



Cambridge and District Riding Club

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Ramblings from the chair...

What a great day we had at the Cottenham May Show this year! The weather reverted to its customary sunshine, the good grass cover did its best to disguise the lack of rain on the ground, and a good turnout of competitors kept coming back again and again to enter more classes. There was a lovely atmosphere, with no serious moans heard in the secretary's hut all day. Many thanks to all the help we had on the day, setting up and clearing away. All ran with great efficiency. From my point of view I had a whole new experience open up, as I joined Polly and Kerry in running the gymkhana section. I am well used to running dressage events, which are quiet, and orderly events. Gymkhana is fast and furious! Spotting and identifying each placing of 7 competitive children was a whole new ballgame. And just as we had it sorted, we ran the ride and run ... and then had to recognise which child won when separated from their pony! Fortunately children, parents and leaders were very good humoured, and I think all had a good time. But I'm going back to dressage....see later for details on our club dressage and music show. The day was also financially successful, raising several hundreds of pounds for club funds.

Area qualifier season is now well under way. At the dressage at Wittering we had second-itis with three teams finishing in runner up position, but at the eventing at Milton Keynes the week after, we triumphed with three winning teams. There is still time to join in the show jumping and music dressage squads. See later for details. We are also sending a new endurance team to the local event, a dressage team to Houghton Horse Trials, then there is jumping at Hickstead and Blenheim. Do contact the team organisers and join in.

The riding holiday season has also been started by a fantastic Easter at Mumby. Margaret Coles did a great job organising a busy weekend, and next year has already been booked. Poplar Park and Ringstead are coming up.

Good Riding!

Karen

Area dressage qualifier report

By Karen Froud

The qualifier was held at Wittering on May 8th. After the extensive dry period, the organisers took the decision to run the whole competition on a surface and not grass. Due to the great facilities there, on the day there were 5 arenas and 2 warm up areas on a surface plus one grass area, which was just great. The Cambridge Senior Teams tried hard but had to settle for three second places. Sadly no juniors competed.

In the Senior Open we entered two teams. Cambridge Kings of Cathy Jeffries & Pinocchio, Polly Taylor & Secret Passion, Eleanor Taylor & Gulliver and Karen Froud & Texas Rose were 2nd, ahead of Cambridge Queens 5th: Rebecca Jarvis & Eye of the Tiger, Cindy Wells & Cornelius Fudge, Coco Chambers & Silver Pearl and Abigail Forsyth & Hector. Individually Eleanor won one class and was 4th in her other, Abigail was 2nd, Rebecca had a 3rd, Coco was equal 4th on her 2 horses, and Polly was 5th.

In the Senior Novice we welcomed some new team members. Alice Ward & Deanna were joined by Caroline Mills & Ladies First, Nikki Goldup & Clio Williams and Sue Peck on Humphrey (more commonly seen in the junior squad with daughter Rosie). Despite being in the end arena which horses found very spooky due to the large drop just beyond the fence, they too finished an admirable second. Caroline was also 2nd individually, and Alice and Sue were 5th in their arenas.

The Riding Test Team of Rebecca, Cindy, Nikki and Alice completed the "almost" treble with another team 2nd place. Rebecca was 2nd individually, Alice 3rd and Nikki 4th and 6th.

So only Eleanor qualified for Lincoln, but it was a good day, friendly and well run, with most team members getting together and supporting each other.

C&DRC Dressage and Music Show

The dressage to music qualifiers will be held this year at Fenning Farm, Soham, on Saturday July 9th. There are also open warm up and unaffiliated classes in the morning. The music classes are run at novice and elementary levels. All use the BD music tests and run in a 20x60m arena on a surface. There is also a pairs class. The full schedule is available on the website at the usual www.canddrc.org.uk

Compiling your music to suit your horse and creating your own floor plan is great fun, and I would urge you to have a go! There is an open music class as well if you do not feel ready for the qualifier section. The winners will qualify for the championships at Aintree arena in October, which I can highly recommend.

