

# **THE LONDON HARNESS HORSE PARADE SOCIETY**

**INCORPORATING  
The London Cart Horse Parade Society  
The London Van Horse Parade Society**



**Parade of Commercial & Private  
Harness Horses and Ponies**

**EASTER MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008  
at**

**THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND CENTRE  
ARDINGLY, WEST SUSSEX**

**SCHEDULE of CLASSES**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Only animals 4 years or over are eligible for entry**

**ENTRIES CLOSE 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

## **SOCIETY OFFICIALS:**

**Chairman:** W.A. Gilbey Esq.

**Treasurer:** J.G.A. Young Esq.

**Senior Parade Judge:** S.J. Peacock Esq.

**Parade Director:** A.J. Peacock Esq.

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## PARADE TIMETABLE

10.30 a.m.	Veterinary and Farriery Inspections
10.45 a.m.	Judging of Light horses, Harness and Vehicles
11.45 a.m.	Judging of Heavy horses, Harness and Vehicles
1.00 p.m.	<b>PARADE OF ALL EXHIBITS</b>

### AWARDS will be offered as follows:

**First Class Awards** to exhibits reaching the standard of the Society in all respects. Exhibits deficient in one or more respects are eligible for a **Second or Third Class Award**. In the event of an exhibit not achieving a satisfactory standard in the opinion of the Judges, **no Award** is given. **No exhibit, which is unsafe in any way, dirty or shows evidence of neglect will receive any Award.**

**Any exhibitor NOT taking part in the Final Parade will not be entitled to receive their rosette(s) or horse brass.**

### SPECIAL ROSETTES will be offered by:

**The Ardennes Horse Society of G.B.** for the best **Ardennes** type exhibits.

**The British Mule Society** for the best **Mules**.

**The Clydesdale Horse Society** for the best **Clydesdale** type exhibits.

**The Donkey Breed Society** for the best **Donkeys**.

**The Hackney Horse Society** for the best **Hackney** type exhibits.

**The Percheron Horse Society** for the best **Percheron** type exhibits.

**The Shire Horse Society** for the best **Shire** type exhibits.

**The Suffolk Horse Society** for the best **Suffolk** type exhibits.

**The Welsh Pony and Cob Society** for the best **Welsh Pony and Cob** type exhibits.

**Richard H.F. Fuller Esq.** for the best **Young Whips**

**The Sir Walter Gilbey Memorial Company Ltd.** for the best **Pre-1940 vehicles**.

**The John Young Memorial Award** is a special and limited award for which entrants from all classes are eligible. The criteria is that the exhibit will be turned out in a traditional manner but not driving a pre-1940's vehicle and so not eligible for the Walter Gilbey Award.

### AWARDS FOR REGISTERED FARRIERS

**Certificates of Merit** will be awarded by "**Horse and Hound**" to registered farriers of well-shod horses in good working condition, which have been passed by the farriery judges at the **London Harness Horse Parade 2008**.

Farriers or owners of exhibits who wish to enter their registered farriers for this competition should provide the name and address of their farrier on the entry form together with the name(s) of the selected horse(s).

It is further suggested that it would be of considerable interest to the public and officials if the name of the farrier (or his card) was displayed on the vehicle (near side or front). Only one certificate will be awarded to each registered farrier. Certificates will be issued by post after the Parade.

### THE MAIN OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

1. To improve the general treatment, condition and management of horses, ponies and donkeys.
2. To encourage persons in charge of animals employed for transport to take a humane and intelligent interest in their well-being and to show kindness towards their animals.
3. To encourage and assist all horse-users to achieve a high standard of care, management and cleanliness.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

