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A moment during the 5<sup>th</sup> Concours International d'Attelage de Tradition, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg where the track of the Le Routier crossed (see page 50).

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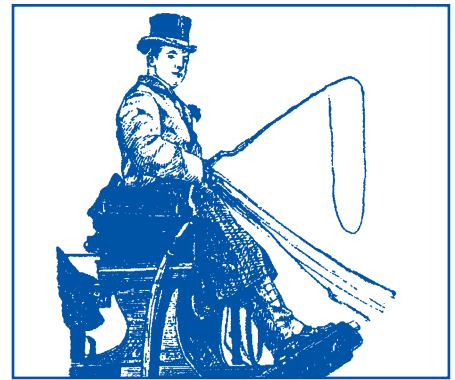
Front Cover: Marc Mathys, a member of the Belgium Driving Association enjoying his pony tandem drive through the woods near Crauthem-Roeser, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg the venue of the 5<sup>th</sup> Concours International d'Attelage de Tradition.

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## From the Box Seat

January is the traditional month to relive last year's activities and muse on plans for the new carriage driving season. This year's weather and travelling restrictions has given us ample opportunity to do both and I have heard of folk who have had time to turn out their tack-rooms and even consider what they should be selling.



Entries for the next Thimbleby & Shorland auction are due six weeks before the sale date in March, and I have to admit that I have a pile of items ready to include in the sale, prompted by enthusiastic encouragement from my wife!

The indoor carriage driving season has, not surprisingly, been decimated by these arctic conditions and without the luxury of an all-weather gallop, as the racing fraternity can boast, keeping harness horses and even hunters fit has been no easy task.

Since December, we have received several anonymous emails presumably for inclusion in "Letters to the Editor". Anonymous correspondence has no chance of being published in these columns, so if readers really want to have a sensible discussion and debate on a contentious subject, they should have the strength of their convictions and include their name and address with their correspondence.

Readers have claimed that the Ostler's column "Over the Tandem Bar" is anonymous. It's not – his name is *The Ostler* and his address is Jesses Farm, Snowhill, Dinton, Salisbury, the magazine's address and always has been!

The forum on the Indoor Carriage Driving website [www.indoordriving.co.uk/forum.php](http://www.indoordriving.co.uk/forum.php) under "What's in a name" is having a similar "anonymous" scenario. It is important to hear opinions, so if they are interesting and constructive, share them with identification without fear or favour in whatever media you choose.

Happy warmer driving.

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