

Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) News Sheet

June 2022

Welcome to our June news sheet. A great deal has happened since our last news sheet in December. Pressure of inspection and registration work has made it impossible for me to produce quarterly news sheets. One of our new trustees, Lucinda Starling, has very kindly offered to take over the role of editor for the next edition.

In December, we announced the Council elections and invited nominations under a new protocol, which is more rigorous than the previous system. Feedback on this process has been positive, and it does help to ensure that anyone considering coming onto the Council understands exactly what is involved.

One retiring trustee, Norma Grubb, was re-elected. Caroline Murphy just got pipped at the post, by five votes. Thank you very much Caroline, for your help and support while you were on the Council. Caroline still continues to be involved on our social media pages.

We are very pleased to welcome four new trustees, Helena Davies, Heather Glendenning, Justin Scale and Lucinda Starling. We also welcomed our new Chair, James Noblett, whose message to our members is below.

We said goodbye to our outgoing Chair, Sue Benson, who has been excellent and very proactive over the past eight years. On 12 July, there will be a presentation by our President, John Newborough, to Sue at our promotional stand at the Great Yorkshire Show, after the judging of the in-hand Irish Draught classes.

The Council has met this year on 30 January, 15 February, 3 April and 19 May. The last meeting was a dedicated meeting to review the way in which the Council is structured. The outline plan is given below. We are excited by the new developments and keen to bring in talent and enthusiasm from our members all around the country to help with specific projects. This is already very well established in the Annual Breed Show team, the Social Media team and the Inspection Management team, but we will extend this way of working to other areas of Council business.

We decided to wait until we had firm news from Defra and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland about our joint passport protocols before issuing this edition. We finally received this guidance on 10 June, so it is summarised in this issue and is now also on our website.

Heather Chaplin, editor

From our new Chairman, James Noblett

Dear Members

I'd like to update you all on the recent council meeting that was held on Sunday 3rd April where I was voted in as your new Chairman with Heather Chaplin voted in as your new Vice-Chairman. We both consider this to be a great privilege and thank our fellow trustees for putting their faith in us as custodians of this wonderful breed for future generations. On a personal note, I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the council and all our membership to the outgoing Chairman Sue Benson for her amazing service to the society as chair for the last 7 years. I would also like to thank Vice-Chairman Louise Morton for her dedication to the society and to Caroline Murphy who also retires from council. I am very pleased to welcome several new faces to the council this year as a result of the recent elections-Helena Davies, Heather Glendenning, Justin Scale and Lucinda Starling. I hope they will bring with them many new skills and ideas to help the society move forward.

When I think about the word 'society' that means for me a group of like-minded people coming together with a shared interest. We all, as members, are here I think for the same thing- love of the Irish Draught horse. It is a hobby, a passion, a business and for all of us it should be fun!

I want to encourage all members to get involved and to enjoy being a part of this society. We have many positives at the moment-membership is growing, our inspections are experiencing unprecedented interest, competitions are well supported and we have the exciting prospect of holding our annual Breed Show this year at Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre.

I am very excited about the future and hope to catch up with many of you out and about this year.

Thank you

James

Nominations for the Council

The following Members of Council retired on 31 March 2022: Mrs Susan Benson, Mrs Norma Grubb and Miss Caroline Murphy.

We said a very fond farewell to our Chairman, Susan Benson, who had been at the helm for eight years and a trustee for many years prior to that. Sue was a very 'hands-on' Chair, who was closely involved in all of our projects, notably on the Horse Sport Ireland Task Force in 2014, as Show Director for many years, and as a valued member of the inspection administration team. Sue will be greatly missed on the Council, but she continues to play a crucial role in the Inspection Management team and a transitional role in the Annual Breed Show team.

Norma and Caroline applied to stand for re-election. We had four new candidates for election, making six candidates in total. In a well-supported ballot, the following people were elected to the Council:

Helena Davies, Heather Glendenning, Norma Grubb (re-election), Justin Scale, Lucinda Starling

At the Council meeting on 3 April 2022, the following officers were elected:

Chair: James Noblett, Vice Chair: Heather Chaplin, Company Secretary & Treasurer: Brian Gates

We are moving into an exciting new phase of development. At a dedicated Council meeting on 19 May 2022, we set up workgroups for key areas of our work, each of which will have sub-groups comprising members with skills and interests in those areas.

