



Cambridge and District Riding Club

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Ramblings from the chair...

Do we dare believe Spring is on its way? The grass looks a little greener ... I saw the sun at least twice ... my horses are gently shedding fur ... but my wellington boots are still just as caked in mud ... Maybe soon?

For those who have pressed on riding through the winter, we had Waresley Camp and the Show Jumping Indoor Qualifier going on. The Indoor Dressage Senior Team is gearing up for the Championships at Hartpury on April 2nd, so it would be great for the showjumpers to join them there. Good Luck to All.

The new riding holiday at Mumby is looking very exciting, and even before it was rated as a destination by Horse & Hound. Currently 16 riders are planning to visit over Easter. I wish them, and Margaret the organiser, good weather and great fun.

Following rapidly after will be our annual May Show. The schedule is on the website now (or soon will be). Do spread the word and encourage horsey friends to attend. It is a show with a great atmosphere and also responsible for much of our funding through the year. Any volunteers to help with setting up will be warmly welcomed on the Saturday from 2pm, and also on the day, especially after 4pm to clear away. The show is run by the club, for the club, and it is always great to meet new members there.

Our summer event will be the Dressage to Music Qualifier at Fenning Farm on July 9th. We will run this with unaffiliated dressage classes, so I hope lots of you will support this.

The Outdoor Dressage, and Eventing Qualifiers will soon be upon us, running on May 8th and 15th respectively, so do contact team organisers ASAP if you would like a place.

To fair weather and good ground conditions!

Karen

Dressage to Music

C&DRC will this year be hosting the Area 7 Qualifier at Fenning Farm, Soham on Saturday July 9th. This is an individual competition, run in a 20x60m arena. Seniors can ride at Novice or Elementary level, or in pairs. Juniors have only one class but can elect to perform at prelim, novice or elementary level. Now is the time to start planning your music and your floor plan in plenty of time for July. It's great fun and the horses do rise to the occasion with the music behind them. Anyone keen is welcome to ride for the club, and I hope the local venue will inspire you to have a go. Music competitors do need to be music members of British Dressage.

The winners qualify for the Championships at Aintree on October 8th/9th.

There will also be unaffiliated prelim and novice classes in the morning.

We are looking for helpers on the day to write, score etc. For further details please contact Rebecca Seymour (see form at end of newsletter), or Karen Froud.

Houghton International Horse Trials

May 27th to 29th at Houghton Hall, near Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Alongside the horse trials this year will be a number of different unaffiliated classes. For the first time this includes a Riding Club Team of 4 competition on the Sunday. Two riders ride P12 and two ride N34. We would like to enter at least one C&DRC team. Do contact Rebecca Seymour if interested (see form at end of newsletter).

There is also a 90cm Eventing grand prix on the Saturday, and show jumping classes from small up each afternoon.

For details see www.houghtoninternational.co.uk

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

www.CandDRC.org.uk

Dressage snippets!

Helpers are required for the Area 7 dressage qualifier event, which will be held at Wittering on 8th May. We need at least one helper per team entered. This can be a part day, and the organisers will try to fit times to your availability. Please let Rebecca Seymour know if you can help.

Please note we will be running several of the qualifier tests on grass at the Cottenham show so come and have a practice.

Did you want to ride at Badminton? There is a riding club team challenge there on Wed 20th July. 12 teams will ride a prelim test. No need to qualify for this event. See www.badmintondressage.co.uk

Ever fancied trying dressage but not yet had a go? Huntingdon RC are running Give it a Go dressage (GIG) at Manor Farm this year. No need to plait, safe but everyday clothes acceptable, any tack, and judges who will give positive and constructive comments. See HDRC or Manor Farm websites.

Important information for all members

This year the BRC are introducing the idea of all competitors at area qualifiers bringing their membership cards, along with their vaccination certificates. This is a trial proposal and not yet an obligatory rule. If you would like your membership card posted to you, please contact Nettie Smith. Otherwise we plan to give the relevant cards to the team managers to declare together on your behalf.

Vaccination check-ins are significantly speeded up if your details are on the area 7 database. All you need to do is send a copy of your horse's passport including his name, identification details, and the full course of vaccinations to Karen Froud. Once recorded, do remember to send the vaccination updates, with the horses name page, so that the database is kept current. There are new rules for BRC this year such that minor aberrations in the vaccination history prior to 2006 may be overlooked, but it is safest to ensure all vaccinations are up to date. Early registration on the database will check that these are correct for you.

