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*The 2013AD society for the 3000BC horse*



# CBS NEWS



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*Dear Caspian Members and Friends*

May 2013 (repeated)

In our last Newsletter I told you about the changes in our Committee that were taking place following the “retirement” of Ron and Caroline. I am now writing to tell you that it’s “all change” again!

At our meeting last month, Donna had second thoughts about taking on the roles we mentioned and for quite valid reasons decided not to continue on Committee. I am pleased to tell you that Ron has made a good recovery from his heart surgery and has agreed to return as Secretary and that Fleur has agreed to become our Registrar. Additionally, Rose Nye has been co-opted onto Committee with responsibility for merchandise and publicity. The new team has been discussing the future of the Society. As you know, we like to publicise the breed at every opportunity and this year, once again, we will be at the Bath & West Show and HOYS. But these events are expensive for small societies such as ours and we depend on your support to continue with them. We like to keep you informed through our newsletters and offer the odd publicity gifts. But with ever increasing costs, and particularly rising postal charges, we need your continued support. To help keep cost down, our future newsletters will be e-mailed to members where possible and will always appear on our web site. PLEASE, if you have one, can you include your email address on the enclosed renewal form.

With the increasing costs of issuing passports, we have decided to increase the fee to register stock and receive a passport to £20, and this will apply to both fillies and colts. You will also notice on the enclosed form that the fee for additional members living at the same address has been increased to £7. And the cost of a stallion licence has increased to £12. I hope you will regard these increases as reasonable in the circumstances. We appreciate that these are difficult economic times. Members are not breeding from their mares and horses are impossible to sell. But we must strive to keep the breed thriving and in the public eye for when “the tide turns”

If we are to continue to promote the breed as we have done for the past 14 years, we need your continued support and the renewal of your membership. At our peak, we had 100 members. Let us target that figure again.

It only remains for me to wish all members and friends a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

*Angela H. Leadbetter.*

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Chairman

The last few months have been interesting times for the Caspian world and our Society in particular. I don't know why, but politics seems to play a big part in Caspian affairs and I understand that other breed societies are not immune to internal strife!

It is no secret that the CHSA (an American society) has seen much discord within its membership to the extent that many breeders have refused to register their stock within it.

A consequence of this was that a breeder asked to register their Caspians with us and this we agreed to do, forgetting at the time that an ICS Registration rule demands that stock be registered in the national society of birth to be eligible for inclusion in the ICSB. The reason for such a rule is apparently due to a foreign society not necessarily being aware of the laws of the country from which a registration is received. I do not recall this reasoning when I prepared the final draft for the ICS Constitution and it does not seem to be reasonable now. It is surely no concern of the registering society whether the applicant is conforming to his/her national law. Our Committee therefore decided that it was more important to see registrations included in the ICSB than continue with a rule of doubtful value and suggested to the ICS that the rule be rescinded. And particularly so as the rule had to be amended when the EU, in its usual wisdom, decreed that its member states be regarded as one entity for registration purposes. This meant we could accept registrations from 27 foreign countries but not America! The result of a vote by ICS members on whether to rescind the rule is expected as I write. If they decide to retain it, and we are not willing to abide by it, then it will probably mean that we part company with the ICS. Your Committee will decide after considering all the options and, importantly, what they consider to be in the best interests of the breed. Our members can rest assured that whatever the decision, their registrations will be included in a world wide Stud Book.

Another important matter for our Committee to consider is our future as a Passport Issuing Organisation. You will recall the excitement when it was realized that the silly horse passport regulations did not, after all, prevent horse meat entering the food chain.

Regrettably, this has sent the EU and Defra into overdrive to see what extra impositions they can inflict on the equine industry to try to prevent it happening again. They have now put together a whole new set of requirements which, among other things, would mean we would have to buy a new binding machine for the passports. The committee will be considering all the implications of the new requirements at their next meeting to determine whether being a passport issuing organization is really worth the hassle.

SECRETARY

## CASPIAN DESK CALENDARS FOR 2014

*We have Caspian desk calendars for 2014 for sale (Caspian photographs courtesy of Rebecca Mann and Rose Nye) which would make good Christmas presents at £3 including postage*

*and don't forget that some of our other merchandise will make good stocking fillers!*

## BRIDGE DRIVE

Thanks to the hard work of Peter & Margaret Wescott organising and selling tickets we were able to hold our main fundraising event of the year the Caspian Bridge Drive at Filkins village Hall Glos.