Trustees have been provisionally assigned to the following work groups, pending further discussion:

Public relations, marketing & education

Julie Cornthwaite, Norma Grubb, Tony Phillips, Carol Rudd, Lucinda Starling, Mary Wilson

Show & event development

Judges' Assessment: Assessment Lead: Mark Fitton. Administration and management: Norma Grubb and Nigel Wakefield. Members of the Judges' assessment team include Victoria Cobham, Julie Cornthwaite, John Newborough and Ellen Walton

Breed Show: Julie Cornthwaite, Brian Gates, Heather Glendenning, Tony Phillips, Carol Rudd, Lucinda Starling and the following non-trustee members: Sue Benson, Anne-Marie Durno, Kim Ethell-Davies, Charlotte Evans, Jane Imbush, Bryony Kirkland, Nat Owen-Burns, Kirsty Sanders and Ann Western

Governance and office administration

Heather Chaplin, Alun Davies, Brian Gates, James Noblett and Justin Scale

Finance

Helena Davies, Brian Gates

Breeding, Inspections & Registrations

Inspections Team: Chief Inspector: Mary Wilson. Inspection Admin Manager: Heather Chaplin Administrators: Carol Rudd, Ellen Walton, and non-trustee member Sue Benson. We are supported by other trustees and members dependant on inspection location.

The next Council meeting will be on 7 July 2022 from 19.00 – 21.00 hrs.

2022 Yearbook

In 2022, a new team will oversee the yearbook, led by James and Jenny Noblett. The Yearbook 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@jdhsqb.org.uk

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 2022

The spring draw took place in April 2022. Congratulations to the following prize winners:

*Mrs J S Stevens (Ceredigion), Mrs Angela Schofield (Hampshire)
and Mrs Pauline Somers (West Yorkshire)*

The next draw will be in mid July

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

Please visit our web site at www.idhsqb.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 moderated Facebook group page for members and non-members to enjoy: www.facebook.com/groups/928909631249104/

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, use the **contact us** form on the website, or telephone the office on 03452 300 399.

Affiliated/Regional Shows and the Annual Breed Show 2022

Sunday 17 July 2022: The Midland Irish Draught Show, Stourport Riding Centre, Upper Poollands Farm, Hartlebury Road, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9JD. Please contact Dan Ash for details: enquiries@stourportridingcentre.co.uk

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

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

13th – 14th August 2022 ANNUAL BREED SHOW

This is a special year, not only is it the Queen's Jubilee but the Show is at a new venue!

➤ **Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre, Willoughby, Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 8AH**

- Onley have a fabulous new outdoor arena set in lovely surroundings, with a viewing pavilion and dedicated horse walkways. Outdoor BBQ area where you can purchase food.
- Join us for glass of prosecco and nibbles at the Meet & Greet on Friday evening 6 - 8 pm
- A full range of In-hand, ridden and dressage classes
- The Finals of the Moorbennhall ID Youngstock Challenge and the £2000 Ridden ID Challenge
- The Evening Championship Performance
- Supper and disco on Saturday evening

A couple of gentle reminders -

- Have you qualified for the Finals of our Challenges?

The IDHS(GB) £2,000 Ridden Challenge *or* The Moorbennhall I D Youngstock Challenge?

Then please go to our website [IDHS \(GB\)](#) select the Shows & Events page choose 'Annual Breed Show' click on [Breed Show Qualifier Form](#) and register your qualification as soon as possible.

If you have any queries, please contact our Show Administrator Carol Malin (admin@idhsqb.org.uk)

- If you are planning to enter the show, please help us by getting your entries in early.

You can enter online or by printing off the entry form and sending it to Carol.

Show schedule, entry forms, etc are on the website.

Why not come and join us for a great weekend!

Trophies

Trophies should be returned, clean and in good condition, to Tony Phillips. Please note the change of return address when you receive the request to return your trophy.

Government update on the rules regarding the export and import of horses

This guidance was further updated on 16 June 2022. Please click the following link for details:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-special-rules?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=42e6c3f9-1ec8-485f-8109-fa477936e8fc&utm_content=weekly

Mare and stallion inspections 2022 - *after months of planning, our inspection programme is now under way.*

Stallion inspections: 1 and 2 September 2022

The 2022 stallion inspections will be held on 1 and 2 September at Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, near Warwick.

As in 2021, we have had a great deal of interest in our stallion inspections, with 14 applicants, although we are still in the process of reviewing x-rays, so we may not have quite this number forward on the day. The applications for stallion classification closed on 15 June 2022. Most of the x-rays have now either been read or are lodged with the radiograph panel.

When the panel has reported on all the x-rays, the timetable for inspection will be published on our website. Although we have two days booked, we will certainly finish at the very latest by 12 noon on 2 September, and may even be able to finish in one day. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for updates on this.

Spectators are welcome at this event, but please let us know at inspections@idhsgb.org.uk that you wish to attend. This is because we have to provide Warwickshire College with approximate numbers of people likely to be on site. If you intend to come to learn more about the inspections with a view to bringing a stallion forward next year, please make yourself known to us so that we can make someone available to answer any questions you may have.