Horse Trials info

It's that time of year again, the riding club Area 7 Horse Trials qualifier! This year it's at Milton Keynes EC on Sunday 15th May, and there are 3 classes: Nov - 90cms Int - 100cms Open - 1.10 cms

If you are interested in being in a team and are available on the day, please let Mary Groombridge know. Entries have to be in by the middle of April, so she needs to hear from you by the end of March.

Helpers and XC fence judges are also required for the Milton Keynes Eventing qualifier on May 15th. Unfortunately, no helpers means no teams can compete. Please contact Mary Groombridge or Sharron Dyke if you can help. You will be well fed and looked after, and travel expenses can be paid.



Rockingham Forest (RFRC) have organised a XC practice session at Milton Keynes with Nat Dixon before the event, which is open to all. See RFRC website.

Please also contact Mary Groombridge on 07803 618561 if you are interested in JumpCross training or other XC training:

A Jump Cross training session is being held at Grange Farm, Wittering, on 9th April - expected costs are Juniors at £22.50 and Seniors at £27. Four different heights will be available from 2' to 3'9".

JumpCross is great fun – here's a photo of Cindy Wells and Cornelius Fudge having a go from last year!

XC training is being arranged too - possible dates of 29th April or 2nd May with Nick Turner or Nat Dixon instructing, at Carlton XC course. Approx cost £17 + instructor's fee. See diary page on the club website.

Area 7 Novice indoor SJ qualifier

Juniors Report by Sharron Dyke

Cambridge and District Riding Club hosted the Area 7 Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier on Sunday 6th March at Manor Farm Equestrian Centre

The Morning saw the junior competition take place and 8 teams came forward to contest the two qualifying tickets up for grabs.

The course which had been built by Philip Parren was up to height and fairly technical, but still seemed quite fair in comparison to the challenging courses that would await us at Hartpury at the championships if we were to be lucky enough to qualify.

Our two Cambridge teams consisted of Emma Butler on Ben, Will Anthony on Widget, Rachel Dyke on Langamay Elle and Rebecca Page on Polarity Red for the Kings Team, and Louise Horne on Kandee Man, Sophie Howse on Destiny and Eloise Stringer on Holly riding for the Queens Team.

As the competition got under way, it soon became apparent that a lot of the horses were taking a dislike to some of the brightly coloured fillers on the course, and as a result of this there were several eliminations in the first round.

Cambridge Kings managed to finish the first round with 4 clear rounds. With several of the teams being eliminated, this put Cambridge in a very strong position going into the second round.

The course was raised slightly and the second round commenced. Again there were several stops, and a lot of poles falling all around the course. When the second round had finished, we were delighted to hear that only Cambridge Kings had finished on a zero score, with all four riders again managing to get a clear round, and Cambridge Queens finished in a very respectable 4th place, a really good result for a team that only started with 3 members.

Huntingdon Riding Club took the second qualifying ticket after finishing in second place on 4 penalties.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our team of Emma, Will, Rachel and Rebecca the very best of luck at the National Championship at Hartpury on April 3rd.

Sharron Dyke (Juniors Team Manager)

Seniors Report by Judi Shaw

The day started overcast and very cold but improved during the day and we finished in some lovely spring sunshine. Although entries were down we enjoyed some good jumping, the course was set fairly and up to height, giving the winners a good idea of what to expect at the championships.

C&DRC gave the eventual winners, Huntingdon 'Green' a good run, with only one fence between each team deciding the top three placings. Our 'Trinity' team came second and our 'St Johns' team took third spot.

Many thanks go to those who helped to set up on the Saturday and also the efficient team that made the day go so smoothly on the Sunday. A special thank you goes to Robert Froud who worked tirelessly on the Saturday, carrying jumps etc with his Mum Karen!

Personally, I enjoyed seeing past team members and it was also lovely to welcome new riders and horses. We hope you all had a good day and that you will be back in July for the outdoor qualifier.

The team competitors were:

Corpus Christi:

Lisa Allen	Tisca Shadows Pride
Coco Chambers	Okavanga
Daniel Peacock	Spot On
Charlotte Jacklin-Lee	Onyx Nugget

St Johns:

Rosey Groombridge	Woodbine Belle
Serena Allery	Time To Shine
Rachel Casbon	Joshuas Boy
Coco Chambers	Silver Pearl

Trinity:

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

Invaluable Helpers:

On Saturday - Nettie, Karen, Robert, Mary Owen, Sharron and Rachel Dyke, Nicola Shaw, Shirley and Tony.