The 21st May saw Fleur and myself setting off at the crack of dawn from Norfolk and Lancashire respectively loaded with goodies! Fleur made cottage pie and veg whilst I provided various puddings. Margaret brought more sweets and wine and her granddaughter Hannah came along to help.

Along with Peter who served the wine and two ladies from the village we managed to produce lunch for 58 people; dead on time! Timing is of the essence as the Bridge players are a dedicated lot!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the lunch and along with the usual Raffle we managed to make £900 for the CBS.

Thanks to everyone who helped on the day and beforehand to make the event such a success.

Unfortunately Suzanne Dore (who used to organise the day with her sister Jane) was unable to attend but we send her our good wishes.

Angela Leadbetter

## ASHBY SHOW 2013

The day dawned cloudy cool and fine but soon turned into a blazing hot day. The showground is not actually at Ashby de la Zouch but at the village of Heather. Parking was well organised and plentiful. The car park and the main trade stands are on the side of a hill and with the long dry spell the ground had baked hard – it is advisable to wear good walking shoes as the ground is rather rough. For a one day show there was a lot going on, trade stands included insurance co.'s, equestrian and canine stands, charity stands, clothing and even Leicester Tigers Rugby Club. There was a small funfair for the younger visitors, vintage cars and tractors through the ages. Once through the trade stands you come to the main ring complete with grandstand with more trade stands and behind those the show jumping ring and the show rings for the various horse and pony classes and then horsebox car park.

The main attraction of the day was the displays by the Stampede Stunt Company who thrilled audiences with their high speed stunt riding – we had seen these docile sleepy horses earlier on being prepared for the show and were amazed at their turn of speed; 0 to full gallop in a matter of seconds. The riders must be totally without nerves – to see them hanging upside down one arm holding onto the saddle and their heads bare inches from the ground and the rear hoofs of their mounts, had the audience gasping. The Stampede Stunt Co. also gave archery lessons between their shows – some of their stunts included archery on horseback. If you have a chance of seeing them in action I can thoroughly recommend it.

I will leave reporting on the Caspian classes to Angela – Well done Angela on getting 2nd in your class. There was one cloud on the day – one of the riders in the show jumping was thrown when the horse decided it did not like the look of the jump and the horse fell on top of them. It took some time for the paramedics to get to the scene and as the rider had not moved since the fall it looked bad. Eventually the air ambulance arrived – they managed to land in a showing surrounded by trees and tents and with power lines crossing the ring which was quite a feat.

Janet Nye

This year saw Mays debut as a show pony.

I bought Lanhill Antimay from Fleur Scott as a yearling, along with her half sister Henden Antika (who unfortunately had to be put to sleep due to severe laminitis)

Due to my various horse-related accidents it has taken longer than I anticipated to launch May's showing career but I was determined to start in 2013!

I began at local level by becoming a member of Thornton Cleveleys Horse Club and I was able to show her in Small Mountain & Moorland as it didn't state "native". The organisers were delighted to see a horse from Iran and the judge appreciated the provision of the Breed Standard and the leaflet from the CBS.

May behaved very well and I was delighted with a 3rd rosette.

The second show was at Ashby de la Zouche in Derbyshire where the Caspians had dedicated classes organised by the CHS.

It was a well run show judged by Louise's daughter and May got a 2nd in the mare class !

The only downside was that I badly sprained my ankle and a very kind girl (Jess) took over and showed her whilst I was looked after by the First Aid team!

The drive home was very painful but I was SO pleased with the way May performed and loaded in the trailer with strangers!

She really seems to enjoy her showing career and I am enjoying showing her off to the local horse fraternity.

The next show is in January so she is rugged up to keep her coat nice.

I am looking forward to next season when hopefully she will be able to take part in ridden classes!

Angela Leadbetter



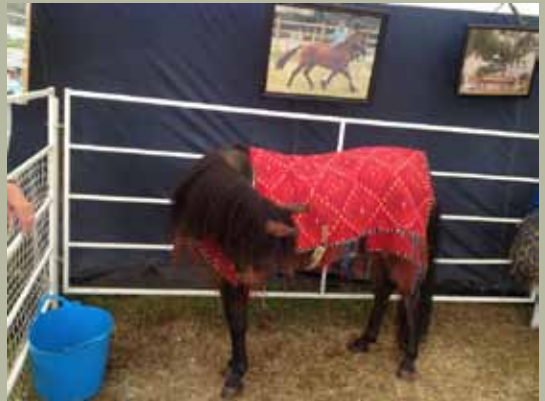


## BATH & WEST SHOW 2013

This years Bath & West Show differed from previous years as Fleur Scott had to take a back seat due to pressure of work as a newly qualified Vet in a practice in Norfolk.

