



Cambridge and District Riding Club

Newsletter March 2018

Ramblings from the Chair

Apologies for the short report, but I have been out of action on and off for the past ten weeks and I have a lot of catching up to do!

Since my last report winter rolled in and we have experienced some of the worst winter weather conditions in this country for twenty seven years. Many riders have struggled to keep their horses in shape. Freezing temperatures and frozen ground have made riding impossible at times. Most of us are aware that horses who are not exercised or given ample turnout time during the winter months tend to become stiff, stubborn and seemingly “forget” how to use themselves properly under saddle. I for one am delighted that we have been lucky this week to experience a glimpse of spring in the air, with some lovely sunshine!

2nd February saw our AGM at Rampton Village Hall. The evening was very well attended and our members were given a thoroughly enjoyable interactive talk/demo by Chelsea Harding, Physiotherapist, from Somersham.

We saw the Winter Dressage qualifier produce fabulous team entries, spirit and results and subject to confirmation, we have members who have qualified for the Winter National Championships. Thank you to Serena and Michelle for organising the teams and a massive thank you to all those who competed and helped over the day, as without all our helpers, our team members would not be allowed to compete.

Our Club fundraiser (Race Night) was a huge success with around 100 people attending for an evening of racing, raffle and excellent food. Our thanks go to Sharon MacLeod for organising and to our generous sponsors, as well as to Mary Groombridge for her catering skills. This event raised much appreciated funds for our club.

Over the coming months we have lots to look forward to such as the Area 7 Combined Training Qualifier, which we are hosting. Our annual club show will be on the 6th May, at Cottenham Racecourse and the Area 7 Dressage Qualifier which is also running on 6th May.

We will be looking to provide some training in advance of these competitions so keep an eye out for further updates. I hope that preparations for you and your horses/ponies for the spring and summer ahead are going well and I look forward to seeing you all out and about, hopefully enjoying the sunshine.

Best Wishes,

Sharron

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Area 7 Dressage Qualifier - The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

This year's winter dressage qualifier was held on 17th February at Keysoe and 9 teams from Cambridge competed for a qualification and there were plenty of individual successes to celebrate.

Our Junior Novice team, consisting of Amelia Stanyer, Leila Ramsey, Emily Carroll and Charlotte Cole placed third, with Charlotte placing 2nd individually for Novice 28 and Emily placing 6th in Prelim 12. There was success for our individual riders too, as Alana Bailey placed 3rd in Prelim 14, and Erin Braybrooke placed 3rd in Prelim 12 and 3rd again in Novice 24. A warm welcome to our new members Charlotte, Amelia, Leila, and Emily, and congratulations on a successful day!

For the seniors, Karen Tyrell, Lisa Mancuso, Nuala Hemington and Sue Peck placed team 5th as Cambridge Girton, but the successes didn't stop there. Cambridge took 2nd (Lisa Mancuso), 4th (Kerry Norman), 5th (Rachel Casbon), and 6th (Angela Markham) in Prelim 12; 4th (Nuala Hemington) and 6th (Sarah Walpole) in Novice 28; 1st (Sarah Walpole) and 6th (Heather Mussett) in Novice 30 as well as Vicky Smith taking 5th in Elementary 50 and Polly Taylor winning 6th in the Medium 63. Well done everyone!

A word from Serena:

It was wonderful to see so many people competing at Keysoe, and the weather even managed to be nice too! Everyone rode so well, and achieved great scores. I look forward to seeing many of you in teams later in the year.

Massive congratulations to Sarah Walpole and Lisa Mancuso for both qualifying for championships individually, but unfortunately neither are able to attend. Many riders and horses have made huge progress since last year, particularly some of the younger horses, well done everyone on your hard work through the cold, dark winter months. We also welcomed some CDRC former junior team members into senior teams for the first time, and there were also quite a few new members too. Congratulations everyone on a fabulous day!

I'd like to thank the wonderful CDRC helpers, without whom the riders couldn't compete: Mary Owen, Shirley Swanson, Nettie Smith, Sharon Macleod, Kerry Simson, Karin Newell, Spider Desmond, and Charlotte Freeman. These lovely ladies all gave up their time so that others could have fun with their horses. I would also like to say a personal thank you to my mother for bringing my horse, waiting whilst I competed, then taking him home again.

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‘Keep It Slow, Keep It Safe’ - a message from Jane Hart

Following an accident involving our horse Patsy, Witcham Equestrian Centre is starting a fund raising campaign to extend the speed limits at both ends of Witcham village. We would like all road users, cyclists, motorcyclists, motorists, horse riders, along with dog walkers and pedestrians, to come together to make the roads around Witcham safer for everyone.

On Saturday 21st April 2018 we will be holding an event on “Safer Road Use for Everyone” at Witcham Village Hall, 7.00 - 9.00 pm. There will be a talk from Alan Hiscox of the British Horse Society on how to ride safely on the road and how other road users can act safely when they see horses and riders. We also hope to have representatives from other road safety groups and companies.