On Sunday - Karen, Sharron, Rachel, Nicola, Mary O, Mary Groombridge, Shirley, Sue & Les King, Kerry, Rebecca Jarvis and Karen & Lauren Howse

Very Many Thanks to you all, without your help we would not be able to run these qualifiers and keep the funds afloat! I do hope I haven't forgotten anyone!!!

Judi Shaw (Senior show jumping manager)

C&DRC pre-season training camp report

26-27th Feb 2011 by Kerry Simson

12 Members came to Waresley Park this year for some pre-season tuning up with John Adams, Owen Moore & Fran Berry. It was a busy weekend with some members bringing more than one horse & Owen taught back to back all day Sat & Sun as he's such a popular trainer.

We each had 4 training sessions over the weekend with flatwork & jumping both days making full use of the indoor & outdoor arenas. As the weather had been kind we were able to use some of the XC fences at the top of the park to give us some practice before our first events. Canter up & down the hill and the gallops is great for working on your upper body & lower leg positions (not to mention wind) in preparation for XC.

Campers stayed in the self contained flats on site and Mary Groombridge & Sharon Macleod once again worked very hard over the weekend to keep us well fed. In the evening before tea, Sonia Hansen showed us some of her Yoga stretches in the lounge to help us loosen off after the day's activities & there were lots of bums in the air & much giggling as we all tried to work out how to do the exercises.

After dinner & a few G&T's we eventually got round to doing some Karaoke with Sharon & Sonia giving it their all with some hilarious duets. (We even caught Sharon Mac having a secret sing-along to AggaDo on the Saturday afternoon when she thought nobody was about!) Rhea (her daughter) will be soooo embarrassed!

We had a fun time and members would like to go again next year so I've asked Helen the manager to pencil it in her diary & she's going to ask Nick Turner if he can teach as he will be based at Waresley with some of the Brazilian team in the run up to the Olympics.

Any feedback & suggestions/requests for next year are welcome to Sharon Macleod, Mary Groombridge & myself.

Ringstead booking 14-15th April 2011

I've booked the bunkhouse at Courtyard Farm, Ringstead, Norfolk, for Thurs & Fri nights 14th & 15th April whilst I am (hopefully) competing at Burnham Market BE event which takes place 15-17th April 2011. There will be space for up to 8 people in the barn if anyone would like to join us, & 4 stables free. £10 per night in Barn; £7 for horse. Text me on 07833 690812 if you want a bed.
Kerry Simson

We'd love to hear from more members! Please email any newsletter articles and photos to newsletter@canddrc.org.uk

BHS Any Horse Any Rider Clinic

The BHS is running an 'Any Horse Any Rider' Clinic in our area at Moats Way Equestrian, Hemingford Abbots on Monday 4th April 2011. (Please note changed date, it was originally advertised as 6th April). This is aimed at any rider from grass roots, everyday riders to aspiring competition riders to students and instructors. Ken Clawson FBHS has trained the British Eventing squad in show jumping since 1997 and has been instrumental in their European and Olympic successes.

Times are from 1.30 – 8.30 pm. The cost is £30 per rider for a 75 minute session, which is a bargain. Trainers, friends and family are welcome to come along and watch. Go to www.bhseast.org.uk for more information and a booking form.

Riding Club Team Endurance Competition

There is now a Riding Club Team Endurance competition, it was held for the first time last year. This year 2011, the nearest qualifier is at Wimpole Hall on 12th June in conjunction with the ride below. The Championships are to be held at Keysoe on 18th September 2011. There is a special website www.rcteamevent.endurancegb.co.uk

If you are interested in being part of a team the rules are on the site. If you look at 'tips' you will find the experiences of people who competed last year, which will give you a lot of information about what to expect. They certainly seemed to enjoy themselves!

The Cromwell Group of Endurance GB are the nearest endurance group, and their ride dates are listed below. If you are interested please contact me ASAP (m.owen@canddrc.org.uk). HDRC are having a talk on 28th March, which may be opened up to all clubs in the area or otherwise Cromwell have promised to give a talk.