Stallion inspections 2023

We are well aware that there are strongly-held views on both sides (Easter vs. September) regarding the timing of the stallion inspections going forward. We appreciate your messages and emails putting forward your views, but we want to make sure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to comment, and that people's views are professionally evaluated so that any survey is both reliable and representative. The Council are meeting on July 7 and at that meeting, we will decide best how to proceed. Please be assured that we will manage this process fairly and transparently.

Mare inspections 2022

Once again, we have had a very large number of expressions of interest and firm applications (about 90 to date, with three weeks to go). The closing date for the August, September and October inspections will close on 15 July, so please submit your application form **now** if you have not already done so.

Two inspection days have taken place so far:

13 June: Newfields, Wallingfen Lane, Newport, Brough, East Yorks HU15 2RF. By kind permission of Caroline and Dominic Told.

Many thanks to our inspectors, Andrew Gardiner from Ireland, Victoria Cobham and Norma Grubb, supported by Mark Mortimer. Thank you also to our inspection administrators, Sue Benson and Carol Rudd, assisted by Ellen Walton, and a special thank you to member Rosemary Mundy, whose local knowledge was invaluable when we were looking for this venue.

14 June: Brook House Farm, Watery Lane, Scamblesby, Louth, North Lincolnshire LN11 9XL by kind permission of Mr Roger Strawson. Inspectors: Andrew Gardiner from Ireland, Victoria Cobham and Tony Phillips. Administrators: Sue Benson and Carol Rudd, assisted by Ellen Walton.

Results from the first two inspections (full results will be posted on our website when available):

Thirteen mares came forward, one of which is awaiting the outcome of a veterinary referral. Of the 12 other mares, nine met the veterinary and inspection requirements for Class 1. Three mares met the veterinary requirements and did not meet all of the inspection requirements, so they have been classified as Class 2. Both Class 1 and Class 2 mares are part of the breeding herd, and their progeny by inspected Irish Draught stallions are eligible for inspection. All these mares and their progeny are now eligible to be shown in hand in affiliated Irish Draught classes.

One Hornby Premium was awarded, the first one of the year, to Castlerise Sparkling Ginger owned by Mr and Mrs Comb.

Full results will be posted on our website and will also be published in our Yearbook.

Results key: Irish bred mares are in green highlight, British-bred mares are in blue highlight.

Class 1 (met veterinary and inspection standards)
Castlerise Sparkling Ginger – Mr and Mrs Comb (first Hornby Premium awarded). 🏆
Cloonacauneen Queen Elvis – Mrs S O'Donnell (agent: Ms J Collins)
Esta's Diamond – Ms K Hughes
Hatley Park Eclipse – Ms L Fisher
Ingun Dancer – Mr R Strawson
Isla – Mr R Strawson

Izzyfree On The Hill – Mr R Strawson
Kia S – Mr R Strawson
Tara Magic – Ms G Finnis
Class 2 (met veterinary standards)
Bell Tower Red Duchess – Mrs S Moore
Diamond View Lady – Ms E Hull
Kilmovee Black Pearl – Ms R Mundy

Future venues:

July venues: (closing date was 15 May)

13 July: Comeytrove Equestrian Centre, Higher Comeytrove Farm, Taunton, Somerset TA4 1EQ

Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin, Devon Phillips – 2 mares to date. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

14 July: Tall Trees Equestrian Centre, Davidstow, Cornwall, PL32 9XR – 7 mares to date. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin, Devon Phillips. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

August venues (closing date 15 July):

10 August: venue to be confirmed, probably in East Sussex – 4 mares to date. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

11 August: A.M.: Rosssdales Equine Hospital & Diagnostic Centre, Cotton End Road, Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 7NN – 3 mares to date. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

11 August P.M.: Truesdale Equestrian Centre, Truesdale Lodge, Deeping Road, Baston PE6 9NW. 6 mares to date. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

12 August: (Annual Breed Show venue). Onley Grounds, Willoughby, Rugby CV23 8AJ – 8 mares. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin, Sarah Bright-Phillips, Sue Benson, Carol Rudd. Some capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

September venues (closing date 15 July):

12 September: Cloughs Farm, Carter's lane, Gisburn, Lancashire BB7 4HZ, by kind permission of Mr Michael and Mrs Julie Cornthwaite. 10 mares to date. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

13 September: Black Dyke Equestrian Centre, Blackford, Carlisle CA6 4EY. 8 mares. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin, David Grubb. Some capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

14 September: Inchcoonans Equestrian Centre, Inchcoonans House, Perth, Scotland. 8 mares. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin, David Grubb. Some limited capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

October venues (closing date 15 July):

Week commencing 10 October: please note change of date from early September. Dates will be confirmed after 15 July (closing date), as by then we will know the final numbers. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

South West Wales: (closing date 15 July)

11 October TBC – approx. 13 mares at a private yard.
Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin.

12 October TBC: Lletyrgof, Llanbydder, Carmarthen SA40 9SA – about 5 mares. No more capacity at this venue, but we have been offered another venue at Ammanford if more mares wish to come forward.
1 mare for Hornby Premium inspection at Ammanford. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin.

