

# MIDLAND ARAB GROUP Ltd

WINTER  
2009

## NEWSLETTER

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the Midland  
Arab Group  
& 2008  
Points results

We hope you  
will all be able  
to join us at a  
Social Evening  
and talk by  
HAPPA on  
19th February  
and the AGM  
on 26th March

New Venue &  
Date for  
Spring Show!

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## THE COMMITTEE WISH ALL MEMBERS A HAPPY & SUCCESSFUL 2009!

### *Congratulations to 2008 Points Winners!*



**Sarah Lindsey** was Overall Points Winner 2008 with her part bred gelding Tout AL'Heure. They were the winners of the Anglo/Part Bred Ridden Section. Sarah is pictured here with Joanne, Sheila Tremellen kindly presented the trophies.

Diane Volpe was Champion and Reserve in the Endurance & Racing Section with Najatah & Abu Haroun. Full results and more information inside.



**19th Feb 2009**

7.30pm at Snitterfield Bowling  
Club CV37 0HB

MAG presents a talk by

**Mr David McCormick**  
Senior Welfare Officer for

**HAPPA**

(Horses & Ponies Protection Association)

David follows up complaints on welfare issues from the public. There are currently 125 horses, ponies & donkeys at their centres at Burnley & Monmouth.

**Raffle - please bring along any unwanted Christmas presents or other items for a raffle, proceeds to HAPPA**

**NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!**

£5 including Buffet & Bowling  
Numbers needed for catering,  
please confirm as for AGM.....

**The Midland Arab  
Group Ltd**

**Notice of 2009 AGM**

To be held at 7.30pm on  
Thursday 26th March 2009  
@

**Snitterfield Bowling Club  
CV37 0HB**

Bar - Buffet - Members free  
Guests welcome: £3

**Speaker: Di Latham**  
Member of the Endurance  
Selection Committee

**Nominations for committee  
welcome, form enclosed**

Numbers needed for catering,  
**please let Joanne know if you  
are coming on:**

claverdonstud@btinternet.com

or

01926 842280

*The following article has been written by Jacqui Pouch, we would very much like to hear your memories of the Midland Group which is now over 33 years old! Please send these and any old photos you may have and we will include them in future issues of the newsletter.*

## **Some Early Memories of the Midland Arab Group and The Birth of the Group Shows**

**By Jacqui Pouch**

Those of you who know me are probably aware that I can waffle so here goes!

Many years ago at a committee meeting at the house of the then secretary, Carol Banks, I suggested holding a small show for the members. The committee at the time consisted of Carol Banks (Secretary), Joan Ratcliff (Chair), Pamela Mills, Pamela Morris, Hazel Moss, Patricia Lindsey, Christopher Pratt, Brenda Stansbie (Treasurer), Karen Lawrence and yours truly. There were no minutes in those days we just had good memories! I had run small local shows including gymkhana, Best Turned out, Jumping etc for local children for several years but these started to get too big and because of difficulties finding helpers they came to an end. I knew what running a show entailed, Karen Lawrence said she would help so off we went. In 1981 The Midland Group Spring Show was born. It was held at Balsall Common, I did the commentary, Brenda & her friend did teas & coffees and the show was a huge success despite the dusty surface! We even had a Fancy Dress Competition! I'm sure there must be a photo somewhere of the Theobald Family entry of a Bedouin Encampment complete with dogs & goats. Patricia Lindsey took one of her twin fillies, Carrousel, in harness. My daughter later had this filly on loan as a ridden horse.

After 2 or 3 years we moved to Stoneleigh which was always a huge success, with the added bonus of the lovely stables many exhibitors arrived the night before and there was a lovely atmosphere. After many years the indoor school at Stoneleigh was demolished and the show moved to Solihull Riding Club. During this time and for many years Gill Colbourne was Show Secretary.

