

Cambridge and District Riding Club

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Ramblings from the Chair

I write fresh from the busy day of the CDRC May Show at Cottenham. As usual summer appeared for us with a warm and sunny day which brings out the competitors and makes the officials' day so much more pleasant! We were delighted that so many people came out on Saturday afternoon to help set up, so this was done in record time. There were also lots of volunteers on the day for which we are very grateful.

Special mention must go to Anna Cook, who not only sponsored the dressage classes through her Equine Touch business, but also stepped in to judge the In-Hand classes at the last minute when the afternoon judge was unavoidably delayed. As if this was not enough she then spent the afternoon stewarding as well.

The show is dependant on the help of members to allow it to run, but we are pleased to say that we made a decent profit which will allow us to fund team entries, training and hopefully a club party...The only downside

was the freak accident that happened to poor Sharron Dyke when she was knocked out by a loose horse. Fortunately after a trip to hospital she was revealed to be only bruised and concussed. We sent her some flowers, on behalf of the concerned club members, and hopefully these speeded her recovery!

Whilst we played at Cottenham, CDRC star "Frostie" Taylor tackled her second Badminton. Texts were flying between the two locations to keep all up to date. She posted a fantastic clear cross country round to finish 38th.

When I wrote for the last newsletter I was planning a trip to the Fun Freestyle Challenge finals, but sadly "circumstances" prevailed and the team did not make it to Hartpury. The same fate befell the pairs competing at the new Pairs Hunter Trial Qualifier. We had a strong Cambridge contingent entered but the weather caused cancellation of the original event. All credit to the organisers who made the

decision the day before, so avoiding long unnecessary journeys. The event was rescheduled, but our competitors were unavailable for the new date.

On a positive note the senior and junior novice Show jumping teams travelled to Hartpury for their Championships finishing 9th and 5th respectively. Whilst they were away 90 or so dancers (the editor would like to debate this ☺) enjoyed the music of the Cambridge Crofters at the club Ceiledh. This turned out to be a great night out, and did raise £500 for the club. We are very tempted to book up for next year, although we will try not to clash with any final this time!

The summer qualifiers are now close. Do contact team organisers ASAP if you wish to compete. We also would welcome any volunteers to help with the dressage qualifier at Cottenham on July 20th.

Karen.

Senior Novice Show Jumping Championships

On the 5th April Cambridge sent a team to the Hartpury Championships after qualifying in January at The College, Keysoe.

Nicola and I set off mid morning in glorious sunshine on the Friday, hoping that the long journey to Gloucester would not include traffic jams etc. We arrived early afternoon, shortly followed by the rest of the team and the juniors. Although the juniors were not competing until the Sunday, everybody wanted to support each other, so we all decided to make a weekend away "party".

After settling the horses and ponies in their stables we all went out to the local

pub for a meal and a get together. Several drinks later??? We returned back to Hartpury College to walk the course via torchlight. Saturday morning came and the seniors walked the course again, I must admit, it looked a lot nicer after a few drinks and poor visibility. This was made a reality after numerous horses had problems with the technicality of the course, wide parallels and awkward approaches. After the first round Cambridge was on a score of zero.

The second round posed even more problems with just three teams finishing on double clear. Cambridge RC came a creditable 9th place after finishing on a total of 8

faults. Well done to Sarah Simmons with her new horse Pacific Blue (a five year old), Debbie Roberts with Tinker and Nicola Shaw with Earl Grey for all your support and winning me a lovely rosette, I only wish I could of contributed to it but Rosco was so overawed by the whole atmosphere. YOU WERE GREAT!!!

We have some good team members, so any newcomers wanting to have a go, please contact your chef de quipe.

Have fun out and about this summer.

Judi

A Junior Novice Team report will follow in the next newsletter – but well done all.



Cambridge Senior Novice Team.



Cambridge Junior Novice Team

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Achieving Harmony with Your Horse – The Next Step

Following the success of the un-mounted rally with Celia Witcher in February (see spring newsletter), we have arranged a mounted version at Manor Farm, Houghton, near St Ives, on Friday 25th July 2008. There are slots for 6 riders and spectators on the ground are welcome, the times will be 6.30 and 7.30pm, £14 per rider, £2 per spectator. I suspect places will be popular so contact Karen to book soon.

