

GB Combined Ponies Group

1st Zoom meeting - November 11th 2020 at 7 pm

Each Support team member introduced themselves and spoke about their role in supporting the Team. These will be released on the British Carriagedriving web site in the future.

British Carriagedriving have agreed to allow the Pony Team to have a password protected area of the web site which will have the talks presented by the support team and any other resources that the Support team feels would help the team.

We shall be holding Zoom meeting about every 6 weeks, covering topics that we feel will be helpful. The topics may include: Shoeing, Training for Fitness, Resilience by drivers, Harness and Carriage size / weight rules, Training for trot up and Update on Vet Requirements for taking animals abroad and we are open to other suggestions. Where possible we shall get outside speakers.

The date of the next Zoom meeting will be **January 6th at 7pm**.

Since this year has affected every drivers' plans so badly, we intend to start 2021 training early, but we shall try to help drivers by holding Regional training days with the Support team travelling round to meet with drivers that only travel to the venue nearest to them.

These days will be important as they give you your first contact with the team. Anja will be able to see how your pony is moving, help you with any queries that you have. Nichola will be able to give you tools to cope with the individual problems that you might have or foresee, Anna will speak to you about your training plan so far, any problems you have had and how you feel you should be proceeding with your own Trainer.

We do understand that you might not have been working through the Winter and we shall welcome hairy ponies straight out of the field along with fit animals who have been working.

The dates for these Training days are:

January 31st:-

Ashfields Carriage and Polo Club, Green Street Green, Great Canfield, Essex CM6 1JU

Wednesday February 3rd

Thompson House Equestrian Centre, Pepper Lane, Standish, WN6 0PP

Thursday 11th February

The David Broome Event Centre, Mount Ballan Manor, Crick, Nr Chepstow, Monmouthshire NP26 5XP