



Cambridge and District Riding Club

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Ramblings from the chair...

The weather may be throwing its worst at us, and our plans may be a little dented and ever changing, but we at the Riding Club are most certainly not defeated. A team travelled to Leighton Buzzard in January for the Winter Dressage Qualifier. The outdoor warm up arenas were frozen and out of action, but 3 rings were amalgamated into 2 indoor ones, and the day went ahead.

The Winter show jumping at Manor Farm had a similar fate. A hard frost left the outdoor unusable all morning, but with good cheer the competitors warmed up for 2 minutes in the ring before their round, and an excellent day of competition took place. Eddie Maguire did sterling work with his harrows to get the surfaces usable for the afternoon. Well done to the Cambridge Junior team who won and qualified for Hartpury.

One of the Winter Dressage series managed eventually to take place at Milton. This included a Riding Test qualifier for the Royal Windsor Horse Show, so we have one junior and one senior going forward to the second round next month.

Indoors we had a well supported quiz night in early February which tested all spheres of knowledge. The winners were well deserving, although the final scores were very close. We also raised around £200 for the club.

The new plastic show jumps have now been ordered, after much deliberation over colours, patterns and details. Show jumps are much more complex than at first glance! We hope to take delivery in time to use them at the May Show. Do come and see them there.

The Show is on May 2nd at Cottenham, and as well as the usual classes, will include a new combined style jumping and riding test qualifier for finals at the Festival of the Hunter in early June. I hope to see lots of you at the show, and anyone who can help set up on the Saturday from 2pm. Please put it in your diary now.

Meanwhile I am getting ready for the Eventing Camp at Waresley - I can't wait ...

Karen

Novice Indoor Show Jumping – 20th February 2010

Cambridge were well represented, sending 3 junior teams and 2 senior teams. The juniors started with 9 teams, and had the misfortune of dealing with the icy weather conditions. The outdoor arenas were well and truly frozen, leaving no alternative for 'the powers that be' to allow a one minute warm-up for each competitor, preceding their rounds. This they coped with very well. Our junior 'Queens' team were the eventual winners, Aspley Guise RC were second and our 'Kings' were third, our Trinity team finished in seventh place.

QUEENS:

Rachel Dyke	Tom Diamond
Emily Dickson	Sir Ropourt
Rebecca Page	Just Juno
Emily Proctor	Stylo

The winning Queen's Team



KINGS

Rachel Dyke	Mirror Man
Alice Ellison	Rapadash
Hugh Gordon	Granard Gem
Rosie Peck	Humphrey

TRINITY

Sam Stringer	Poetic Pride
Jess Cook	Pavloushka
Rhea Macleod	Hermione
Oliver Simson	Freya

The 13 senior teams had the best weather of the day, the thaw that started in the morning allowed the outdoor arenas to be used, and the clear round jumping could also then go ahead! The C&DRC Trinity team put up a good fight with the Huntingdon 'pink' team, and went into the third round for a jump-off. Huntingdon were the eventual winners.

TRINITY

David Smith	Private Eye
Judi Shaw	Disney Magic
Jane Moon	Rocky
Nicola Shaw	Earl Grey

ST JOHNS

Clare Lloyd	Ben The Bakerboy
Claire Elbrow	Alpha plus
Rachel Casbon	Joshua's Boy
Karen Tyrrell	Wulfstan Jazz Singer

"Many Thanks" to all you riders, Mums, Dads and helpers!!

WE WISH OUR JUNIORS LOTS OF LUCK AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HARTPURY, GLOUCS ON EASTER SUNDAY, 4TH APRIL 2010

Sharron Dyke (Juniors chef d'equipe) Judi Shaw (Senior SJ chef d'equipe)

May Show

The Show is on Sunday May 2nd at Cottenham point to point course. In addition to the usual dressage, jumping, gymkhana games and showing classes, the show will include a new combined style jumping and riding test qualifier for finals at the Festival of the Hunter in early June. Pre entries will need to be made by the club to BRC for these classes, so please contact Karen (seniors) or Sharron (juniors) by April 4th if interested.

The schedule with full details for all classes and entry forms will be available soon.

