at risk of being non-viable.

Application forms and guidance notes for the mare inspections will be placed on our web site by early January 2022.

If you have trouble locating any of our inspection forms, or cannot print, please email inspections@idhsgb.org.uk to request them by email. We try to avoid posting them due to the cost.

Applications for the Hornby-Lonsdale Trust Hornby Premium inspections

Inspections for Hornby Premiums can take place at mare inspection venues for grading. They can also take place at affiliated shows, provided that:

- The show secretary has given permission
- It does not interfere with the conduct and safe running of the show itself
- There are suitable surfaces for trotting up mares and foals
- For County and other large shows with spectator admission fees, we cannot have inspectors incurring costs to enter the showground, so they have to be attending the show for their own reasons.
- If the inspectors are judging at the show, the Hornby Premium inspection **MUST** take place after the showing classes, so that the judge does not have prior contact with the mare and foal. This could be seen as prejudicial to objective judging.
- In order to put the necessary administrative measures in place and arrange inspectors, it is essential that Hornby Premium applicants apply by **31 May 2022**, whether your mare has foaled by that time or not. If she hasn't foaled, please enter the sire of the expected foal and its due date on your online form.
- There is no fee involved, but your mare must be RID, Class 1, AID or Supplementary Grade Up and she must have a foal at foot by a Class 1 or RID stallion.

Passport and registration information Please direct registration enquiries and send IDHS (GB) passports, registration applications/transfer/over-stamps for GB- registered horses to: **Irish Draught passports, Holme House, Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RH** Tel. 01768 870 523. Email address: passports@idhsgb.org.uk Office hours Monday-Friday 09.00 – 17.00 hrs.

Over-stamping imported horses' passports

If you have imported an Irish Draught or Irish Draught Sport Horse from the Republic of Ireland (or any other country outside the UK), you MUST ensure that the passport is over-stamped by a Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) in the UK, so that the animal's record can be included on the Central Equine Database. This should have been done by 1 October 2020 for animals already in this country, but for newly-imported animals, you should take action as soon as they arrive in Great Britain.

Which PIO you approach will depend on the animal's breed (Connemara, Irish Draught, etc). We can over-stamp purebred Irish Draught and Irish Draught Sport Horses with at least 25% documented ID breeding and utility passports (non-pedigree). We cannot over-stamp passports for other pure breeds, such as Fell, Connemara, Trakehner etc. These passports must go to the relevant PIO. There is a form on our web site to complete when you wish to have your horse overstamped. The fee is £30 inc VAT.

Registering your horse - urgent action required!

Registration forms for Sport Horses and purebred animals are on the web site, with guidance notes and the identity diagram (marking chart). You have until **31 December or six months from the date of birth, whichever is the later**, to register your foal.

Please get your foal registered before it is sold. It is an offence to sell a weaned foal or adult horse without a passport. If you have sold a horse that does not yet have a passport, please liaise with the new owner to remedy the situation as soon as possible.

To register, you MUST submit a covering certificate from the IDHS (GB) or other recognised breed society (in the case of foals imported in utero or sport horse foals). The stallion owner must obtain these from our Administrator. They cost £4. No foal will be registered with home-made certificates and forms, and mare owners should refuse to accept these.

DNA kits are also available from our Administrator. Our DNA provider is Weatherby's Scientific. We know that there have been long delays in 2021 in turning around DNA parentage-testing results, but we understand that this has now been addressed. Weatherby's Scientific provides DNA services to a number of passport organisations, including Horse Sport Ireland and the Weatherby's General Stud Book, and we have all had difficulties.

Appendix: Useful contacts

General enquiries, 200 Club, membership, Annual Breed Show entries: Carol Malin, IDHS (GB), PO Box 91, Newcastle Emlyn, SA44 9AT Tel: 0345 2300 399 (Mon-Wed 9.00am - 5.00pm) Email: admin@idhsgb.org.uk

Passports: Please direct registration enquiries and send IDHS (GB) passports, registration applications/transfer/over-stamps for GB-registered horses to: **Irish Draught passports, Holme House, Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RH** Tel. 01768 870 523. Email address: passports@idhsgb.org.uk Office hours are Monday-Friday 09.00 – 17.00 hrs.

Irish-bred horses: Passports, registration queries and transfers of ownership: Please contact Horse Sport Ireland: First Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Kildare, Ireland Tel. 00-353-45 850850 Email: info@horsesportireland.ie

IDHS (GB) Help Line - Brian & Liz Gates Tel: 01461 700434 (Mon - Fri: 6.30pm-9.30pm).Email: treasurer@idhsgb.org.uk

News Sheet news and events: please email your news item to news@idhsgb.org.uk
This will reach Carol Malin, Administrator, Heather Chaplin, editor, our Chairman and Treasurer.

Stallion and mare inspection queries: Please contact Heather Chaplin on 01823 601625 or any other team members, or email the team mailbox at inspections@idhsgb.org.uk

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