This left Rebecca & Rachel Mann and myself to man ( excuse the pun ! ) the stand.

We managed to erect the stand before the rains came with the help of the Mann girls and their respective partners for which we were very grateful although the cold windy weather meant we ate lunch in the stable!!



The weather improved for the actual Show and we were kept busy with visitors old and new coming in to admire Rachel's very pretty bay mare Edcombe Cassima. She was a very well behaved and social



exhibit and drew lots of attention.

Being only three of us meant we were on the stand most of the time so we had to be organised out the back to keep up the supply of Lucky Dips! This is a great fundraiser and we managed to cover the cost of the stand, purchase more key rings for next year and still make a small profit.

Thanks to Peter and Margaret Wescott for coming along on Thursday to allow us time off to look round the Show.

Evenings were spent walking Cassie round the show ground, having Pimms and nibbles with Peter and Mandy from Libby's Tackshop (our next door neighbours) preparing and eating our evening meal then early bed!

It's quite exhausting talking to the public all day!

Interest in the Caspian continues even in the harsh economic climate and I hope our endeavours to promote the breed resulted in some sales!

Angela Leadbetter

## HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW 2013



As last year, Rachel and I went to Hoys to represent the Caspian breed in the Parelli Interactive Feature area. As Thystle had obviously had enough after sleeping through most of last year's show, this year we have used Edcombe Cassima (Cassie), Rachel's 5 year old mare by Henden Noah/Henden Morgantina. She has been backed and I

have used her as a lead rein pony in my riding school, she has also been shown successfully at the CBS Breed Show and has been to the Bath and West Show twice.

We had an uneventful journey to the NEC on the Tuesday before the show, Rachel settled Cassie into her stable while I set up the stand, and set up our tent inside the horsebox...our makeshift accommodation for the week. Much easier than last year, as we knew where to go this time.



Unfortunately we were unable to have a mesh door this year which meant that Cassie was pretty much invisible in her stable, so the first thing we did at the start of the show was teach her to stand on a step so she could see and be seen. This worked for Thystle last year, but we didn't try it until the end of the week, by which time Thystle had clearly had enough. After about 5 minutes and several Polos, Cassie had got the hang of it, and it clearly made all the difference, having something to do kept her interested and she got loads of attention.

Unfortunately the shavings bales weren't lasting very well so the Parelli team lent us their stand which was much higher, but Cassie was quite happy to stand on it...in fact she stood for hours at a time and even dozed off on it! The reaction of visitors was hilarious when they first saw her.





You could see the puzzlement on their faces as they saw a very small head on an apparently tall pony with a steep angle down her back, and the amusement when they looked over the door and saw what she was up to. Cassie became quite an attraction.

Part of the agreement of exhibiting in the Breeds Village is that your horse is used in the Parelli demonstrations during the week, and Cassie was used in two. She was well behaved in both sessions and quickly understood what was wanted of her.

On Friday, Rachel and I were joined by Angie and Hilary, whose help manning the stand enabled us to have some time to explore the retail village. Hilary had fallen earlier in the week but stoically struggled on in spite of having (as she found out later) a fractured hip.

The show got very busy as the week went on, lots of visitors and lots of interest. One of the biggest highlights for us was a visit from an Iranian girl who has seen Caspians in riding schools in Iran and was so pleased to see the breed represented at Hoys.

Gareth Roberts once again brought his pair of Caspian Arabians, Fred and Barney, to compete in the Scurry Driving. He did very well during the week with extremely fast times, but unfortunately failed to get a clear round in the final so was unable to match his Reserve Champion title of last year.

Sunday evening finally arrived and we broke down in record time and finally arrived home by 11.30.

It is very satisfying to be able to promote our horses at such a prestigious show. Hard for all the horses to be patient with so many people wanting to touch them for so many days but they all rose to the challenge. And for next year we are going to try to make a step to take with us, possibly with an old tyre...and Rachel and I decided that we've had enough of roughing it so next time hopefully a hotel room for us!!

Rebecca Mann



Rachel and Hilary (with broken hip!)