AmTrust Equine RWHS BRC Riding Test

The winter dressage series at Milton College finally got underway a couple of weeks ago, even though it snowed yet again early that morning, so some competitors had to withdraw. One of the classes was Riding Test 6 and each rider had an opportunity to ride through the test which was scored in the usual way. Then the judge called them all back in, and talked through various points for each of them to work on. She watched them all ride, giving more feedback. They then all rode the test for a second time which was for Round 1 of the AmTrust Equine RWHS BRC competition.

Deborah Wade qualified for the seniors, and new member Jess Cooke qualified for the juniors. The 2nd round of their competition will be held at Manor Farm, Houghton on 27th March. We wish them both "Good Luck".

Riding Club Classes at Ponies UK.

C&DRC has registered to allow our members chance to enter at the Ponies UK show at Newark showground on 11th-14th August. Up to two members can go in each of the following classes:

- Senior RC Horse
- Junior RC Pony
- Ridden Mountain & Moorland
- Ridden Veteran (15 years and over)
- Riding Club In Hand
- Lead Rein Pony
- Junior Working Hunter (fences 76cm)
- Senior Working Hunter (fences 92cm)
- Style & Appearance Team Event (teams of 4, 3 to count. 50 marks for turnout, 50 for freestyle show in 20x40 arena including set novice level movements.)

Competitors will also have the thrill of parading "under the spotlight" in the spectacular evening performance in the largest floodlit outdoor arena in the UK. It would be great to send a team, so if you are interested, please contact Karen Froud.

Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games 2010 – Kentucky

The World Equestrian Games are comprised of the world championships for eight equestrian sports. The Games are held every four years, two years prior to the Olympic Games, and are governed by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI).

This will be the first time the games have been held outside of Europe and judging from the closing ceremony at Aachen in 2006 it will be full of thrills and excitement. This event is a once in a lifetime experience and the format is something that you may never see again.

The games begin with the Opening Ceremony on Saturday 25th September, throughout the 16 days competitions you will be fortunate to see the world's best at many different equine disciplines.

Event Schedule

Opening Ceremony	Saturday 25 September
Reining	Saturday 25 September – Thursday 30 September
Endurance	Sunday 26 September – Monday 27 September
Dressage	Monday 27 September – Friday 1 October
Eventing	Thursday 30 September – Sunday 3 October
Jumping	Monday 4 October – Saturday 9 October
Para Dressage	Tuesday 5 October – Saturday 9 October
Vaulting	Wednesday 6 October – Sunday 10 October
Driving	Thursday 7 October – Sunday 10 October
Closing Ceremony	Sunday 10 October

If anyone is interested in attending these games, please contact me for further details, n.shaw@canddrc.org.uk - Packages can be tailor-made to suit everybody's needs which may include all or part of your stay, including hotel accommodation, car hire, flights and event tickets.

Flatbed trailer and field required

The riding club is still looking for a suitable flat field to use for jumping, training and club shows if anyone knows of anything suitable please contact Karen Froud.

We are also still looking for a flatbed 12' trailer for use with the new show jumps, please let Karen Froud know if you have one for sale, or see one advertised.

Brood Mare - 16hh ID x TB bay mare, 17 yo

Brood Mare - 16hh ID x TB bay mare, 17 years old. She has been competed successfully for the last 3 years but can unfortunately no longer be ridden. Has bred a foal before who is currently competing and winning at BE80. If you can offer her a good home please call Sarah on 01353 777888/07801 657111 or email sarah.howlett@cantabbio.com

Also if you know of any horses that aren't too expensive then Sarah is looking for another one. She doesn't mind if they haven't done much or are quirky!

Photos from the snow

Just to cheer you all up now the sun has come out! This was a snowy hack during January. We lasted about half an hour before we got too cold!



Thanks to everyone who has sent photos for the website and newsletter, please keep sending them in!

Don't forget the diary is updated every month on the CDRC website:

www.CandDRC.org.uk

POPLAR PARK HOLIDAY

Friday 28th May - Tuesday 1st June 2010

The annual club excursion has been arranged over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend to Poplar Park Equestrian centre nr Hollesley in the Rendlesham Forest nr Woodbridge, Suffolk.

The village is within walking distance with a pub and shop. There is plenty to do in the area for non-riding family members who want to come along including walking the coastal path, cycling, catching the ferry across the Bawdsey River to Felixstowe and the towns of Woodbridge and Ipswich are a short drive away.