Newmarket Festival Charity Show – Sunday 6th July

A brand new Charity Horse Show is being held for the first time in Newmarket this summer...

It is being organised by The Speech Partnership and it is an in-hand show running as part of the Five Day Newmarket Festival. The show is to be held on Sunday 6th July at the Animal Health Trust, Kentford, Newmarket.

Because of the racing connections, the organisers are holding two rings - one for Thoroughbreds - raced or not, and one ring for all other breeds such as Arabs, M&M, Coloureds etc.

There will also be a mare and foal class plus a Race Trainers Hack class is also included.

The organisers have been lucky to obtain sponsorship from many studs, trainers and racing authorities which means all winners will get a trophy to keep, plus lots of extras on the day such as bandages, feed, insurance vouchers, time pieces etc.

The charities benefitting from the show will be various racing charities but donations will also be given to A.H.T. and CLIC Sargent.

Schedules are now out and classes are strictly limited so if anyone wants to join in on the day, whether they are novice or experienced, you would be very welcome.

Schedules can be downloaded from www.horsedates.co.uk or

else contact the organisers on colleensalmon@btinternet.com or phone 07724 06977 before 7pm any day.

They have been able to get the services of some of the country's top judges for both the July Show and the August 31st show which is in drafting stages at the minute.

So if you have a TB and can only usually compete in one or two classes, then go along to the show where I'm told they have 13 classes for TB's alone!

There are also additional awards if your horse was the highest official rated, the horse who had the longest racing career, the horse with most wins, etc. etc.

Don't panic...The other ring hasn't been left out there are lots of extras in those classes too.

So whether you fancy trying to win the Frankie Dettori or Willie Carson challenge trophy or just simply want to pop along and get some showing experience (and perhaps "pets will win prizes") then do go.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Colleen Salmon - The Speech Partnership for more details.

CDRC May Show

As Karen mentioned in her Ramblings, the May show was a real success with all having a very enjoyable day. Well done to all those who took home rosettes, and better luck next time for those who missed out on the day. For those of you who want a special memento of the day the attending photographer was JNA photography. Be sure to check out their website at jnaphotography.com Photos below thanks to JNA Photography.



Meet the Editor (She's not that interesting really)

NAME: Evelyn Faye Little (but everybody calls me Eve)

AGE: 25 (but apparently I look 12)

OCCUPATION: Scenes of Crime Officer (more commonly known as a CSI) for Cambridgeshire Constabulary, currently with Central Division but I may be moving to Southern Division in Cambridge City later this year. My family are also the new owners of Knights End Farm Equestrian Centre in March, so I'm generally at work or up the yard; I just wish I could find time to fit in room cleaning and the washing!

FAVOURITE FILM/MUSIC/MEAL: Any one who knows me knows I love films and I now have a DVD collection that takes up one wall of my room. If I really had to pick I would say The Fifth Element; my music taste is a little quirky, I like David Bowie and Gothic Rock; I love food, any food.

PETS OWNED: Two Border collies that I used to show, Wisp is a Crufts winner, one semi feral cat, one adopted yard cat, budgies and tortoise.

HORSES OWNED: "Spritely Does It" or Sprite a 16.1hh warmblood x TB who lives up to his name, "Four Runs" Micah a 16hh Kentucky ex-racehorse, Razz my mums 15.3hh welsh cross and YoYo my 13 month old coloured warmblood x TB Filly.

FAMILY: My Folks and my younger Brother.

FAVOURITE HORSEY DISCIPLINE: Showjumping/Dressage, I'm not very good at either but I enjoy trying...I love fence judging for XC and I'm currently dabbling in showing with my baby girl.

MOST HATED HORSEY ACTIVITY: Plaiting, Any one will tell you I can not plait to save my life!

YOU'RE HORSE/RIDER IDOL: Tim Stockdale.

FAVOURITE BIT OF HORSEY EQUIPMENT: Pessoa, My Albion Saddles.

GREATEST HORSEY MOMENT: I'm still waiting although I enjoy every moment when my horses and I learn something new together.

SCARIEST HORSEY MOMENT: Any competition is scary for me; I have a real problem with my nerves. Being comfortable riding in front of others is my main goal at the moment but long term I would like to ride on the RC teams and do well.