Refreshments will be available and a raffle will be held. The cost of attending the event is £5 (free for under 16s).

If you would like to attend, please contact Jane on 07801 479220 (Jane) or 01353 777588 (office)

“The secret of our success”: how our members went from Pony Club Mums to Riding Club Chums

We all know how our horses have brought us great memories, great strength and of course, great friends. For four of our newer members this rings truer than ever. Julie Horne, Becky Harris, Catherine Monnington and Kerry Norman, united by the Wobbleberries Challenge, have formed a strong team training together to help each other reach their goals. Living in the same area, they’re only a short hack away from each other and have lessons together on Fridays.



Catherine and Julie completed their challenges in 2017 - Catherine and her mare Nellie at Keysoe in May, with a score of 60.6 and Julie and her gelding Mick at Norton Disney in October with 53.4. Kilby, Kerry’s steed, has struggled with injury but they’re aiming for the Horseheath BE80 in April, and Becky’s Alfie is a little more green so they’re aiming for the Grassroots Championships at Keysoe.

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These ladies decided to join Cambridge and District Riding Club off the back of wanting to do more with their horses, and we first met Becky and Julie at camp last year where they had a wonderful time and, like all of us, learnt so much. As a group, they set the winter dressage qualifiers as a target and competed as a team earning a respectable team score of 29. We hope to see a lot more of these ladies!



Got a story you'd like to share? Send it to newsletter@canddrc.org.uk

Dates for your diary

14-15th April: KBIS Novice Winter Championships, Arena UK, Lincolnshire

22nd April: Area 7 Festival of the Horse Combined Training Qualifier, Ely Eventing Centre

6th May: Cambridge and District Riding Club Show, Cottenham Racecourse

Schedule online now!

6th May: Area 7 National Championship Qualifier - Dressage and Riding Tests, Home Farm, Alconbury

19th-20th May: Fibre-Beet Festival of the Horse, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls

27th May: British Riding Clubs dressage competition at Houghton International

10th June: NAF Five Star Horse Trials Qualifier, Ely Eventing Centre, Ely - **see info below**

8th July: Style and Show Jumping BRC National Championships Qualifier, Boughton House, Kettering

28th July: Dressage to Music Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

Area 7 Horse Trials Qualifier, Sun 10th June 2018

The 2018 Area qualifier will be held at Little Downham on Sunday 10th June.

There will be team and individual qualifiers for Novice 90cm, Intermediate 1m and Open1.10 and there will 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 and the teams on the day.

The rules for Flu vacs & the 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 organise and no refunds will be made on entry fees if you find you are found to be ineligible or your Flu vacs are out of date after the prelim entries have been sent in.**

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If you would like to do the teams please email Ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk with your name, your horse's details including passport name and number and pay for your entry at <http://cambridgeridingclub.weebly.com> in the online store by 13th may and confirm this to Kerry. Please also scan in and email a copy of your Flu vac to the Area 7 Flu vac checker -h.mcintosh@ntlworld.com

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**

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 13th 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 by 13th May 2017. Everyone is welcome to have a go. Teams will be confirmed nearer the time & you will be required to pay by paypal by 13th May to confirm your space. No payment- no entry will be sent off to BRC head office.

Please also check your **Riding Hat** has to be of a current standard, this is copied from the rulebook on 10/12/17

British:

PAS 015: 1998 or 2011 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked.

VG1 01.040: 2014-12 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked.

European:

VG1 01.040: 2014-12 provided they are BSI Kitemarked or Inspec IC marked.

American:

ASTM F1163: 2004a or 04a onwards provided they are SEI marked.

SNELL E2001 or SNELL E2016

Australian & New Zealand:

AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards provided they are SAI global marked

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Also check your body protector is Level 3 Purple label 2009 or after standard as you will not be able to compete if your hat or body protector are not up to the current standard as they will be checked at the competition.

Your horse has to have up to date **Flu vaccinations**. You can check this as follows: (Copied from handbook on BRC website 10/12/2017)

The horse or pony must have been vaccinated against equine influenza by a veterinary surgeon who is not the owner of the animal, in accordance with the following rules:

The horse or pony must have received a primary injection followed by: • a second primary injection which is given not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days after the first • a first booster injection which is given not less than 150 days and not more than 215 days after the second primary injection • further annual booster injections at intervals of not more than a year apart.

If the current vaccination programme started AFTER 1 January 2013: • the first two primary injections must be correct i.e. the second given between 21 and 92 days after the first • the first booster must be given between 150 and 215 days after the second primary injection • all annual boosters must be correct. However, any errors with first booster (which should be given 150 – 215 days after the second primary injection) or annual booster given BEFORE 1 January 2013 may be ignored provided that: • the first two primary injections are correct i.e. the second given between 21 and 92 days after the first • all annual boosters given AFTER 1 January 2013 are correct.

