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Welcome to the September Issue of Charnwood Tails!



"I advertised as an aspiring equestrian photographer in your July issue and, after seeing the advert, Sam Agar invited me to a private shoot with her and her friend's horses.

"This photo is of Amber, who belongs to Sam's daughter, Ellie Agar.

"As you can tell from the colour of the sky in the photo, it started raining not long after!"

Victoria Warren

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Right: Another of Victoria's superb photos, this time of Sam Bacus Gravelling on her horse, Maestro, taking part in a charity dressage event at Mere Lane Riding School in Oadby.

Great expressions, they were obviously having a wonderful time!

(More about the event on page 10)



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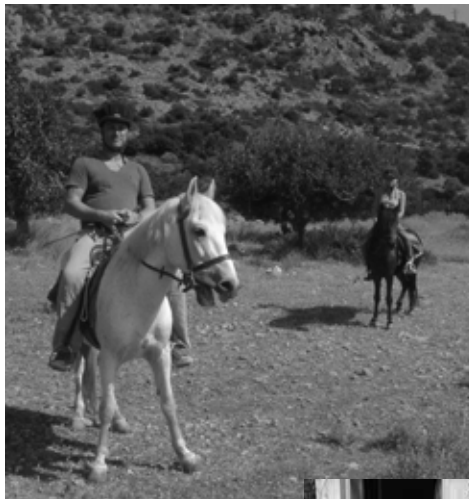
●●● Newly-weds Kia and Steve Maine of Barrow-upon-Soar, flew off to Crete for their 'minimoon' following their June wedding at Norwood Park in Southwell.

Kia learnt to ride at Park View in Thurcaston from the age of six, but Steve had never even sat on a horse before. "I told the guy at the stables that I was an experienced rider and thought he would put me on a fast horse," said Kia, "then he said, 'do you want to ride my stallion?', so obviously I said 'yes', not wanting to look scared!

"He brought out this small stallion and then said he was a perfect horse to ride, only three years old, but my only rule was to make sure I stayed 5 metres away from Steve's horse's rear otherwise he would try and mount it!

"Steve was already looking nervous as it was, and expected to be put on a massive horse (because of his size), but out came this small grey horse. I thought the legs would buckle but they didn't! He did really well on him and looked natural in the saddle, even when being told 'Right Steve, we go 100 miles an hour now, hang on!' and off these little horses went at a really fast pace down the roadway.

"Steve's horse was called Stiffado and mine was called Julius Caesar!"



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RIDE WITH YOUR MIND

Vivienne Isaac

Time, Timing and Communication

Time – where does it go to? Why is it that everyone else seems to have more time to do things than me or you? How come holiday days whiz by and work ones go at a snails pace? Although nowadays this last one doesn't apply as I love work (nearly as much as a holiday).

For some unknown reason, I volunteered to organise the Equine Shiatsu Association conference this year, mainly I think so that it would be in the Midlands rather than Scotland or Sussex, so I won't have to travel this time. Well it's all organised, venue (Canaan Farm), date (3rd & 4th of September), presenters including Gillian Higgins (Horses Inside Out), lots of 'in-house' experience and top shiatsu trainers. So where are the delegates?

Well if there's one thing I've learned with organising 'horsey' events, people don't tend to book until the last minute. Why is this I wonder? Is it because a better offer might come along? Or just in case something happens to the horses? Or is it that we never consider the value of other people's time, only our own? I'm sure the answer's out there somewhere!

It might be in what Nick Pole MRSS(T), will present about communication. His section is described thus; 'One of the most challenging aspects of equine shiatsu is how to communicate effectively with the horse's rider/handler. When a problem is really just about the horse, shiatsu can often produce a magical fix but when it has more to do with how the rider relates to the horse, how do you relate to the rider? In this session we'll be exploring how to manage your relationship with the horse, the human and yourself for best results.'

So how do you relate with your horse, your spouse, parents, kids, friends and other relations? Do you ask the right thing at the right time, or the right thing at the wrong time?

Have you ever noticed that when someone is really good at something they seem to have all the time in the world? They never look rushed or hurried; neither do you feel the need to chivvy them along a bit.

