



# Blankney Hunt Supporters Club



## Newsletter Summer 2021

### **Key Dates:**

Please add to your diary

**Hound Sponsorship –**  
10th July ONLINE

**BHSC Annual General Meeting –** 15<sup>th</sup> July,  
8pm @ Kennels  
Blankney

**Family Dog Show –**  
22<sup>nd</sup> August @ Kennel  
field Blankney, 11am.

### **Message from the Hunt**

We have a Hog Roast planned for the 1st August at the Kennels and a Hunt lunch at Brant Broughton in September/ October.

Social Rides in August.

Hunt Ball October 16th

All dependent on Covid restrictions.

For information on any of these events please contact

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### **Chairman's Report-**

Summer 2021 is most definitely here, restrictions were nearly over, and the BHSC committee were looking forward to welcoming you all to the Kennels again in a few weeks, for our Hound Sponsorship event. This is one of my personal favourite events. Philip, Owen and their team were inviting us all to meet the hounds and spend some time in the kennels so a rare chance to see another side of the sport that we love.

Unfortunately with restrictions extended we will be running this event "Online" again, which was very well supported last year and a huge thankyou to you all and I hope you all support us again. So far in 2021 the BHSC committee has been incredibly busy we have had massive support and understanding for our Covid compliant pleasure rides, the Sunflower contest has been a great bit of fun, especially in these lovely warm June days, I know my own daughters are fiercely competitive over who's Sunflower is taller!!

Moving forward we are coming up to our AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> July, we are planning to hold this on the lawns at the kennels, please keep an ear out for more updates on this. At this time we need to look at plans for the future of the BHSC, unfortunately due to my personal family commitments I am unable to be continue in my current role as Chair of the Blankney Hunt Supporters Club, I have really enjoyed my time as Chair on the committee but since taking over my family has grown and pressures on my time have increased. The BHSC are a fantastic group of enthusiastic people who all give their time in between their own personal lives and work commitments. The committee will be meeting this month to discuss options so anyone keen to get involved please don't hesitate to get in contact

Please take the time to enjoy this newsletter, we have plenty of events still planned and look forward to seeing you all as soon as we are able.

*Callum*



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## Hound Sponsorship

Due to the continued Covid19 situation we will be running it online again. The money raised goes "straight to the welfare of the hounds", this means Philip is able to use this money throughout the year to purchase wormers, flea treatments, microchips, and other essentials. When you sponsor a hound, you will receive a certificate and a photograph of your hound to help you pick him/her out when we are back out and about.

The Hound Sponsorship will go *live* on the [www.Blankneyhunt.co.uk](http://www.Blankneyhunt.co.uk) Website on Saturday 10th July. The link on the website will explain the process.

- Select your hound from the list on the website
- Call/Text the BHSC phone on 07389 896206 to reserve your hound or hounds.
- Payments will be taken ideally with Online Bank Transfer
- Once payment has been received, we will post your certificate and photo out to you.

The cost of sponsorship is remaining at £25.

Anyone especially wishing to reserve a specific hound before the opening day please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on the BHSC phone, I appreciate there are some favourites out there, especially with the puppy walkers.

This is always a successful event and I hope as many of you as possible will get involved. .

*Callum*

## Pleasure Rides

The BHSC started doing pleasure over 10 years ago and the success has been outstanding. We have riders coming from all sectors of the equestrian world, from our regular subscribers, pony club to dressage and endurance riders. These events rely heavily on the generosity of our land owners and are such a treat for riders, many of which have limited access to off road riding.

This year we started in April, still under Covid restrictions, with a fantastic ride setting off from Ashfield, Branston by the kind permission of Mr J Tinsley. We were spoilt to have access on to some beautiful land and it was such a treat for riders to have a new bit of countryside to explore. Huge thanks go to the Tinsley and Nelstrop families who made the event possible.

We then welcomed riders back to Highfield, Metheringham in May, by kind invitation of the Parker families and Blankney Estates. We had a huge turn out and so many positive comments. We were lucky enough to be allowed access onto neighbouring Dyson Farming land which allowed us to create a new route for the riders which was most definitely a success.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> ride of the season is a favourite of many of our regular riders, we were once again back at Blankney at the Old Hall Grounds in June, the sun made an appearance and the ladies (and gents) in our catering team were busy keeping everyone hydrated and fed! The generosity of The Blankney Estates and Parker families was once again invaluable to us and every possible effort was made to make our riders feel safe and comfortable.