WORDS OF WISDOM FOR OTHERS: I don't feel I can really add anything here as most the time I can't find any words of wisdom for myself! Being a scientist I have a tendency to over think things, I would like to let my heart rule my head a bit more often....Ask me again in 25 years time!

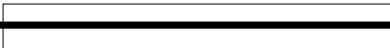
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD:

The Riding Club is about more than competing and bringing home rosettes, its members are people of differing experience and ability but with one common goal, to have fun and enjoy their horses. Without this club I would not have met some of the wonderful people I have the pleasure of calling my friends and no doubt I would have given up riding long ago. So if you're not a member already, what are you waiting for!!



Eve and Spritely in action

"I just wish I could find the time to fit in room cleaning and the washing!....."



Dressage Qualifier 2008

Once again Cambridge and District Riding Club will be hosting the Area 7 dressage qualifier at Cottenham Racecourse on **Sunday 20th July 2008**.

The Dressage tests for 2008 are:

Seniors:

Novice Team -	Prelim 13
Open Dressage -	Novice 20 Novice 27 Novice 30 Elementary 48
Medium -	Medium 64
Pairs -	BRC pairs
Riding Test -	BRC RT 6 BRC RT 8

Any **Juniors** interested in competing for the club please contact Sharon Dyke.

If you are definitely interested in competing for the club please **complete the form below and send it by the 15th June** to Rebecca Seymour, Sherbet Cottage, 131 Main Street, Witchford, Ely, Cambs, CB6 2HP.

A copy of the schedule will be posted on the web site shortly.

Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

BRC Membership Number:

BR Rider Group (if applicable):

Senior/Junior:

Name of Horse:

BD Dressage Points:

Tests you would like to compete in:

Calling All Members.....

Have you ever thought of giving fence judging a go???

The club is always looking for volunteers to fence judge on the cross country course when ever there is an event. You perhaps didn't realise that each club must provide so many helpers for each area qualifier or club run event and just recently this has been difficult to achieve. I know how busy life can be however, if you can spare a morning or afternoon I can assure you your club would be very grateful and you would learn a thing or two as well. There really is no better place to learn cross country riding then by watching a fence being ridden by many different riders and horses. It is fantastic fun, you get let lose with a radio, have the best seat in the house when watching your team and you often get food or refreshments thrown in too. It is not as difficult as you may think and If you have any trouble there is always other willing judges on the field ready to help you out. My mum and I have been doing it for a couple of years now and have a well oiled routine; I even manage to take photos of our team as the fly my fence in style. So if you fancy giving it ago contact one of the committee members and let them know.

If anyone wishes to help at the Area 7 One Day Event Qualifier on Sunday 8th June let Kerry Simson know asap.

Tina Ure is always in need of fence judges at Ely Eventing Centre, Lt Downham. She has events running most of the year but currently needs volunteers for Saturday 31st May-Sunday 1st June and Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2008. Give Tina a bell on 01353 698 952 or email tina_ure@hotmail.com

Anyone who is willing to help out at the Dressage Qualifier above, being run by us on the 20th July, please contact Karen Froud or Rebecca Seymour, we can never have enough stewards, writers or scorers.

Vaccinations for Team Competitors

For your information:-

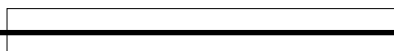
A list of all competitors' horses in Area 7 is to be compiled showing the due date for vaccinations. The people with "due dates" since the previous competition will then be checked and entered on the list. Spot checks will still be carried out and it will still be necessary to take vaccination certificates/Registration documents to all competitions.

Practise Makes Perfect....

If anyone would like to have a practise for ODE qualifiers or show jumping team competitions, Kerry Simson now has the Riding Club Working Hunter jumps set out in her field and also a dressage arena set out on grass. Use would depend on the weather, as we all know the ground (clay) can be changeable but if you want a practise in a different environment that could simulate a competition then give Kerry a ring on 01487 824 258

ODRC XC Clinic – 21st June

O&DRC are organising a XC clinic on the 21st June 2008 at Home Farm, Alconbury. Each session will last one and a half hours, starting from 1pm through to 5pm. The cost is £20 per rider and the heights start at 1'6" up to 3' plus. If you are interested please email odrcenquiries@gmail.com to reserve your place and make payment arrangements. All levels welcome.