The Summer Show was then started and we moved to the lovely Three Counties Showground at Malvern. This soon became another success and eventually Chris Phillips took over as Show Director. Both shows flourished, although at times the In-Hand classes at the Spring Show have been a little short on entries, the ridden classes have almost always been very well subscribed.

I have continued to do the commentary at the Spring Show and have organised the catering for judges and stewards over the years. This would not have been possible without the help of my friends Ann May whose gelding by Kami won the gelding championship at Ascot and Diana Scriven who has an elderly Alf Cresswell, (Weatheroak) gelding and a young gelding by Pilot. Last year I also had the help of Sue & Mike Fisher & the 'Catering Team' worked very hard. The Midland Arabian Festival has gone from strength to strength and I think 2008 was the best yet. The sponsors enjoyed champagne generously provided by Natalie Meredith which was very much appreciated. The weather was very kind apart from a couple of

showers and I hope everyone who went enjoyed it as much as I did.

When Andrea Boyle joined the committee a few years ago she suggested starting a competition for young riders. The Midland Group took this on and now qualifiers are held at shows all over the country with the final held at the AHS National Championship Show at Malvern at the end of July.

As well as my friends Diana and Ann and the rest of the committee, others did a wonderful job to help with the smooth running of the show. Philip Lowe was our wonderful announcer and Roy Ratcliffe produced our incredibly posh show catalogue.

We would like to say a VERY big thank you to our sponsors, without your generosity we couldn't run these events. The beautiful garlands in 2008 were sponsored by Mike Ashmore and these were very well received by the winners. But don't rest on your laurels, I'll be after you all again next Spring so don't shut your wallets too tightly!

I hope you haven't all nodded off to sleep - nearly finished.....

Through the shows I have met some amazing people who share the love of the Arabian, Anglo and Part bred horse - a wonderful mixture of horses and people. Despite the doom and gloom in the press about a recession I do hope you can all continue to enjoy your horses and I look forward to seeing you at our shows in 2009.....

*Jacqui*

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## **Points Awards 2008**

### **In Hand Pure Bred 3 yrs & Under**

Champion:

J. Nicholas Miro-Meeva

### **In Hand Anglo & Part Bred 3 yrs & Under**

Champion:

S Harding & M Bedford Stemar Classic Gold

Res Champion:

Stemar Classic Image

Res res Champion:

J Pouch PauJacq Enchantment

### **Anglo & Part Bred 4 yrs & Over**

Champion:

S Harding & M Bedford Stemar Precious Gem

### **Ridden Anglo & Part Bred**

Champion:

Sarah Lindsey Tout A L'Heure

### **Endurance & Racing**

Champion:

D Volpe Najatah

Reserve Champion:

D Volpe Abu Haroun

### **Overall Points Champion 2008:**

**Sarah Lindsey Tout A L'Heure**

**Reserve Overall Points Champion:**

**S Harding & M Bedford Stemar Classic Gold**

All who attended the Points Evening and Christmas meal at the Kings Arms at Ombersley had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, excellent food and wonderful company. This year the prizes were presented by Sheila Tremellen and we would like to offer Sheila our grateful thanks. Those of you who

attended the AGM last year will remember the very interesting talk by Sheila and her account of how she has rescued, raised and rehomed many hundreds of puppies over the years. The Group agreed to make a donation to P.U.P.S to help Sheila to continue her wonderful work and a cheque was presented to her on the night. Below is an extract from a letter from Sheila:

*'.....I am sorry I did not get the chance to thank you all for the cheque for £100 which I was given during the evening. It was exceptionally kind of you all and I very much appreciate your support. At present I have several whippets, a terrier, a staffie and a staffie cross which will benefit from your donation. Thanks to people like you I can carry on rescuing puppies that are unwanted.....'*

(You can find details of how to contact Sheila on our website [www.midlandarabgroup.org](http://www.midlandarabgroup.org)).

## Change Ahead for the Points Scheme

The Committee have decided that for 2009 the Points Scheme will operate only at the two Midland Group shows. Members will automatically be given points according to places achieved at the Spring Show & The Midland Arabian Festival eg. 6 for a 1st place, 5 for 2nd etc down to 6th place. The winners will be calculated from these results and trophies awarded for Ridden and In Hand sections.

