



Rosemary Neale Chair of AIAT GB and Modris Kesans



## 2024 Dates

**Glamis** 18/19<sup>th</sup> May

**Sandringham** 29/30<sup>th</sup> June

**Beamish** 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July

**Ashfields** 3/4<sup>th</sup> August

**Mostyn** 31<sup>st</sup> Aug/1<sup>st</sup> September

**New Forest** 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September

**Welcome** to the second AIAT GB Newsletter, As usual, proposed dates for 2024 are here for your calendars and any updates and information can be found on the website. We are very excited to have six events planned and please note the revised date for Beamish.

<http://www.attelagedetradition.co.uk/> .

AIAT GB are very grateful to Paul Orchard for many of the beautiful images we have shared. Our talented photographers create so many memories and we always urge people to purchase from them.

<https://www.paulorchardphotography.co.uk/-/galleries/ciat-elveden-462023>

Please do share this newsletter with anyone who may be interested.

Judges' clinic at the international AGM in Bergamo



AIAT GB visit Bergamo Italy





### **AIAT International Conference Bergamo Italy 3-4 February 2024**

At the beginning of the season, the International AIAT community get together to review the last season and plan the next. It is a joyous time of meeting old friends and new, looking at what went well and what might need to be changed and above all renewing our commitment to the values of AIAT, upholding the organisation's aims of friendship and sociability! Country Presidents, international judges, Technical delegates, potential judges, event organisers and major sponsors are invited to take part. This year the UK delegation consisted of Rosemary Neale (President, International Judge and Organiser) Martin Wilkinson (TD) Richard Lanni (International Judge and Organiser of CIAT Glamis), Alan Ross (TD), Linda Williams (Organiser of CIAT Mostyn), Rob Parry (TD and Organiser of CIAT Mostyn), Lester Dagge (international Judge and TD), Modris Kesans (Judge and Organiser) Sam Searle (Organiser CIAT New Forest) Alison Kesans (Judge) Sharon Wootton (Potential AIAT Judge) Derek Wootton (Potential AIAT Judge) and major sponsors and supporters Jimmy Jefferey and Amanda Benningfield. We were all especially grateful to our international friends for the use of English as the conference language!

We all gathered together on Friday evening for a wonderful meal, received our briefings for the following two days and renewed old friendships. Then early on Saturday morning we were bussed out of our hotel to La Lodivica a fabulous Italian estate where we viewed their personal carriage collection and took part in the judges' clinic. We were very grateful for the 10 turnouts who presented themselves for scrutiny with the marks being scored on an app and collated online in preparation for the feedback session on Sunday morning.

After a lovely buffet lunch, we were taken on Saturday afternoon to the Palazzo Farnese, an unfinished but extraordinarily grand palace in Piacenza, to view their extensive collection of carriages and Roman artefacts. It was almost too much to take in on one visit and so another visit is on the bucket list! Later that day after a lovely coach ride through the Italian countryside, we were treated to a delicious gala dinner. No speeches but much conviviality!

Sunday saw the feedback from the judges' clinic where all scores are collated and compared along with a photo of each turnout to remind participants what they scored and why. It looked like most judges were singing from the same hymn sheet fortunately but there was a long discussion around the full use of all the marks available and the dichotomy of wishing to be encouraging to participants but also needing to indicate where they could and should improve without discouraging them. It was also stressed that judges are there to judge not to teach and so any remarks should be made on the score sheet and perhaps taken up with the participant after the presentation phase. There were no rule changes announced and GB are allowed to continue to use the modified 'Wally's Wiggle' PC.

The conference closed with the AGM attended by the country Presidents where all 2024 events are published. Christian de Langlade closed the meeting by stressing again that 'Our statutes state very precisely that the aim of our carriage driving meetings is the use of age-old carriages, repaired or restored, with the view point of conservation of our horse-drawn heritage' so whilst it is a competition, it is only a means to get those beautiful old carriages out and being used!

Looking forward to seeing all your old carriages out at our events in 2024!

**Rosemary Neale Chairman AIAT GB**





## Golden opportunity available 2024

Supporters of AIAT GB, Jimmy Jeffery and Amanda Benningfield have very kindly offered to help raise funds for CIAT events next year by donating this stunning opportunity for auction at The Ashfields event in August. A unique day of driving around Windsor Great Park with their beautiful Friesian X Highlands in Unicorn, Tandem, Team or Pairs is a chance not to be missed!



## Ewan McInnes at Glamis Castle



## Elizabeth Cartwright Hignett





## Workshop at Blandings Farm Sunday 17th March 2024

### What is Attelage de Tradition?

Tempted to have a go at 'attelage' or just want to find out what this wonderful sport is all about? A chance to come and find out more and ask questions or bring your turnout for assessment and practise CIAT elements.

### Timetable:

**10.00: Arrive Coffee Tea and Welcome**

**10.30: Inspect carriages in stable field**

**11.00: Observe presentation with Judge Paul Mills Esq**

**12.00: Lunch and discussion**

**12.45: Routier briefing**

**13:00: Observe PC's**

**14:00 Cones**

The Champagne Challenge!



For more details or to book a place contact Liz Harcombe on 07516 958787

Come on foot or bring a turnout

<https://paddockhall.com/luxury-cottages/>