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Henden Basil (Forstals Barewa / Persicus Khoshgel Khanum)

Runnymede Ibn Khaldun (Forstals Barewa / Hopstone Banafsheh)

Lanhill Petit Niki (Persicus Nicky / Lanhill Bona Petite)

Henden Anti Eda (Runnymede FelFel / Henden Rashida)

Henden Troy (Hopstone Shabdiz / Persicus Khoshgel Khanum)

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Sirhowy Croesus

(Maroun / Sirhowy Asmunjuni)

Sirhowy Akbar

(Persicus Yussef / Hopstone Niobe)

Sirhowy Mehran

(Persicus Yussef / Sirhowy Ibriz)

Sirhowy Mustapha

(Persicus Yussef / Sirhowy Ibriz)

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### MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTERS

*A gentle reminder to those friends who have not yet renewed their membership. We are all probably affected financially in these difficult times but we hope you will find £15 from somewhere to maintain our excellent membership numbers*

*Because of the ever increasing postal charges, we intend to email future News Letters to all those whose email address we have on record. Of course, the usual hard copy will be available on request and each edition will be published on our web site.*

*Do use our website to record your news or sell your stock by getting in touch with our Registrar.*

## TWO LADIES TALKING IN HEAVEN

**1st woman:** *Hi, Wanda!*

**2nd woman:** *Hi, Sylvia! How'd you die?*

**1st woman:** *I froze to death.*

**2nd woman:** *How horrible!*

**1st woman:** *It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death.*

**What about you?**

**2nd woman:** *I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act.*

*But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.*

**1st woman:** *So, what happened?*

**2nd woman:** *I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died.*

**1st woman:** *Too bad you didn't look in the freezer--we'd both still be alive.*

## SIGNS

### **In a Non-smoking Area:**

*"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."*

### **At an Optometrist's Office:**

*"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."*

### **Outside a Car Exhaust Store:**

*"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."*

### **In a Vets waiting room:**

*"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"*

### **On a Fence:**

*"Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"*

### **In a Restaurant window:**

*"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."*

### **At a Car Dealership:**

*"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."*

### **On a Maternity Room door:**

*"Push. Push. Push."*

## THE SOCIETY'S CONNECTIONS AND MANAGEMENT

The society is a member of:

- The BHS Breeds Committee.
- The British Association of Equine Societies.
- The Central Prefix Register.
- The International Caspian Society
- The International Registrar is Kay Taplin

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### SUBSCRIPTION & FEES 2013

Single Adult Member	£15
Friends of the CBS	£7
Additional Adult Member(s) at same address	£7
Junior Members (under 18)	£5
Stock registration fees for members:	
Fillies	£20
Colts	£20

Both inclusive of Passports.

A charge of £12 is payable for a Passport for a horse already registered either with this Society or any other Caspian Society.

A £5 fee is payable for Dual registration.

Registration of a Prefix	£25
Duplicate Passport	£15
Transfer of stock registration	£5
Stallion Licence	£12

Same fees apply to both pure and part bred stock

NON MEMBERS ARE CHARGED DOUBLE FEES  
IN ALL CASES.

# CASPIANS FOR SALE - WINTER 2013



## Fillies and Mares

- Kineton Kelpie (Henden Basil x Kineton Kismet) 9 year old bay mare, with colt foal by Henden Troy. £600  
Henden Mahtab (Runnymede Ibn Khaldun x Henden Babes) 12 year old bay mare. £400  
Lanhill Bou Ami (Henden Sidi Bou Ali x Lanhill Bon Ami) 5 year old bay mare. £300  
Henden Octavia (Henden Sidi Bou Ali x Henden Nicola) 5 year old bay mare. £300  
Lanhill Florence (Henden Allawi x Lanhill Fleurie) 4 year old chestnut filly. £300  
Lanhill Aliona (Darkhorse Shiron x Lanhill Anniversaire) 2 year old roan filly. £400  
Henden Shakila (Hopstone Shabdiz x Henden Kylie) 2 year old bay filly. £400  
Lanhill Felicity (Hopstone Shabdiz x Lanhill Fleurie) 2 year old chestnut filly. £400  
Lanhill Rabab (Henden Basil x Coalacre Rowena) 2 year old grey filly. £400  
Henden Aileen (Henden Troy x Persicus Ai Banou) 2 year old bay filly. £400

## Colts and Stallions

- Lanhill Petit Niki (Persicus Nicky x Lanhill Bona Petite) 11 year old bay stallion. £500  
Henden Troy (Hopstone Shabdiz x Persicus Khoshgel Khanum) 8 year old dark bay stallion. £1000  
Henden Shakir (Lanhill Petit Niki x Henden Shulah) 4 year old bay colt. £300  
Kineton Kosmos (Henden Sidi Bou Ali x Henden Mahtab) 4 year old grey colt. £300

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