## Young Riders Championship 2009

*Reminder to all Show and Group Secretaries.....*  
Letters are being sent out regarding the Young Riders Championship for 2009 with correct wording for your schedules. Remember to apply if you want to hold qualifying classes this year. The letter is also available to download from the website. Contact Jacqui Pouch for details on 01905 620391.

## Spring Show

*Note: New Venue & Date!*  
**Sunday 3rd May 2009**  
**Gracelands Equestrian Centre**  
**Droitwich WR9 0BE**

## Midland Arabian Festival

**Sunday 28th June 2009**  
**Three Counties Showground, Malvern**

**Show Director: Chris Phillips**  
**01564 792925**

**Sponsorship & Young Riders info:**  
**Jacqui Pouch: 01905 620391**

*We are deeply indebted to ALL our wonderful sponsors, without whom the shows would not be possible. Special thanks to Mike Ashmore who sponsored the splendid garlands at the 2008 Midland Arabian Festival. Also to Natalie Meredith who provided champagne for the sponsors!*

## Congratulations.....!

To Midland Group member Sally Wrigglesworth who has been accepted onto the AHS Ridden Judges Panel.

## Membership Renewals

We hope you will all want to renew your membership for 2009! Subscriptions remain the same yet again and represent very good value, with reduced entry fees at group shows, subsidised meal at the Points Evening, free food at the AGM etc.

If you are sending in show entries and subs at the same time, please send both to Chris Phillips. To simply renew your membership send your subs form to Jennifer Burns, membership Secretary as normal. (Subs form in schedule).

The Committee look forward to welcoming you all back as members for 2009!  
Subs forms are also available on the website

## Towerlands 2009

We are very keen to organise a trip to Towerlands this year. Please let us know if you are interested, this would be a great day out and you would be guaranteed a seat! Please email [midlandarabgroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:midlandarabgroup@yahoo.co.uk) or ring Joanne on 01926 842280 if you think you would like to come along.

## Plea for articles.....

*Please, please send us any articles, show results, photos and anything else for the newsletter that you think might be of interest to like minded people. We would like to hear your foaling news too & would be delighted to include photos (subject to copyright).*

## New Anglo/Part Bred In Hand Championships

Wessex Group are organising the

### WESSEX ANGLO ARAB/PART BRED ARAB UK IN HAND CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

In Hand Anglo & Part Bred classes at both Midland Group shows will be qualifiers

The final will be held at

### The Wessex Anglo/Part Bred Arab In Hand Championship Show

at The Hand Equestrian Centre, Clevedon, Bristol on August 29th 2009. If you would like to take part qualifying cards are available from :

Mrs L Lidbury, Upper Cully Hall Farm, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, Bristol BS30 6JG @ £10 each stating name & accurate height of horse/pony. Enclose a copy of both sides of the registration certificate, SAE & contact phone number.

# Would you consider sponsoring our shows this year?

Sponsorship is available as follows:  
**Spring Show £20 per class to include:**

*Advertising in the catalogue,  
Priority stabling, present the prizes in your chosen class  
Complimentary tea or coffee*

**Midland Arabian Festival £30 per class to include:**

*Advertising in the catalogue  
Priority stabling  
Present the prizes in your chosen class  
Tea, coffee & Lunch for sponsor  
(or £40 to include lunch for sponsor and one guest)*

Contact Jacqui Pouch 01905 620391 for further details

If you are interested in major Ring Sponsorship  
Please contact the Show Director

## Name one of the rings after your Stud or Business!

We would love to hear of your show successes & achievements. Send these to  
midlandarabgroup@yahoo.co.uk (please obtain copyright for photos if necessary)

Your Committee ..... midlandarabgroup@yahoo.co.uk

*Please feel free to contact any committee member if you have any queries*

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