Anyone available to write or help on the day, please contact Karen Froud. Those interested in the qualifiers contact Rebecca Seymour by 10th June.

Houghton Hall dressage report – May 2011

By Sue Peck (and Humphrey)

Having been a C&DRC junior mother for my daughter, Rosie, I decided to join this friendly bunch myself after deciding that as Rosie was going through a 'I don't want to ride' stage that I would start having lessons on her horse, Humphrey, a 14.2 Connemara type, myself. It was only this spring, after doing a few prelim tests, that I decided to join and compete at the Cambridge Riding Club annual show. Surprisingly, our flatwork had improved so we didn't make fools of ourselves and had a nice test which was a big relief. It was only after that that I felt a little more confident enough to risk humiliation and offer ourselves (me and Hump) as potential team members.

Amazingly (though sadly through the bad luck of Suzanne Crocker and her broken collar bone), we were given the chance of being on one of the two teams competing at this prestigious event at Houghton Hall. Having been a spectator with friends for 3 or 4 years it was fantastic to have the chance to be involved in the BRC Team Dressage Event, which was the first year that these classes had been run.

With some trepidation we arrived on a very blustery, though thankfully dry day and gradually met up with the other team members during the course of the morning. It did feel like a big occasion and I had even sewn in Humphrey's plaits rather than relying on bands and their tendency to ping or snap as we didn't want to let the side down at any level if we could help it!

We entered two teams:

Cambridge Kings:

Nikki Goldup and Alice Ward doing Prelim, and
Rebecca Jarvis and Rebecca Thompson the Novice.

Cambridge Queens:

me (Sue Peck) and Caroline Mills doing the Prelim, and
Cindy Wells and Jo Lawrence the Novice.

It was great to be able to warm up on almost springy ground rather than on the usual rock hard grass. The dressage arenas did make slightly interesting tests with the odd dip in the ground, not to mention some of the letter markers being in the wrong places etc! There had been a few teething problems and some of the tests were running over 20 minutes late which did cause a few challenges when the second tests had caught up.

Humphrey and I entered the arena for our warm up test and as things seemed to be progressing nicely, horror, the judge's hooter ... oops I had had a senior moment and missed a circle out. The judge kindly pointed out my error and we carried on, when argh, once again my 45 year old brain went to mush and in canter I wrongly guessed the next move. Another oops moment and the very patient judge ran me through the last part of the test before we thankfully finished with no more course errors! The other Cambridge team members were

all very reassuring and said that it happened to everyone, which was very good of them and did make me feel better.

Thankfully the more important test went much better with the help of the lovely Rebecca Thompson who called the test for me, phew. I was just so relieved that a) I hadn't fallen off, b) Humphrey hadn't decided to go for a gallop out of the arena and c) that all the Cambridge team members and their helpers were all so supportive.

I was in shock when Caroline pointed out that my 'rubbish' test had actually scored quite well, even with the loss of 6 points for my silly errors and more shocked (but in a good way) when I had actually been placed 4th. Even better when we got 2nd place in the Prelim 12 individually which counted towards the team score which was looking good. Both team members were being called as they were also placed individually, though I feel bad to say that I was still so 'not with it' that I can't recap who came where (full results below – Ed).

Then they started on the important team results, we were hopeful that we would be placed near the top and were waiting keenly, drum roll ... they announced that Cambridge Queens had finished in 2nd place, Hooray. Obviously, it would have been even better to have got 1st but hey, all in all it was good day. A day made better by all the friendly support from all the Cambridge teams. So special thanks to Nikki for organising the training with Val Gingell and plaiting Humphrey's tail (I really must learn), Caroline and Jo for trying to tell me I wasn't an idiot, Rebecca Jarvis for showing me how to tie my stock and the lovely Rebecca Thompson for calling my test!