Area 7 Dressage to Music Qualifiers

These will be held on July 6th at Milton Keynes EC. Qualifier classes are for seniors and juniors at Novice level (BRC Freestyle 2004) in a 40 x 20m arena lasting 4-4.5 minutes, or Elementary (BD Freestyle 2006) in a 40 x 20m arena lasting 4.5-5 minutes. There are also senior and junior pair's classes.

BD points allowed have increased in accordance with BD rules, so Novice and Pairs can have up to 124 points, and elementary horses can have up to 199 points. The Novice classes also have a section for horses with no points.

There are also unaffiliated classes, to justify the trip, and a specific warm up class of N36 or E44.

All entrants are individuals, so do have a go!

If interested please contact Rebecca Seymour by June 1st.
Entry fees are £13 warm-up, £15 Music, £20 pairs.

Classifieds/Items of Interest

FOR SALE

Black 17.5" Dressage saddle MW Kent Saddlery £250

Brown 17" Jaguar XKC GP/JUMP saddle M/MW £600 ono

Contact Kerry Simson 07833 690812 Warboys Cambs

FOR LOAN/SALE

15.3hh Chestnut Gelding by Dutch Gold WBxTB 9yr old. Needs competent rider to bring back into work and further his education.

16hh Bay Mare by Loch Pearl WelshxTB 6yr old been on loan for past year & working well/hacking out

15hh Bay 3 yr old gelding by Loch Pearl WelshxTB lightly backed last autumn @ Martin Wards, quiet & sensible

Ring Jeffrey Briscoe Block Fen Wimblington 01354 741660 or 07985 309448

FOR SALE

15.2hh Gelding, 12 years old, good jump and small amount of BSJA winnings. Ring Fran Berry for more details on 07775 848 583

EQUINE DENTIST: JIM BIRD 01529 461624

TOP FIELD FARM HAYLAGE EARITH: Richard Wright: 07885 225482

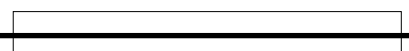
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Ending with the Editor

This Newsletter is a bit behind schedule due to the fact that work commitments and Knights End have left me with little time recently however, I hope it is still full of interesting and useful articles.

Things are starting to change, albeit slowly, at knights End. We now have 13 horses on the yard, with two more liveryes joining us soon. Everyone has settled in well so far and as soon as I have time to breath I will sort out some training clinics, in the mean time I hope to see you all at the Summer Party

Don't forget you can contact me by phone 07901 915 303 or by email: evelyn.little@mitech.org.uk.

We're on the Web!
www.canddrc.org.uk

The Summer Party Saturday August 30th 2008

After the huge success of the Ceiledh this spring it has been decided that the club should put on a Summer Party at the end of August.

Details are still to be confirmed but it will be held at knights End Farm Equestrian Centre, Knights End Road, March on Saturday the 30th.

We are hoping to put on a barbecue and have a good catch up with members to find out what you have all been up to this summer.

I will try to get a mini newsletter or update out well before the date so you can all come along for some good food, friends and fun.

For more details contact the Social Event Organiser Sharron McLeod or myself.

Hope to see you there.

Evelyn

Carry On Ceiledh-ing!

As has been mentioned already, the Ceiledh was a real winner, with the club making a nice profit and every one attending having a very good time. The Cambridge Crofters were fantastic musicians and really got every up on the floor dancing away. The first couple of dances lured everyone into a false sense of security, with each dance becoming more difficult as the night went on (or was that just the fact that more alcohol was consumed as the night went on so the dances just appeared more difficult! I will leave you to decide).

Most people got up and had ago, there were a few people who had obviously done this type of thing before, and a few more interesting and artistic dancers....

A big thank you to all those who helped out with the Bar and Food. Special mention must go to Paul Simson, the man behind the bars success, thanks to his winning cocktails, and to Sharron and Sheryl for their sterling job.

Hopefully we can do it all again...

Just a quickie!

I will be away on Police CSI Training in Durham from the 1st until the 22nd June. Should any one need to contact me I will still have my mobile and I will be available during the evenings. Should you wish to hire out Knights End indoor or outdoor arena contact Julie during this time on 07771 778 609.

I will see you all when I get back.

Evelyn