

Southern Section North West Support Group

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Review 2007

A very wet showing season meant meetings under cover were very welcome. All events took place albeit modified to suit conditions on the day. Given the amount of water which lay on the pasture we did extreme well to fit in the outdoor events. The variety of subjects covered encouraged a number of spin offs and a packed schedule for 2008 is ready.

Fell Pony Events 2008

Winter

Field Boundary Maintenance

Jan 12 :- Hedge laying course. The use of traditional crafts when considering fencing. - Nantwich

Jan 26th:- Use of a chainsaw. Safe maintenance and usage of a chainsaw a one day course with a possibility to going onto the two day course. - Nantwich

February 2nd:- Demonstration of brash clearing using ponies. - Madeley

Show Readiness

February 9th :- The new rules and regulations on the Short Journey Transportation of Animals. Opportunity to take the Certificate of Competence. - Nantwich

February 16th:- Administration of vet meds talk on different kinds of wormers and means of administration, the 10 point health check. –Nantwich

February 19th:- Trip to BETA NEC

February 23rd:- Traffic proofing meet, ponies in hand. – Betley

March 7th :- Repairing harness and enhancing harness with ornaments trip to the wholesalers: - Knutsford

March 15th: - Workshop leather crafts

Spring

March 21st: First pleasure outing tracks and lanes meet Madeley

March 30th: - Talk by blacksmith and countryside lecturer on the making of swingletrees for draught work using metal or ash. – Nantwich

More Dates

April :- Catch up and practising of new skills

May Bank Holiday Weekend :- Road Trials Training

May 10th :- FPS Stallion Show Visit

May 11th:- Roads and Tracks Madeley

May 17th and 18th:- Arley Hall Horse Trials & Game Fair Visit

May 25th:- Roads and Tracks Betley & Madeley

Dates in summer months provide local options for enthusiasts:-

June 8th:- Show Preparation demonstration Madeley

June 14th & 15th:- Show Preparation

June 15th:- Heavy Horse Boat Pulling Middlewich

June 14th & 15th Local Show Nantwich

June 17th and 18th:- Cheshire County Show Fell Pony classes

June 22nd:- Training a pair of Fell Ponies Madeley

June 29th:- Carriage Renovation demonstration Betley

July 6th:- Roads and Tracks meet Madeley

July 20th:- BBQ and meet (updates here)

July 30th:- Nantwich Show

August 3rd:- Fell Pony Pairs Training

August 10th:- Breed Show Brougham visit

August 17th:- Peover Game Fair Visit

August 24th:- Logging and brash moving demonstration Madeley

August 31st:- Rein splicing and harness fitment making

All dates are approximate and subject to fair weather conditions

More Dates To Follow