When I'm with my horses and I've set things up well by communicating really clearly, we move effortlessly together – it feels magical. Conversely, if I've rushed, or not been quick enough, it all goes pear shaped and feels like we're out of time with one another – a bit like the organ and congregation often are in church!

I'm sure Rosie, who does a great job of producing Charnwood Tails, would appreciate us all being more aware of time, timing and communication so that it's not a rush at the last minute to get the finished article to the publisher on time – ah well, maybe one day Rosie, we'll all surprise you! (Was that a pig I just saw fly by?) In the meantime, accept our thanks for doing a great job.

If you'd like some help to get your timing and communication better to really impress yourself and your horse – give me a call and I'll be pleased to help. Need to de-stress? - try some shiatsu and treat yourself to some 'me time'.

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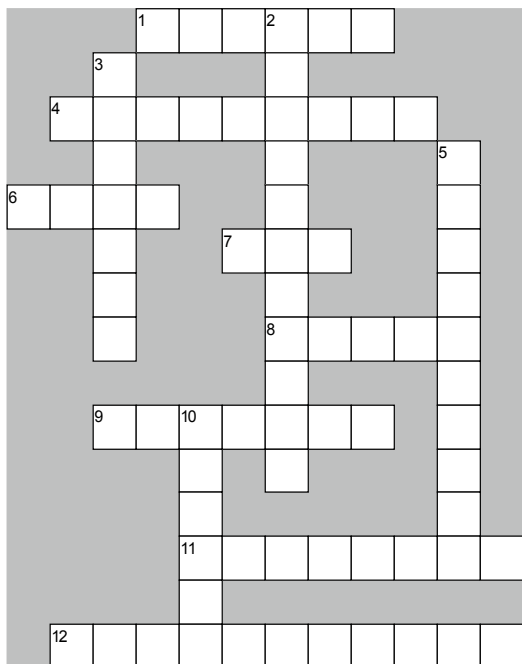
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- 7 Colour of warning tail ribbon
- 8 Protective legwear for riders
- 9 Sensitive and non-sensitive
- 11 Three discipline form of competition
- 12 On wheels, useful yard item

DOWN

- 2 Bright safety clothing
- 3 Alternative to hay
- 5 Term used for all things equine
- 10 Arena

Solution on page 14

Diary Dates

Sunday 4 September

ONE DAY EVENT, Diamond Equestrian, Thurlaston. Tel Kim, 07950 213691.
www.diamondequestrian.co.uk

Thursday 8 September

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As part of an assessment the students had to plan, organise and run a charity dressage event in aid of Cancer Research. It was open to anyone who could ride to have a go and either to bring their own horse or to borrow a riding school pony and an ideal opportunity for anyone who had never done anything like that before to come and have a go.

Soon the yard was buzzing as people started arriving and booking in. We had a wide variety of people from all ages and abilities taking part.

The tests all went well - we had a couple of incidences where no-one told the horse that leaving the arena on a long rein was done at the end of the test, not half way through - but it all added to the fun.

The day was really enjoyed by everyone and the horses definitely enjoyed themselves, even though we all got a bit wet as the only thing the students had forgotten to do was organise the weather! The day was recorded by Vicky Warren who came to take the photos.

The students would like to thank Wendy for judging the competition, Paul for donating the riding school ponies for use on the day, the staff (Jo, Tash, Jade) at Mere Lane for their help, Vicky for taking the photos, the tack shops for donating the prizes and everyone who came and supported and took part in the event.

The money is still coming in as we are collecting money on sale of the photos, but so far the students have raised £350.



Photos:

Top, Emily Pegge, age 14, riding Alfie, a riding school pony

Left, Sue Mortimer riding Smartie, also a riding school pony

Both photos courtesy of Victoria Warren

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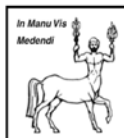
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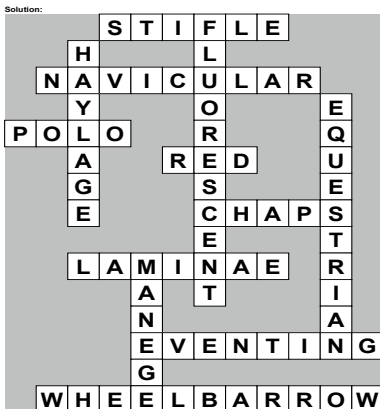
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