*All entries to be made on the Society's official entry form*

*Entries may be refused on any grounds at the Committee's discretion*

1. All vehicles must be sound, suitable and well maintained, of traditional type, suitable for a competent whip to drive on the road.
2. All animals must be **four years old or over**
3. All animals must be shod (except Donkeys, Mules & Shetlands)
4. Mares heavily in foal may not be exhibited.
5. The vehicle must be appropriate to the size and strength of the animal and must not be overloaded at any time.
6. There must be a driver and one groom with each vehicle entered.
7. Animals will be subject to examination by a veterinary surgeon for condition, soundness and fitness for work. Unfit animals will be disqualified.
8. Exhibits will be judged on:-
  - a) The condition, grooming and turnout of the animal.
  - b) The condition, cleanliness and safety of the harness and vehicle.
9. If entries have to be restricted, preference will be given to those entering Traditional type vehicles.
10. All exhibitors should have driven in at least two other drives before competing in the Parade.
11. Any entries considered unsuitable may be requested to leave the Parade.
12. Exhibitors must hold adequate public liability insurance and provide evidence of such cover when submitting their entry form.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **NO SULKIES ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

### CLASSES

1. COMMERCIAL LIGHT ponies: Shetlands or Shetland types
2. COMMERCIAL LIGHT horses or ponies: Singles
3. COMMERCIAL LIGHT horses or ponies: Pairs
4. COMMERCIAL LIGHT horses or ponies: Unicorns or Teams
5. COMMERCIAL CART/HEAVY horses: Singles
6. COMMERCIAL CART/HEAVY horses: Pairs
7. COMMERCIAL CART/HEAVY horses: Unicorns or Teams
8. PRIVATE ponies: Shetlands or Shetland types
9. PRIVATE horses or ponies: Singles
10. PRIVATE horses or ponies: Pairs
11. PRIVATE horses or ponies: Unicorns or Teams
12. MULES OR DONKEYS To a suitable vehicle
13. YOUNG WHIP – Minimum age 6 years Singles or Pairs  
Up to 16 years old. Must be accompanied by responsible adult.
14. TRADITIONAL (pre-1940) (LIGHT and HEAVY) A limited number of Awards of Merit will be awarded to sound and well-maintained horse drawn vehicles constructed pre-1940. **MUST BE ENTERED IN OTHER CLASS.**
15. DECORATED HARNESS HORSE
16. HORSE DRAWN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS (Suitable wheeled vehicles)

## JUDGING GUIDELINES

### Veterinary Inspection

All animals should be:

- a) **4 years old or over**
- b) in good working condition
- c) free from clinical signs of infectious and contagious disease
- d) free from wounds, galls, sores or other injuries

### Farriery Inspection

The animal should be trimmed and shod with:

- a) the correct type, weight and size of shoes
- b) level feet
- c) correct limb alignment
- d) no loss of bearing surface of the foot
- e) clenches in an even line, smooth and gripping the wall firmly

### Vehicle Inspection

All vehicles should be of a traditional type, must be road-worthy, sound, properly balanced, clean, suitable to the size of animal and not overloaded. The harness must fit the animal and the vehicle be clean and in good repair. The driver and passenger must be neat and tidy. Hats should be worn and whips carried.

### GENERAL

- a) Safety is the first requirement and essential. For a **First Class Award**, the driver, horse, harness and vehicle must be safe. The Judge's decision is final.
- b) The horse should be sound, well shod, in good condition, well groomed, properly looked after and suitable to the vehicle.
- c) The harness should fit the animal and vehicle. It should be in good repair and clean. New harness or show harness is not necessary.
- d) The vehicle should be road-worthy, sound, properly balanced, clean, suitable to the size of the animal and not overloaded.
- e) The driver, groom and passengers should be neat and tidy. Drivers of private turnouts should wear hats and also gloves. Drivers of commercial turnouts should wear hats but gloves are not essential, except in special cases, i.e. hearses.
- f) Whips should be carried by drivers at all times
- g) Private turnouts should be equipped with lamps and spares. Spares are not necessary on commercial vehicles. Goods may be carried. If appropriate, buckets and nosebags should be carried.

The committee do not hold themselves responsible for anything that may happen to competitors, spectators, their property, servants, attendants or animals in connection with or arising out of this Event. It is a condition of entry or participation that each entrant agrees to indemnify the Committee against any legal action or proceeding arising from any incident. Exhibitors must hold adequate public liability insurance and provide evidence of such cover when submitting their entry.