Leap years will be ignored for an annual booster, but for the two primary injections and first booster injection, the days must be counted and therefore a leap year would interfere with the correct number of days between injections.

Horses may compete at BRC Competitions providing that they have had the first two primary injections. No injection should have been given on any of the 6 days before a competition or entry to championship stables.

In the event of failure to comply with any of the requirements of this rule, the horse or pony will be disqualified and not permitted to take part in any competition to which these rules apply

Please scan in and email a copy of your Flu vac to h.mcintosh@ntlworld.com

Coach trip to the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials Cross Country Day

**BACK for 2018 - The Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials - Coach from Peterborough -
Saturday 5th May 2018**

Departure from The Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials is scheduled at 18.00hrs.

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Itinerary from Peterborough

- A1M J17 Peterborough Great North Road, Haddon, Peterborough, PE7 3UQ **05.00**

- Huntingdon Train Station, Brampton Road, Huntingdon, PE29 3BP

05.30

- Bedford Train Station, Ashburnham Road, Bedford, MK40 1DR **06.20**
- MOTO Service Station Junction 12 M1 Service Station, Dunstable LU5 6HR **07.10**

Departure back from The Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials is scheduled for 18.00hrs.

- MOTO Service Station Junction 12 M1 Service Station, Dunstable LU5 6HR **20.30**
- Bedford Train Station, Ashburnham Road, Bedford, MK40 1DR **21.15**
- Huntingdon Train Station, Brampton Road, Huntingdon, PE29 3BP **22.25**
- A1M J17 Peterborough Great North Road, Haddon, Peterborough, PE7 3UQ **22.55**

The coach will depart from the front of the train station and will pull into the coach park, at the listed service stations, for pickups en route.

The coach will have The Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials logo displayed in the front window.

If you would like to join the coach trip, book your place at <https://www.thetransporthub.co.uk/Deal/9592#.WrlLTPnwbIV>

BHS Access Conference- Recording our Rights of Way

I attended the BHS access conference at Wood Green Animal Shelter on Sat 17th March and the main message was clear – **Help the BHS to preserve your equestrian routes**. We all need to check that the routes we ride day in day out are actually recorded on the “Definitive Map” held by the County Council & highways authority which is the Legal record of Public rights of way in England and Wales. See: <http://www.bhs.org.uk/access-and-bridleways/2026>

If these routes are not recorded on the definitive map by 2026 many historic routes used by horse riders and carriage drivers will be extinguished if they are not formally recorded as a bridleway or byway.

Just because you currently ride on a route it doesn't mean it's recorded and protected. **So what can you do to help?** Check that the routes you currently enjoy riding are recorded. It's down to each and every one of us to check our own local routes- if you want to continue riding it do not assume someone else will do it for you. Take a bit of time to check the map.

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If you find any of the routes you currently use are not shown at all or are shown as ie footpaths when horses rider have been using the route for many years contact your local BHS County Access & Bridleways Officer Lynda Warth (lyndawarth@hotmail.co.uk) and make her aware of this. The BHS have a website dedicated to helping us apply to have an unrecorded routes designated and lots of advice on how to gather evidence of its use see bhs.org.uk/2026. There is a "toolkit" and links to historical maps that may in fact show for example that it was a bridleway in the past & has just been missed off the current map. By looking at these older maps you may find routes that were used in the past that you did not know existed or you may have a hunch that a route may previously have been a bridleway but now it's shown only as a footpath. You may find a route that could possibly be opened up or link up existing routes so I think it's well worth us all checking our own areas. I have found 2 footpaths close to where I live that appear to have been missed off the most recent maps. I am going to check if the landowner formally applied to have these footpaths extinguished and if not then I could possibly apply to have them included on the definitive map for future use. Although this may not be very popular with the landowner it will be of great benefit to local dog walkers!

I will ask our local BHS access officer to come along and meet CDRC members and answer any questions you may have about your local routes and how to get them recorded. Before the meeting you will need to check out your local area and mark on the OS map (explorer is best) with a highlighter pen all the routes you have ever ridden and make a list of the routes not already on the map. The BHS officer can then guide us through the process of checking the historical maps and what evidence you need to gather to apply to have it recorded on the definitive map.

It was clear at the conference that the County and Regional Access and Bridleways Officers are working tirelessly on behalf of horse riders in Cambridgeshire to give us a voice at the Local Access Forum and attend many planning meetings to make sure horse riders are included along with pedestrians and cyclists when future road infrastructures and new housing developments etc are planned. They have had some success securing horse riders rights around Cambridge on A1307 and a crossing over the A10 near Landbeach and will be happy to share this info with CDRC members.

If every one of us can do a small bit we can preserve these routes for years to come for future generations. Record it or lose it!

- Kerry

Kerry is organising a bit collection for working equines in Bali - if you have any old bits you'd like to donate, please contact Kerry at 07833690812 or ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk.

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