It is lovely that in my 40's I now have the opportunity to have loads of fun and relive my PC youth with more and better training and get out there and do all this stuff. I really didn't expect to have the confidence to be competing and be part of a Cambridge Riding Club team and I am loving it.
Thanks girls.

Results:

Prelim 10

Sue Peck 4th riding Humphrey

Prelim 12

Sue Peck 2nd riding Humphrey

Caroline Mills 5th riding Ladies First

Novice 24

Jo Lawrence 3rd riding Clever Trevor

Cindy Wells 8th riding Cornelius Fudge

Novice 34

Rebecca Jarvis 3rd riding Eye of the Tiger

Cindy Wells 8th riding Cornelius Fudge

Results of the C&DRC Annual Open Show

Pre Novice Jumping

- Ponies - 1st Bailie Carham – Shadow Mist
2nd Gemma Harrison – Micky
Horses - 1st Kerry Simson – Coco
2nd Catherine Friday – Antigua Tradewinds
3rd Caroline Mills – April

Novice Jumping

- Ponies - 1st Gemma Harrison – Rolo
2nd Ruth Collett – Fern
3rd Bailie Carham – Shadow Mist
Horses - 1st Dewi – No details
2nd Sarah Norton – Puzzle Delight
3rd Kerry Simson – Florence



75cms Open Novice

- Ponies -
1st Georgina Sear
– Double Dare III
2nd Gemma Harrison
– Rolo
3rd Amy McInally
– Apache
Horses -
1st Serena Allery (photo left)
– Time to Shine
2nd Caroline Howard
– Sven T

85cms Intermediate

- Ponies - 1st Gemma Harrison – Rolo
2nd Ruth Collett – Fern
3rd Lucy Howard – Tommy
Horses - 1st Rachel Dyke – Sunny Destination
2nd Rachel Dyke – Lightning 41

95cms – 100cms Open

- Ponies - 1st Emma Butler – Ben
Horses - 1st Rachel Dyke – Lightning 41
2nd Rachel Dyke – Sunny Destination
3rd Maddison Retallick – Malin Diamond

SHOWING

Young Stock 1, 2 and 3yrs old

- 1st Claire McCarthy – Maxwillandra Pride
2nd Sarah Wright – Kirkash Shady Lady
3rd Daniel Peacock – Mia

Best Condition in Hand

- 1st Alice Bishop – Burghwood Tristan
- 2nd Lizzy – Flight
- 3rd Jane Fricke – Templebrady William

Hunter Type in Hand

- 1st Andrew Coles – Paddy
- 2nd Julia Walker – Vindicator
- 3rd Lizzy – Flight

In Hand Mountain and Moorland

- 1st Ruby Smith – Crawl Vandyke
- 2nd Alice Bishop – Burghwood Tristan
- 3rd Claudia Henson – Domino

Child Handler

- 1st Gemma Whiffen – Jesse James
- 2nd Lizzy – Flight
- 3rd Alice Bishop – Burghwood Tristan

Veteran Horse/Pony

- 1st Sarah Corbin – Casey Jones
- 2nd Chiara Hallam – Shimano Breeze
- 3rd Grace Nicholls – Freddie

In Hand Driving Type

- 1st James Coles – Eliah

Lead Rein Pony

- 1st Jennifer Carney – Sparkle
- 2nd Alana Bailey – Rolo
- 3rd Ellie Wheatley – Monarchill Cercean

First Ridden Pony

- 1st Molly Mercer – Mr Chips
- 2nd Sofia Henson – Charlie
- 3rd Imogen Pateman – Brynrodyn Crystal

Mountain and Moorland

- 1st Ruby Smith – Crawl Vandyke
- 2nd Sofia Henson – Charlie
- 3rd Suzanne Crocker – Sowermire Shamrock

RC/PC Pony

- 1st Clara Bailey – Silver Sprite
- 2nd Katie Lee – Farriers Find
- 3rd Molly Mercer – Mr Chips