We hope to run another ride this year, these are great way to raise much needed funds, so far this year rides have raised in excess of four thousand pounds so I'm sure you will agree we need to keep running these and any suggestions for routes would be gratefully received.

## Celebrating 60 years of the Blankney Hunt Supporters Club



Unfortunately the continuing Covid situation has put a stop to some of our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations! We do have our limited edition pin badges available from any member of the committee for £6

These are a lovely way to display your support to the BHSC. We hope we can continue with the celebrations after covid settles down.

## Merchandise

We have some fantastic merchandise available, I'm sure I'm not the only one who's BHSC hoody is well and truly ready for a replacement (mine is at least 7 years old, and starting to looking a bit tired now) please contact Judith, all details are available on our website.

Don't forget our Blankney Hunt ties, these look great on Autumn Hound exercise mornings.

## *Sunflower Growing Competition*

*Thank you for taking part, we hope your Sunflowers are thriving in the lovely weather.*

*Don't forget we need a photo of the sunflower, with proof of its height by 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, so keep taking regular photos of it so you have a record of its growth.*

*We hope you are enjoying looking after them. Good luck*

## Obituary

OLIVER GRIFFIN

After a successful career in the Scottish Malting Industry, Oliver came south to Lincolnshire and once he found Griffin's Farm at Temple Bruer on the market, knew that was the place to settle. He farmed at Ashby de la Launde, and had a herd of Aberdeen Angus cows as well as a flock of sheep. This 'hobby' kept him busier than it was meant to!

Oliver has always been a keen supporter of the Blankney Hunt and has hosted our Opening Meet at Temple Bruer for over twenty years. In addition, with his wife, Christina, Oliver has held many Hunt social functions including lively drinks parties. Oliver and Christina have provided the spoons for our Puppy Show for many years as well. Our best wishes go to Christina and family at their loss of a very fine gentleman.

P Hayward/G Brown.

## Marriages

Our heartfelt congratulations go to

Ben Wray and Jessica Littleworth who were married on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Harmston

And

George Moses and Bethany Wray who were married on Sat 5th June at Harmston

What a very busy time for the Wray family !!!

## CAR TREASURE HUNT

Our Car Treasure Hunt took place in April on a lovely sunny day from Stapleford Hall Farm, with kind permission of the Wray family. The setting was ideal. The cars set off and followed all the clues and after an hour or two returned to have tea and cakes on the lawn.

It was the first event that we had been able to provide catering at as some of the Covid restrictions had been lifted and it was lovely to sit in small groups and catch up with everyone's news.

The Leach family cleverly got all the answers to the Treasure Hunt correct and received a hamper of Lincolnshire produce kindly provided by Estelle Wray.

Thank you to everyone that supported the event.

*Angie*

### Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July @ kennels  
yard, Blankney 8pm**

Dear Supporter, we invite you to join the committee for our annual general meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of July. We have taken the decision to hold this event outdoors, at the kennels due to continued Covid restrictions.

We hope you will be able to join us, this is an opportunity for members of the supporters club to look at the accounts and help us to come up with plans for future activities. The AGM is important as it allows you to vote in the future committee and also to witness the handing over of our yearly donation to the Blankney Hunt.

We look forward to seeing you all, we even hope to have a donations Bar available

### Family Dog Show - 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug Kennel Field Blankney, 11am.



Fun day for all the family

Loads of fun classes for your dogs to take part in - including the Best Sausage Catcher. A full list of classes will be on our website.

Please let family and friends know as we hope to make it a big public event and a great fund raiser.

There will be our excellent tea tent with homemade cakes, the BBQ, licenced bar and Pimms, and hopefully stalls.

We will keep you informed of any changes due to whatever the current Covid restrictions are at the time.

We look forward to seeing you.

If anyone has any ideas or items which they would like to be entered into the next newsletter then please forward them to Gemma Wray:-

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