North Wales: (closing date 15 July)

13 October TBC: De La Hoyde Stud, Marian Newydd, Llangeod, Anglesey LL58 8SB. Inspection administrators: Heather and Graham Chaplin, Sue Benson, Carol Rudd. Capacity for more mares, both for grading and Hornby Premiums.

Application forms and guidance notes for the mare inspections are on our web site at www.idhsgb.org.uk.

If you have trouble locating any of our inspection forms, or cannot print, please email inspections@idhsgb.org.uk to request them by email. If you have any questions about the inspections, please ask the inspections administration team on the email address above. Please don't rely on messaging services or Facebook, as we cannot answer specific questions about your mare on a public forum.

Applications for the Hornby-Lonsdale Trust Hornby Premium inspections (closing date 15 July 2022)

Inspections for Hornby Premiums can take place at all mare inspection venues for grading. They can also take place at regional shows, provided that the show secretary has given permission and that if the judges are needed to inspect, it does not interfere with their judging commitments. Please apply straight away if you would like your mare to be inspected for a possible Hornby Premium. There are specific requirements for eligibility, which are listed on the application form on our website.

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 ended in December 2021. There are no immediate plans to extend it. This means that animals affected by the Amnesty cannot currently come forward for inspection. We understand that the Task Force is to be reconvened in time to reach a decision for 2023 inspections, but at the moment, no one can guarantee this.

If you are buying an Irish Draught foal and you wish to breed purebred Irish Draughts from it in future, or show it, please make sure that the inspection status of its parents meets your future needs. If you are concerned about the status of a young horse in terms of inspection eligibility, please email the inspection management team on inspections@idhsgb.org.uk

Inspection fees

Stallion inspection fees were raised by £10 this year, but will need to increase again next year because veterinary charges have gone up.

We have kept our **mare inspection fees** the same for this year, but due to the unforeseen and very rapidly rising costs of fuel (and the knock-on effect on veterinary services), they will be increased for 2023.

Membership, passport and registration information

Please direct membership applications and enquiries, and registration enquiries for all horses domiciled in Great Britain, 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.

Updating Horse Sport Ireland passports for horses living in Great Britain

Due to Brexit, the European (EU) Breeding Regulation no longer applies in the United Kingdom. The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has drawn up its own rules for passport-issuing organisations in England, Wales and Scotland. Equines in Northern Ireland are not affected by this change.

Historically, regulated changes to passports for Irish-bred horses, such as upgrading HSI foal identity documents to full pedigree passports, naming and transfers of ownership, always had to be completed by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI). The passport would then be sent to the IDHS (GB) passport administrators for over stamping. This is a legal requirement, so that this information can be uploaded to the Central Equine Database. Up until recently, owners of Irish-bred horses had to send the passport to Horse Sport Ireland first, and then to us.

As a result of Brexit, no passport-issuing organisation in Great Britain is permitted to process any passports for animals living outside Great Britain. This is reciprocal; i.e. Horse Sport Ireland is not allowed to process passports for animals living outside the island of Ireland.

On 10 June, we received definitive guidance on the procedures for updating Horse Sport Ireland passports if the horses are living in the UK. We can now offer the following services for those horses:

- Naming, re-naming (Irish passports only), changes of ownership, addition of microchip numbers and other minor changes.
- Over stamping: 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.
- Duplicate passports where the original is lost, stolen or damaged
- Upgrading Irish foal papers (identity documents) to a full passport once DNA parentage testing has been confirmed. If you want an Irish full passport for your Irish-bred foal or young horse, please arrange to have this work done before you import the animal. Once it is in Great Britain, it must have an IDHS (GB) full passport.

The fee structure will be kept under review, but is in line with the fees for passport services for British-bred horses. Thank you for your patience while we were waiting for guidance from Defra and DAFM.

If you have any questions about this, please email passports@idhsqb.org.uk or contact Heather Chaplin via the inspections mailbox at inspections@idhsqb.org.uk

Other useful contacts

Show affiliation, Annual Breed Show entries and the 200 Club:

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List of fees

Please visit our web site for current membership, registration and inspection fees where you can download application forms or complete online applications for most of our services or telephone 03452 300 399 for assistance.