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

www.CandDRC.org.uk

Family Pony

- 1st Zoe Silvester – Bailey
- 2nd Emma Macphee – Golden Wonder
- 3rd Beth Andrews – Gordons Blue

RIDDEN PONY CHAMPION – RUBY SMITH CRAWEL VANDYKE RESERVE CHAMPION – ELLIE WHEATLEY – MONARCHILL CERCEAN

Ridden Hunter

- 1st Caryn Wilkinson – Brechfa Ninian
- 2nd Aislinn Mckibbin – Welton Archer
- 3rd Julia Walker – Vindicator

Riding Horse

- 1st Andrea Pearman – The Jays Peace Master
- 2nd Aislinn Mckibbin – Welton Archer
- 3rd Julie Horne – Rathclough Cassie

Ridden Veteran Horse/Pony

- 1st Sophie Ashton – Jazzy Height
- 2nd Sarah Cobin – Casey Jones
- 3rd Katie Lee – Farriers Find

Riding Club Horse

- 1st Caryn Wilkinson – Brechfa Ninian
- 2nd Julie Horn – Rathclough Cassie
- 3rd Louise Horn – The Kande Man

Ridden Coloured

- 1st Andrea Pearman – Jays Revelation
- 2nd S Whitehand – Chelsey Girl
- 3rd Karen Tyrell – Wulfstan Jazz Singer

RIDDEN SHOW CHAMPION – CARYN WILKINSON - BRECHFA NINIAN RESERVE CHAMPION - ANDREA PEARMAN – THE JAYS PEACE MASTER

GYMKHANA CHAMPIONS

LEAD REIN:

CHAMPION GRACE NICHOLLS – FREDDIE
RESERVE CHAMPION – TABITHA DUNN /MOLLY MERCER – MR CHIPS

12YRS AND UNDER:

CHAMPION – HARVEY GILHAM – GAILY
RESERVE CHAMPION – GEMMA HARRISON – MICKEY

OVER 12 YRS:

CHAMPION – TIA MCCRINDLE – DEWIE
RESERVE CHAMPION – CAROLINE HOWARD – TOMMY

The photographer on the day was <http://www.jnaphotography.com/>

Area Horse Trials at Milton Keynes

Seniors by Karen Froud

Milton Keynes was again the venue for the ODE qualifier on May 15th. Following the BE event the XC this year was "backwards", using the left side of the hill to the water first, and returning up the right side and over the wall. The Eventing Centre owners must be congratulated for the superb state of the ground, not only on the XC course but also all the arenas and the warm up areas. We were lucky to have a lovely sunny day but with a good cooling breeze. Some of the C&DRC members had a nice early start as they had to ride first and second in the 9am start dressage. As a club we generally did some really good dressage tests – Polly got a 26! We were also pretty good XC with lots of clear rounds posted. However there were very few without time faults. Rachel Casbon & Joshua and Rebecca Thompson on Steely showed how it should be done in the time. Sadly we were a little let down by our show jumping, with all too many poles on the ground. In the Senior Novice the results were very difficult to second guess, with several teams in contention, but Cambridge Reds emerged victorious! This was very exciting for Rebecca and I who were part of the winning Intermediate squad last year. It was quite a surprise as she had only been drafted in as a last minute replacement, and we were supposed to be the 'B' team! The Cambridge Blue team finished 3rd. We had no intermediate team this year, as the other 2 from last year's team moved up to the Open, where they performed beautifully to win, as well as finish 1st, 2nd and 4th individually.

Cambridge Red:

Coco Chambers	Okavanga
Rebecca Thompson	Steel Diamond
Karen Froud	Texas Rose
Hetty Sclater	Sky Larking

Cambridge Blue:

Jo Lawrence	Clever Trevor
Eleanor Taylor	Gulliver
Coco Chambers	Silver Pearl
Rachel Casbon	Joshuas Boy

Cambridge Open Team:

Polly Taylor	Secret Passion
Kerry Simson	Hokey Pokey
Sonia Hanson	Lakeside Season
Sara Shoemark	Bold Challenge (photo on right)



Many thanks to the volunteers who spent the day fence judging on our behalf. The day eventually was longer than originally scheduled due to a faller in the senior novice class who was ultimately airlifted out to hospital. She was discharged after 48 hours with several broken ribs. Meanwhile there was a 90 minute hold on the course. Our sympathies to the two horses and riders held for this time.