All levels and abilities are welcome, you can either hack out on your own, or pair up or group with others going out in that direction from the centre, along sandy forest tracks or just use the training facilities at the equestrian centre including the XC course, (2ft-3'6) show jumps and arena's (when not in use for lessons) or even both!

We all park and camp in a secluded paddock with a small wooded area (great for those terriers) and have a BBQ on the Saturday night. You are not obliged to stay every night; you can just come for a couple of days, if you wish. All family members (including dogs) are welcome. For those of you who have not got a horse, the Equestrian Centre can loan/hire you one, (by pre-arrangement) So no excuses!

Private or group lessons can be arranged in advance with one of the many instructors at the centre. Jonjo Hardwick is an accomplished rider himself and is an excellent instructor at all levels and uses a variety of methods according to the rider and horse ability and encourages people to move forward at their own pace.

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE TO SEE THE WONDERFUL FACILITIES ON OFFER www.poplarpark.com

There is a show at the centre organised by Easton Harriers Pony Club on the Monday, schedules will be available on the horsedates website at www.horsedates.co.uk. They hold classes in Show Jumping, Affiliated and Unaffiliated, Dressage, Showing and Gymkhana for all abilities which we can enter on the day (dressage entries in advance).

Stabling for horses is in one of the 3 stable yards mostly on straw which is included; please bring your own shavings if required. A £10.00 deposit is required upon arrival, refunded at the end of your stay provided your stable is left clean. You will need to bring your own hay, feed, mucking out equipment, tack etc. There are WC's/ Shower in the stable yard for those camping or sleeping in lorries. The cost is £30 per night per horse (including camping & full use of the cross country course, show jumps etc) a reduction of £5.00 per night given for those of you who only want to hack out.

Please complete the booking slip below and send a cheque for £30 per horse, per night made payable to CDRC to:- Nicola Shaw 61 Histon Road, Cottenham, Cambridge CB24 8UF by Monday 4th May to secure a place or ring 01954 205308, email n.shaw@canddrc.org.uk if you have any queries.



BOOKING FORM FOR POPLAR PARK 2010

Name Email

Address

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Telephone: Home Mobile

Stabling Required: How many stables required Friday Saturday Sunday Monday

Would you be interested in a private lesson YES / NO

	1	2	3
Name of Horse/Pony			
Height of Horse/Pony			



C&DRC RINGSTEAD HOLIDAY
 Courtyard Farm, Ringstead, Norfolk

Saturday 24th – Friday 30th July 2010 (6 nights)

Courtyard Farm is about three miles from Holme beach by the shortest route. The farm has numerous tracks and nearly all the field margins can be ridden on which gives tremendous scope for really good hacking, without road work, and also joins up with the Peddars Way. It is also easy to go across country cutting out most of the roads to get to the beach. It is ideal for young horses as they can be hacked around the farm without going on the roads at all. Most of the verges are wide and the drivers seem to be much better at slowing down for horses than in Cambridgeshire. Burnham Market cross country course is within half an hour's drive.

There are eight stables and three fields available to us. The bunk barn has two dormitories that sleep twelve people, as well as having a kitchen, communal room, showers and loos. Ringstead charges are the same as last year. The cost is £102 for six nights for one person with one horse. Dogs are charged extra, at £1 per head per night. Dogs are welcome on the farm, but have to be kept on a lead/under control because of the game. They are allowed to run freely in the camping field but are not allowed in the barn. There are two kennels with runs near the stables or they can sleep in your tent, lorry etc.

It may also be possible to organise cross country training with Emily Lochore over Burnham Market cross country course if people are interested. Please ask if interested, I can find out availability and prices.

If you would like to come - please send a **DEPOSIT of £45.00 by 1st JUNE 2010** to Cindy Wells (address as per contacts list, or you can email Cindy at c.wells@canddrc.org.uk)

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Booking form for C&DRC Ringstead Holiday — July 24th to 30th 2010

Name:		
I enclose my deposit for £45.00 for 24 th – 30 th July 2010		
I require a stable for my horse	Yes / No	
I require a field for my horse	Yes / No	
I would like to sleep in the barn	Yes / No	
I will be sleeping in my horse box / tent	Using barn facilities	Yes / No
I will be bringing a dog or dogs	Yes / No	Number:
I would like to go to Burnham Market XC course	Yes/No	
If yes — for cross country schooling / cross country instruction		