



# Welcome to Cambridge & District Riding Club Newsletter

## Ramblings from the Chair ...

It is hard to believe that we are already in March and spring is officially here. Our year started with the AGM and quiz night on 21<sup>st</sup> January. The event was held for the first time at Bluntisham Village Hall and was attended by nearly a hundred of our members and their friends/family. Several of our members received some beautiful rosettes during the annual awards presentation. Congratulations to Sharon McLeod and Mary Groombridge for an innovative quiz and some excellent food. The evening raised over £300 for club funds.

Cambridge and District Riding Club hosted the Area 7 Winter Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at Houghton Hall Equestrian Centre On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. It was a very early start for most, and for some clubs this involved a journey in the snow. I am pleased to say that the majority of competitors arrived on time and were unfazed by the adverse weather conditions. Jo Mennigen, Rachel Allum and their team of helpers did a fantastic job of organising and running this event and although the day was a long one, it ran smoothly and without incident. Cambridge RC entered 3 senior novice teams, 1 senior intermediate team and 3 junior intermediate individuals in this event. (See separate report on results)

Next came the Area 7 Winter Dressage Qualifier at The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We fielded an exceptionally high number of Cambridge teams at this event, with ten senior teams and two junior teams entered from our club. The team spirit and support was clearly evident and the excellent results are a credit to our club. A special mention goes to our Junior Intermediate team of Nuala Hemmington, Chloe Rowntree and Emma Jo Tiley, who won their class and are off to the Winter Intermediate Championships at Bury Farm on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Several of our senior members were also well placed, including Sandra Morgan on the lovely 'If and When', who won their arena. A massive thank you to Serena Allery for organising all these teams and also to all those who competed and helped at the competition, without the ongoing help and support of our members/families/friends we would be unable to send teams to these events. (See separate report for full results)



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Over the coming months we have lots to look forward to such as our annual club show which will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, at Cottenham Racecourse. We have already been given some fabulous sponsorship for this event. There should be classes to suit everyone so please put the date in your diary and come along and support your club. We are always in need of people to help set up the show on the Saturday afternoon and to help clear away after the event. The schedule will be available on the club website, as well as on the horsedates website and in the local saddlery shops.

Looking forward to the summer, The Area Show Jumping Qualifier is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> June and the Area Dressage Qualifier for 15<sup>th</sup> July. We also have a weekend training camp organised at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre. This will be an excellent opportunity to hone your eventing skills, with sessions offered in flatwork, cross country and show jumping with some top trainers, including Nick Turner. There will be sessions to suit a variety of abilities. Please see the club facebook page or website for further details.

Remember if you have any new ideas or requests for training, do let us know.

Best Wishes

*Sharron*



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## Area 7 Winter Show Jumping Qualifier Report

By Sharron Hughes

Cambridge and District Riding Club hosted the Area 7 Winter Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at Houghton Hall Equestrian Centre On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Although the entries were slightly down on last year's numbers, there were still a good number of entries and some sixteen teams contested the Senior Novice Team event. Cambridge Riding Club fielded three teams in this class; Cambridge Kings, consisting of Sandra Morgan – If and When, Alex Belshaw – Bean Machine and Sue Peck – Humphrey. Sadly their fourth member Andrea Hemmington – Bailey II had to pull out at the last minute due to lameness. We also had Cambridge Robinson, consisting of Lee-Anne Bower – Back for Tea, Melanie Hodgson-West – Happy Easter, Verena Waddington – Archie and Alex Belshaw on Copper. Our third team was Cambridge Queens, who consisted of Serena Allery – Secret Affaer, Sarah Walpole – Bloomfield Brunei, Rhea Macloed – Last of the Blues and Kerry Simson – Go with the Flo. The course rode well for most. It was a ten fence course which was up to height and asked just enough questions to make it interesting without scaring either the horses or the riders.

After completion of the first round, Cambridge Queens and Cambridge Kings were both on a zero score. Cambridge Robinson had a few unlucky poles and finished on a score of 12.

The course was raised for the second round and all teams jumped again. This time the course proved a little more testing, and there were several teams having the odd pole down and no teams producing a clean sheet.

