

## Colonial Carriage and Driving Society

### March 30, 2025 Meeting

We had an amazing turnout for this month's meeting at Orleton Farm with nearly fifty guests to enjoy the tours of the carriage museums, the pot luck luncheon and to meet Bill Duffy; harness maker and horse carriage enthusiast for incredible stories of his life long appreciation of our sport.

Maureen Gamelli (vice president) opened the meeting in Harvey Waller's absence. Karin O'Brien was present to take minutes of the meeting.

Maureen spoke of the longevity of our club's existence for the last 36 years in the Berkshires. It has continued to be a place for carriage drivers of all disciplines to gather and learn, compete, and to enjoy carriage driving in its entirety.

The list of calendar events was discussed and can be found on our website for your review.

May 4<sup>th</sup> our clinic will be here at Orleton Farm. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so soon. Information can be seen on our website <https://colonialcarriage.org>

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14 at 6 pm. We have been in discussions regarding more weekend meetings for our working members to attend.

June 14<sup>th</sup> is our picnic drive open to members. This will be a great day to enjoy the gorgeous Orleton Farm facilities. Lunch follows at 1 pm.

Due to very dense fog and a major traffic jam on the Mass pike, Bill Duffy sat in his car for two and a half hours and continued to stay in touch with us for updates. He did finally get here to meet over a dozen attendees that had the pleasure of hearing Bill talk on his many experiences in the carriage world. It was fascinating and we all appreciated his time and efforts to be with us. We look forward to having him back in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 by Maureen.

Submitted by Karin O'Brien

Secretary