

Welcome to Issue 4 of *Tëám Tèké Tàtk*!

Firstly, congratulations to all who sent in entries for the Photographic Competition. We had around 30 entries and had sold 33 calendars by the time computer failure put the brakes on! Most of these went to non-Teke people - good breed publicity.

Congratulations also to Rosalyn Serex for her article on the Akhal-Teke in *Equi-ads* -more good publicity!

The spotlight in *A Competitor's Year* is on eventing, but Jas Shearer-McMahon's brilliant achievement on completing the Tevis Cup - Endurance Riding's equivalent of Badminton - has kept Endurance firmly in the news again this year.

With the wide distribution of horses, the bite of the recession - and the cancellation of so much due to the freak weather conditions of this year - we have again decided not to run a show. However, for those of you who are still managing to get out and about up and down the country, we are giving Team Teke rosettes to any Akhal-Teke placed in a Rare Breeds class. First honours go to Ange Baxter-Sloan's Azar. **Please let us know if you have an entry in such a class - or if you have already been placed in one.** And Jenny Barnes has joined us to run an annual Points Competition. Points will be awarded for all competition results/completions, and for other outings such as fun rides and hunting, on a sliding scale comparable to achievement, with counting up and judging at the end of the year. We hope that this will give owners an incentive to get their horses out there to promote and, above all, enjoy them.

The Sponsor/Promotional Evening at Hartpury College (see next page) is open to all, so please help us to publicise this as widely as possible.

Finally, if you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving our newsletters, and maybe attending some of our events, please let us know or put them in touch - thank you.

Best wishes from the Team, and good luck for this year.

David Webb

Gill Suttle

Jenny Barnes



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What's On!

May – December 2012: POINTS COMPETITION

This runs across all disciplines

Points will be awarded for all competition results/completions, and for other outings such as fun rides and hunting, on a sliding scale comparable to achievement, with counting up and judging at the end of the year.

If you haven't already got details/points sheet, it's not too late: please contact Jenny Barnes (jenny.f.barnes@mail.com)

Sunday 9th September 2012:

VALE OF EVESHAM AUTUMN SHOW

We are again invited to take a ring. Given the continuing washout summer and the effect on entries across the board of the continuing recession, it is doubtful if we will hold a show.

Please contact the team if you are interested in putting anything on.

Thursday 15th November 2012 7.30 pm:

PROMOTIONAL/SPONSOR EVENING HARTPURY COLLEGE, GLOS

HOOFPRIENTS IN CENTRAL ASIA: Adventures of an Akhal-Teke stallion

An evening in conjunction with our sponsors Fine Fettle Feed. Illustrated talk with samples, discounted products and breed promotional material. Entry £4, to include refreshments. Much more detail and tickets from www.finefettlefeed.com or www.kyzyltekes.co.uk.

If you have any literature about the Akhal-Teke that you would like to offer, please contact the team.

February 2013 12.30pm, Saturday - date TBA:

SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at HORSEWORLD, WHITCHURCH, BRISTOL

Meeting at Horseworld's excellent café, of which many of us have fond memories!

And finally, don't forget the

2013 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

entries will close in July, to give time for earlier production and wider circulation of the calendar