At the conclusion of the second round it was announced that three teams had finished on a score of 4 faults and would have to jump off against the clock. Cambridge Queens and Cambridge Kings were two of the three teams. The course was raised again and a really exciting jump-off ensued. The Cambridge riders pulled out all the stops. With Alex, Serena, Rhea, and Kerry and all going clear. Sandra was very unlucky on her lovely young horse If and When and just rolled a pole. Sarah produced an extremely fast round which unfortunately cost her a couple of poles. When the results were given out, Cambridge Queens were the only team to finish on a score of zero. Cambridge Kings came a very creditable third place (An excellent result for a team with only three riders)



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Cambridge Riding Club had not entered any junior competitors in the junior novice class, however we had two riders in the junior intermediate class. Ella Chamberlain – Can be Done and Nuala Hemmington with her two rides, By Jingo and Stagbroke Woodsmoke. Both girls rode beautifully and were a credit to their club. Nuala did fantastically well to finish in the top six with both her ponies, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively. Ella produced a very fast clear to win this very competitive class and take the qualifying spot.

Last but not least came the Senior Intermediate class. Eight teams came forward to contest this class. Cambridge Riding Club had one team entered. This consisted of Kate Foks-Taylor – Lucas, Emily Dickson – Rohan's Imperial Bond Girl and Sandra Morgan – Stald Meises Cordel. Very sadly the fourth member of the team, Ellie Stringer had suffered two major setbacks to attending the competition. Firstly the clutch broke on her lorry the afternoon before the show, then having secured a lift with fellow team mate Kate Foks-Taylor, Ellie's lovely horse Poetic Pride slipped in the horse trailer and went down on the floor. This resulted in her missing the show.

Course builder, Colin Ellison had built a fair but challenging course and Cambridge were drawn fourth to go. All the Cambridge ladies rode well and the class resulted in a really competitive jump off which involved both Sandra and Emily on their ever consistent horses Cordy and Indi. I am not sure if being drawn fourth was an omen, but when the results were announced, the Cambridge team had finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and Emily Dickson had finished 4<sup>th</sup> individually.

It was really lovely to meet some of the new members of our club and the team spirit was very uplifting on what was otherwise a bitterly cold day. Our riders did us proud and I am sure you will join me in wishing our Cambridge Queens Team and Ella Chamberlain all the best of luck at the BRC Winter Championships.





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## Area 7 Winter Dressage Qualifier Report

By Serena Allery

The day of the area dressage wasn't too cold by area competition standards, but being at Keysoe EC it was, of course, windy. This did affect some horses, particularly those competing in the back two arenas. Cambridge RC was very well represented with 10 teams competing, and a good number of placings.

In the Novice Teams Sandra Morgan with If And When won their Prelim arena, repeating their summer area win, what a consistent partnership! Ex-racehorses definitely prove their versatility. Karen Tyrrell rode Wulfstan Jazz Singer to 5th in the same class. More placed ex-racehorses were Burj Hatta, ridden to 5th by Rachel



Rachel & Burj Hatta

Casbon in the Prelim, and Commanche Finale, 4th in the Novice with Heather Mussett. Emma De Silva with Moreno Utopia and Serena Allery with Secret Affaer both brought home lovely 5th place rosettes in their respective Novice arenas. Team Girton collected 4th (Sandra Morgan, Charlotte Freeman, Emma De Silva, Sue Peck).

In the Intermediate teams 6th place was collected by the Pembroke team (Sandra Morgan, Sue Peck, Serena Allery, Emma De Silva). Sandra rode If And When to 4th place in the Prelim and Serena Allery piloted Secret Affaer to 4th place in the Novice. There were lots of people competing for the first time for CDRC, it is always lovely to meet new faces. Unfortunately people with and without hats look rather different, so if I don't recognise you next time I see you I apologise



Photo courtesy of FL Photography

Heather Mussett & Commanche

Finale



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now! I'm better at recognising horses than people... There were several people who had just moved up a level, it is wonderful to watch riders and horses progressing and enjoying themselves. Everyone did fabulously well, and did the club proud. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and look

forward to seeing everyone again at the summer competitions.

Finally a huge thank you from everyone to our helpers for the day, without whom we wouldn't be able to compete. Mary Owen, Sharon Monksfield, Bethany Callus & Shirley Swanson. Three cheers!



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## CDRC Weekends Away

By Kerry Simson

CDRC friends often enjoy a weekends away at Abbey Farm East Walton Whitehall Farm Burnham Thorpe, Little Lodge Farm Santon Downham and Courtyard Farm Ringstead to name but a few venues. This is a photo of the gang at the end September hacking around the tracks and woods on the West Acre estate in Norfolk.

We came across the grain silos in the West Acre woods: Alternative “glamping” pods! A possible new venue for a CDRC “back to nature” camp in the woods?

We welcome new faces on our weekends away so if you would like to join us please email

[ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk](mailto:ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk)

or [magsrcoles@aol.com](mailto:magsrcoles@aol.com) and

we will copy you in. Next weekend planned 13-17<sup>th</sup> April at Whitehall Farm Burnham Thorpe and 29<sup>th</sup> June-2<sup>nd</sup> July at Little Lodge Farm Santon Downham.





