



Heron's Ghyll Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome everyone to our latest newsletter. Let's hope the weather has settled down now from the sweltering heat to a lovely warm autumn. We have had one or two fun events including the July Winkle Fun event and also the combined cones and dressage competition.

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On **15th October**, Sue Page has offered her woods for us to have a Pleasure Drive. This is something new for us and it's many years since we have had a drive away from Burchetts. More details to come.



Then on **29th October** our AGM takes place in **East Hoathly** village hall. Coupled with this, we will be holding a **cakes competition** to be judged at the AGM and Karen will be organising a raffle for any cakes remaining. So get planning your baking for the most delicious cake! See Jan's note later in the newsletter.



Finally our **Christmas Lunch** at **Wellshurst Golf Club** will be on **10th December**. To help fund our lunch this year, we have started a collection, the proceeds of which will go towards the cost of the meal for drivers and carers, so look out for the collection tin in front of the club house. All donations gratefully received.

Recent Events – see over





Recent Events



Winkle Fun Day

On a sunny day in July we invited our neighbouring driving group Kipling County, to join us for our fun day. As in previous years, Hilary had devised fun and challenging games and obstacles – there was the 30m circle where drivers had to keep within the inner and outer circle, the challenge using quoits, halting for 20 seconds and the straight line challenge. For the first time, we included the maze with a sign-posted course to follow, where drivers went one way then in reverse to match their own time. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and received a rosette at the end.



More photos over ...



Winkle Fun Day



Jan presenting rosettes



Many thanks to Maureen for all the photos in this newsletter



A message from Hilary

It was so good to see Betsy Gunner who paid us a surprise visit at our Heron's Ghyll morning meeting on the 10th September.

Betsy is Peter Gunner's mother – Peter, who so generously supports Heron's Ghyll allowing us to use Burchetts Farm for our carriage driving mornings. I have known Betsy for over fifty years from when we were both members of The Oaks Driving Club. Much to my surprise Betsy, who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday in November, asked to go for a drive and Diesel happily obliged; an amazing lady!



A message from Jan

Christmas lunch

I know, much too early to be thinking about – but time is whizzing on and as you can see over, the Menu has already come out. I will be placing the choices form out on the table in the clubhouse, for those who wish to go, to complete their choices. It'll be out from the beginning of October. Hope to see you there.

Cakes

The AGM looms and we've decided to have a cake competition to include a raffle for the cakes after. This is to raise some funds towards subsidising the Christmas lunch. Any type of cake or biscuits however big or small, the more the merrier.



Cones and Dressage competition



This year was a change to our usual separate cones and dressage competitions. Hilary suggested to combine them into one competition, which was a great success and took place over two weeks to allow those who weren't present the first week, to take part.



Cones competition results

Class 1 – Novice

1 st	Mike	Cone faults 9	-	Time faults 4	=	Total 13
=2 nd	Tim	Cone faults 3	-	Time faults 12	=	Total 15
=2 nd	Mary	Cone faults 9	-	Time faults 6	=	Total 15
3 rd	Shelley	Cone faults 12	-	Time faults 4	=	Total 16
4 th	Tracey	Cone faults 3	-	Time faults 14	=	Total 17

Class 2 – Open

1 st	Karen	Cone faults 0	-	Time faults 2	=	Total 2
=2 nd	Michael	Cone faults 3	-	Time faults 1	=	Total 4
=2 nd	Ian	Cone faults 0	-	Time faults 4	=	Total 4
3 rd	Jacky	Cone faults 3	-	Time faults 4	=	Total 7
4 th	Anthea	Cone faults 12	-	Time faults 0	=	Total 12



Congratulations competitors, a high standard of driven dressage tests – well done

Dressage competition results

Class 1 Novice

NAME	SCORE	PLACE
Mike	27.5	1 st
Tim	29	2 nd
Shelley	31	3 rd
Tracey	40.5	4 th
Mary	41	5 th

Class 2 Open

NAME	SCORE	PLACE
Jacky	18	1 st
Anthea	23.5	2 nd
Karen	24.5	3 rd
Michael	29	4 th
Ian	31.5	5 th





Christmas Lunch Menu 2026

Mains:

Traditional Roast Sussex Turkey with stuffing,
all the trimmings and seasonal Vegetables
(A,B)

Lamb shank with creamed potatoes,
seasonal vegetables and red wine jus
(A,B)

Goats Cheese, chestnut and butternut
squash filo with seasonal vegetables
(V,A,B,C)

Desserts:

Traditional Christmas Pudding
Dark Chocolate mousse with a champagne
berry gel and honeycomb
(A)

Winter berry fruit salad with a berry sorbet
(A,B,V,Ve)

Food code: A-can be made GF, B-Can be made DF,
C-Can be made Vegan, V-Vegetarian, Ve-Vegan,
F-Contains Fish.

GF – Gluten free DF – Dairy Free

£29.00

Coffee/Tea £2.50