However C&DRC had good cause for celebration as the Senior Novice, Senior Open and Junior Open teams should all be heading to Aston le Walls for the Championships in August.

Juniors by Sharron Dyke

We recently sent a Junior Novice Team, a Novice Individual and a Junior Intermediate Team to the Area 7 Horse Trials Qualifier held at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre. Despite the recent lack of rain in our region, the owners of MKEC had done a really good job of preparing the course for the event.

Our novice team consisted of:

Rebecca Page on Polarity Red
Emma Butler on Ben
Sophie Howse on Cuckolds Tiptoes
and Lauren Howse on Hacker Jack.

The Individual novice was Bethany Murfitt on Oops-a-Daisy (pictured on the right). Sadly on this occasion the team were not placed, but congratulations to Emma who came 4th individually and to Rebecca who came 6th. Well done also to Bethany who was representing the club for the first time, and who did a fantastic double clear on Daisy to finish in 7th place just outside the rosettes.



The Junior Intermediate team consisted of:

Tara McCabe on Itinerary
Emily Proctor on Stylo
Rachel Dyke on Sunny Destination and
Polly West on Murphy's Way.

Emily and Polly rode their cross country rounds quite early on in the competition and both did foot perfect clear rounds. However, Rachel and Tara were two of the last three riders left to go cross country in the Intermediate section when disaster struck. As a horse came to the last fence which was quite a wide table fence, the horse somersaulted and landed on its rider, who was knocked unconscious and then trodden on. The remaining three riders were then held at the start for an hour and twenty minutes whilst first the paramedics, then the ambulance crew attended to the rider. Eventually the Air Ambulance was called and the rider was airlifted to hospital and with a quick warm up for the three remaining horses, the class resumed.

When the results were finally posted we were delighted to see that Polly was 3rd, Emily was 4th and Rachel was 5th individually, and the team have now qualified for the BRC National Intermediate Horse Trials Championships at Aston Le Walls in August.

It proved to be a very successful day all round for Cambridge Riding Club with our Senior Novice Team and Senior Open Team also winning their classes and qualifying for the nationals.

The Best of luck to all our riders for the championships in August, and a big thank you to all the riders who took part in the Area Horse Trials, all the supporters, and to all the people who volunteered to fence judge for us.

Hartpury show jumping report - April 2011

By Sharron Dyke

Cambridge Riding Club Juniors competed in the BRC Novice Indoor Show Jumping Championships at Hartpury on Sunday 3rd April. The team consisted of Emma Butler on Ben, Will Anthony on Widget, Rachel Dyke on Langamay Elle and Rebecca Page on Juno.

The competition consists of two rounds, and the course was a real test of rider skill. After the first round there were only two teams on a zero score, out of the 29 teams taking part, and one of those was our Cambridge team. We walked the course for the second round of the competition, thinking that we as a club were in a very strong position. However, sadly our luck did not hold out in the second round, and we had a few fences down, which sent us from 1st place to 10th.

Congratulations to the team for a very good result, and many thanks to Gill, Chris, Audrey, Sarah, Judi and Nicola for all the help and support and for making the weekend so much fun for us all.

Ponies UK Summer Show

The riding club is again invited to send showing representatives to the big Ponies UK show at the Newark and Notts showground on Saturday August 13th. Classes include in hand and ridden riding club horse/pony, ridden M&M, working hunter/ WHP and the team of four style and appearance judged on turnout and a freestyle show. All competitors can then take part in the Evening Performance Parade 'under the lights' at 6pm.

Full details at www.poniesuk.org

If interested contact Karen Froud by 20th June.