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## Area Horse Trials Qualifier Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The 2017 Area qualifier will be held at Little Downham on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. There will be team and individual qualifiers for Novice 90cm, Intermediate 1m and Open1.10 and should be an 80cm class. We are waiting for the schedule to be published by the Area 7 committee but if you would like to be take part please first check your horse Flu vacs are up to date and your horse's eligibility. Mary Groombridge & Kerry Simson will be organising the entries.

The rules for Flu vacs & Eligibility criteria is available on the BHS BRC website under Riding Clubs handbook Eligibility for Horse Trials appendix.

**It is your responsibility to check your horses Eligibility and NOT the team organisers and no refunds will be made on entry fees if you find you are not eligible or your Flu vacs are out of date after the prelim entries have been sent in.**

### Eligibility

HT 80 **0** Not to have completed a BE 100, BRC HT 100 or CH 100 or above in the current competition year at close of prelim entry. Riders may not compete at 100 or above in the same Qualifier or Championship. (c) May be registered with BE but must not have any BE points. Not to have been placed in the top six at BE 90 or to have completed a BE 100 or above in the current or previous calendar year at close of prelim entry.

HT 90 **1** (c) Horses may not have competed at BRC CH100, BRC HT 100 in the same competition year. All horses may be currently registered with BE but must not have been placed in the first six in any BE 100 competition in the current or previous calendar year at close of prelim entry.

HT 100 **20** (c) Horses may not have completed a BE Novice competition or above in the current or previous calendar year at the close of prelim entry.

HT 100+ **No Limit**



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Junior riders must be 12 years old on 1 January in the year they wish to take part in the 100+, (c )

The entry fee will be around £55/£60 per person and a paypal button will be set up on the CDRC website when the schedule has been published and the entry fee confirmed. Entries must be paid in full before 13<sup>th</sup> May when the Prelim entries for each team need to be sent off to BRC and paid for by CDRC. No refunds will be made after this date once a team has been entered unless a replacement rider can be found.

If you would like to be part of a team and represent CDRC at the qualifier please email [ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk](mailto:ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk) by 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Teams will be confirmed nearer the time & you will be required to pay by paypal by 13<sup>th</sup> May to confirm your space.



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## 2017 Club Show

The annual club show is being held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April at Cottenham Racecourse. There is something for everyone at this show from Show Jumping to Dressage to Showing and of course not forgetting the Fancy Dress Competition!

**DONATIONS NEEDED!!** There is another brilliant reason to attend the club show! Gill Menigen is organising a charity stall of second hand horsey stuff for The Brooke Charity.

The Brooke will be having a stall at the CDRC show selling second hand tack and riding wear. The Brooke is an international equine charity looking after the working horse's donkeys and mules in developing countries ([www.thebrooke.org](http://www.thebrooke.org)) If anyone has any items that they wish to donate please bring them along on the day. Please make sure they are clean and in good condition.

Thank you very much.

I'm sure most of us have a collection of unused tack, rugs etc. that we can donate to this worthy cause. Please help however you can.





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## CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

*Diamond Anniversary - 1957 to 2017*

### OPEN SHOW – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Show jumping, Dressage, Working Hunter, Showing, Gymkhana, Fancy Dress and Peter Pan, Clear Round Jumping, ROR,**

Cottenham Racecourse, Landbeach Road, Cottenham,  
(Closest post code CB24 8BW)

By kind permission of Mr Michael Gingell

Advance entries close:-

Dressage Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and all other classes Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place and prizes in kind.

Show jumping prize money awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> place dependent on entries.

Retraining of Racehorse – The Riding Club Challenge ROR rosette will be awarded to best RoR who gains the most points during the show - accumulated in dressage, showing and SJ - (1st place 7 points, down to 1 point for 7th place). Please state on entry form if your horse is an ROR, with registration number.

**Photographer – Scott Digital – Photos will be available to purchase on the day**

**Paramedic in attendance**

**Ice Cream Van**

**Refreshments by 'Jacks Snacks'**

**Mobile tack shop**

**Entry Fees: \*\* Please note, we can only accept postal entries or entries on the day \*\***

Advance entries showing £8 (£7 to C&DRC members)

Show jumping £8 (£7 to C&DRC members)

Clear round £4 per round, 3 rounds for £10 (entry on the day only)

Gymkhana £3 per race or all 6 races for £12 (entry on the day)

Dressage - Advance entries only £12.50 (£10 to C&DRC members)

First Aid contribution of £2 per rider/handler (not per class)