Cromwell Group of Endurance GB Ride Calendar 2011

(Please note dates may be changed or rides added so please contact the event organiser or check the website)

April 10 th	Sissons Farm EC, Peterborough	NCR 14km & 20km
Helen Gipson	01487 822170	
May 22 nd	Milton Keynes Events Plateau	NCR 8, 16, 24, 32km
Nikki Parsler	01908 677791	
June 12 th	Wimpole Way, Wimpole Hall	NCR 18 & 33km, CR 33km (+)
Susan Cox	01954 719404	

NCR = Non Competitive Ride or Pleasure Ride or Training Ride OPEN TO ALL
CR = Competitive Ride for Members of EGB

For more information contact Helen Gipson 01487 822170
Entry forms are available on www.cromwellegb.co.uk

Hickstead SJ Team of Three

Hickstead is normally at the end of July. As yet I haven't any details, I am assuming it will be as previous years, Perhaps those of you that are thinking of competing in a team of three then please let me know. Entries need to be in by the middle of June, so please do let me know by the beginning of June. Rules: one round against the clock, height of fences 85cms, 95cms and 1.05cms. Contact Judi Shaw.

C&DRC Ringstead Holiday

14th – 20th August 2011 is the date of the riding club Summer holiday at Ringstead near Hunstanton in Norfolk. It is a brilliant place for hacking young horses and off road riding as well as the beach.

Full details and booking form will be in the next newsletter, but put the dates in your diary now. Contact Mary Owen for more details, or to register your interest, at m.owen@canddrc.org.uk

BRC Training Day

BRC have a Welfare Training Day at Moulton College, Northants on 29th October, on Equine Injuries. This useful day costs only £5. For more details, see www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

For Sale

13.2hh Welsh Section C (Registered) 8 year old Bay Gelding.
Loves hacking out & happily jumping a small course of jumps with fillers etc
Been on local pleasure rides & SJ training sessions with Fran Berry & John Adams, to local shows/unaffiliated SJ at Manor Farm jumping 75cm.

He has a nice temperament & willing nature but needs an experienced rider to bring him on further. Easily carries small adult/teenager (up to 12st) as good amount of bone & would make nice Mountain & Moorland working hunter pony.

£1,500 contact Kerry Simson 07833 690812
(Warboys)

The last Milton
dressage of this winter
season is on Sunday
20th March.
P14, P18, N30, E44.

C&DRC on Facebook

You can now find us on facebook as Cambridge & District Riding Club.

79 people have already joined us by "Liking" our page. Some events have already been advertised here, and more will follow. As usual, please let us know what you would like to see on there, thanks. You can email us at newsletter@canddrc.org.uk, or post on the wall on facebook.

Senior Dressage Teams 2011

If you are a senior member and would like to compete for Cambridge & District RC in dressage or riding test, then please complete the form below and email it to r.seymour@canddrc.org.uk or alternatively post it to Rebecca Seymour at Sherbet Cottage, 131 Main Street, Witchford, Ely, Cambs, CB6 2HP.

The main Area 7 competition will be held at Wittering Grange on the Sunday 8th May 2011. There will be a variety of tests ranging from prelim up to medium, pairs and riding tests. As this is quite soon, I need to hear from you by April 8th to get preliminary entries to Stoneleigh in time.

On the 29th May there is the opportunity to send teams to compete at Houghton International. It is an unaffiliated team of 4 dressage challenge. Two members of the team will to ride prelim and two will ride novice.

Cambridge & District Riding Club will be holding the dressage to music qualifier later in the year on Saturday 9th July 2011.

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Name:

BRC Club Membership No:

Email:

Contact Number:

British Dressage Membership No (if applicable):

British Dressage Rider Group (if applicable):

Horse Name (as written on passport):

No. of BD points:

Please tick which tests you would like to compete in. If you compete on the novice team (prelim) you are unable to compete in the open team on the same horse. If competing on the open team you will automatically be entered as an individual in that test.

Novice Team

Prelim 12

Open Team

Novice 24

Novice 28

Novice 34

Elementary 45

Open Individual

- Novice 24
- Novice 28
- Novice 34
- Elementary 45

Medium

- Medium 61

Pairs

- BRC Pairs 4

Riding Test Team

- Riding Test 11
- Riding Test 13

Riding Test Individual

- Riding Test 11
- Riding Test 13

Music

- BD Novice Freestyle to music 20 x 60
- BD Elementary Freestyle to music 20 x 60
- BRC Pairs to music 20 x60

Houghton International

- Prelim 12
- Novice 34

Warm up classes for Houghton International are Prelim 10 and Novice 24.

Prelim Riders may have 0 BD points.

Novice Riders may have a maximum of 124 BD points.

Helpers will be required at all of the events. It is usually one helper per team, but the more the merrier and it means less time per person, so please find a volunteer, thank you.