Stop Press!

Cambridge and District Riding Club have been awarded East Anglia Rider magazine's NAF 5 star award this month! We were nominated by junior member Rebecca Page who says our club is fun and friendly – read the full article on page 12 in the magazine which can be found in local tack shops, or can be read online at <http://www.look4horses.co.uk/magazine/>

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

Horse Sharer wanted:

I am looking for a sharer for my 16h bay Dutch Warmblood to school & hack but no jumping. He is not a novice ride and jumps puddles and flowers out hacking but is good in traffic. I've competed him in Novice & Elementary dressage but simply don't have the time to keep both him and my young horse fit. Warboys. Serena Allery 07736 665615 sma037@gmail.com

Items for sale!

RUGS:

- 6'3" heavyweight combo Jumpers Horse Line Stable rug. Purple in colour, professionally cleaned £35.
- Kingshead medium-weight turnout (no neck), blue, 6'3" Professionally cleaned & reproofed, but does have a straight-line rip at the front on one side, hence £10.

SADDLES:

- A narrow-ish fitting Michael Longland leather GP/jumping saddle, probably 17.5" but doesn't say.
- A narrow-ish fitting Albion leather (with suede seat and knee-rolls) dressage saddle, 17.5"

Both for sale due to retirement of my 16.1hh TB ex-racehorse.

- A Wintec 500 All Purpose CAIR Black 44cm synthetic GP/jumping saddle complete with synthetic leathers (this has a medium gullet thing in). Very little use.
- I also have a Barnsby pony saddle for sale that was on my 14.1hh pony

GIRTHS

- Havana (Brown) Stubben Chafeless Leather Girth 135cm (54") for sale. It is a padded Atherstone shaped girth with stainless steel roller buckles. The split ends are to provide a secure fixing. The leather is very soft and absorbs sweat away from the horse to prevent chaffing. It is in good condition, just too long for my current horse. £25 (They cost £70 new)
- Jeffries Havana (Brown) 48" leather girth, elasticated at one end. Too small for my current horse £25
- Kieffer Neoprene Dressage girth 20" (50cm). Looks like new, only 4 months use before my horse outgrew it. £25

NUMNAHS:

- KM Elite white Full size GP Square with sheepskin fur over wither. Brand new in packaging. Unwanted present (I wanted the dressage square) Worth £35 asking £25.
- Prolite Cob size numnah. This is black with blue prolite bits on the withers and back £10.
- Black Impression Gel-Eze numnah. This incorporates the Gel-Eze impression pad into a numnah. Was £100 - Only used a few times so £50

TRAVEL BOOTS:

- Green Full size travel boots Poly Products make £10.

Please contact me for details and pictures.

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HOLIDAY
Courtyard Farm, Ringstead
14th-20th AUGUST 2011

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 if people want a schooling session or lesson.

There are eight stables and three fields available to us and a bunk barn with two dormitories that holds twelve people, as well as having a kitchen communal room, showers and loos. The price will be £102 for six nights for one person with one horse. Dogs are being charged as an extra at £1 per head per night. There is a small reduction if you sleep in your lorry or tent.

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 or lorry.

It may be possible to organise cross country training with Emily Lochore over Burnham Market cross country course if people are interested.

If you would like to come please send a **DEPOSIT OF £45.00 BY 1st July 2011** to Mary Owen, Blue Roan Farm, Parkhall Road, Somersham, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 3HG

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Name		
Address:		
Email:	Phone:	
I enclose my deposit for £45.00 for 14 th – 20 th August 2011		
I require a stable for my horse		
I require a field for my horse		
I would like to sleep in the barn		
I will be sleeping in my horse box/tent	Using barn facilities	Yes/ No
I will be bringing a dog/ or dogs	Number	
I would like to go to Burnham Market cross country schooling.		
I will read the Bunk Barn Health and Safety Conditions and abide by them.		
I have the following Medical condition you should be aware of.		