Late entries accepted on the day at £2 extra (No dressage entries accepted on the day)

Dressage times will be posted on the C&DRC website: [www.canddrc.org.uk](http://www.canddrc.org.uk) from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

and available by phone on 07787 576798 between 8pm and 10pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Show Secretary:**

Mrs S Hughes, North Road Farm Bungalow, Ermine Street, Arrington, Royston, Herts, SG8 0AB

Enquiries preferred by email to: [clubshow@canddrc.org.uk](mailto:clubshow@canddrc.org.uk) -

Enquiries on the day of the show, please call 07902 517405



Many thanks to our generous sponsors:





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## 2017 Camp – Milton Keynes Equestrian centre

Camp is being held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The schedule of events is included in the form below. There are Limited spaces available and hacking only option, MEMBERS ONLY! Anyone who is interested in attending the 2017 camp please read and fill in the form and send through to Rachel Casbon, see address below.

<b>CDRC SUMMER CAMP 2017 @ MILTON KEYNES EQUESTRIAN CENTRE CASTLETHORPE ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES MK19 7HQ</b>		
<b>BOOKING FORM</b>		
RIDER	<input type="text"/>	
HORSE	<input type="text"/>	
SJ LEVEL	<input type="text" value=" &gt;70 / 80-90 / 90-100 / 100+"/>	
XC LEVEL	<input type="text" value=" &gt;70 / 80-90 / 90-100 / 100+"/>	
FLAT LEVEL	<input type="text" value=" PRELIM / NOVICE / ELEMENTARY"/>	
SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS	<input type="text"/>	
CAMPING	<input type="text" value=" TENT / LORRY / OFFSITE"/>	
ANY OTHER INFORMATION WE NEED TO KNOW	<input type="text"/>	
CONTACT EMAIL	<input type="text"/>	
CONTACT 	<input type="text"/>	
<b>** NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT CHEQUE OF £50 TO BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**</b>		
<b>** DEPOSIT SECURES YOUR PLACE**    **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**    **LIMITED PLACES**</b>		
SEND TO: Rachel Casbon, 21 Cherry Rise, Sutton, Ely CAMBS CB6 2PW		
<b>Friday 07 July 2017</b> Arrive mid/late afternoon Hack / explore / settle in Pub dinner (own cost) Overnight stabling	<b>Saturday 08 July 2017</b> Breakfast AM SJ 1 hour, groups of 4 with Nick Turner Lunch PM XC 1.5 hours, groups of 4 with Nick Turner BBQ Dinner & evening entertainment Use of facilities Over night stabling	<b>Sunday 09 July 2017</b> Breakfast AM flatwork 40 mins, groups of 2 with Matt Cox Lunch Use of facilities SJ Competition!! Camp Awards Depart
<b>** TOTAL COST £180**</b>	<b>**EXTRA HUMANS £50**</b>	<b>**HACKING ONLY £100**</b>



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## Training Opportunities

There are several opportunities for members to train together they are open to everyone and should be accessed and used. For any more information this can be found on the club's website: <http://cambridgeridingclub.weebly.com/whats-on.html>. There is also updates on the club's Facebook page so keep checking there too.

## 2017 Dates for the Diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<b>NAF Five Star Horse Trials Championship</b>	Ely Eventing Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<b>NAF Five Star National Championship Show Jumping</b>	Medow Lane Farm, Earith
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<b>NAF Five Star National Championship Dressage</b>	Medow Lane Farm, Earith
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2017	<b>Dressage to Music Qualifier</b>	Houghton Hall EC
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Polework with Fran	Milton
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Gridwork with Harriet	Milton
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Polework with Fran	Milton
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Gridwork with Fran	Milton
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	John Adams Show jumping Clinic	Little Downham (Fodder farm) nr Ely
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<b>CDRC Annual Club Show</b>	Cottenham Racecourse
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	John Adams Show jumping Clinic	Little Downham (Fodder farm) nr Ely
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	John Adams Show jumping Clinic	Little Downham (Fodder farm) nr Ely



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## 2017 BRC Championship Dates:

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| 28/30 April 2017 -   | Equi Theme Intermediate Winter Champs (SJ & Dressage)<br>Bury Farm |
| 20/21 May 2017 -     | Horslyx FOH Champs - Aston-le-Walls                                |
| 4/6 August 2017 -    | BRC NAF 5Star H/T Champs - Swalcliffe Park Equestrian              |
| 2/3 September 2017 - | BRC NAF 5Star Natinal Champs - Lincoln Showground                  |
| 29 Sept/1 Oct 2017 - | BRC DTM Champs & Quadrille Selection - Bury Farm                   |