



Winter Newsletter 2014

Ramblings from the chair....

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Well folks, I can't believe that I sit here writing this in December! Where has the year gone? I hope it has been a successful year for you and your horses.

As you know this has been my first year as Chair and I hope you can agree with me that it's been a good one 😊. As a club, we are ending the year in a strong financial position, looking at where we further improve our facilities and looking back over some excellent events and results. We've seen success in Dressage, Eventing and Show Jumping, continuing the club's strong history of being a formidable force in the Area. A huge thank you to everyone who has competed for the club, provided invaluable help at our events and participated in our social events. We are incredibly grateful to you all for turning out to support the club!

As you know our AGM was held on the 17th October and I am delighted to introduce two new members to our committee. Karen Tyrrell and Sarah Wright have joined the committee and we are very pleased to have them on board. At our first committee meeting after the AGM we have to confirm the roles being fulfilled by the committee for the year. The confirmed roles for this year are below;

Shirley Swanson – Treasurer
Caryn Wilkinson – Vice Chair
Karen Tyrrell – Training Co-ordinator (John Adams Clinics)
Rachel Casbon – Training Co-ordinator (Polework Clinics)
Polly Taylor – Merchandise
Sharron Hughes – Intermediate SJ Qualifier Organiser
Sharon Macleod – Social Events & Catering Manager
Mary Groombridge – Horse Trials Team Manager & Caterer
Judi Shaw – Senior Show Jump Teams Manager
Sarah Wright - Communications Manager
Kerry Simson – Child Welfare Officer/Waresley Camps & Longstowe Ride Organiser
Nettie Smith – Members Secretary
Serena Allery – Dressage & Combined Training Team Manager
Hermione Stravoulakis – Junior Team Manager
Andrea Hemington – Junior Team Manager & Accounts Auditor
Jo Meningen – Chair

We have lots to look forward to next year and inside these pages you will find details of the events and activities we have planned. Please can I draw your attention particularly to our fund raiser, which this year is a Ceilidh on the 07th February – I love a Ceilidh and I hope to see many of you there for a dance! Sharon and Mary will be providing their famous hot supper, but please note tickets are limited so please book yours soon to avoid disappointment!

All that's left for me to do is wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you in 2015! Jo x

CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION

CELIDH – 7th FEBRUARY 2015, THE ARKENSTALL CENTRE, HADDENHAM

The club will be holding a Ceilidh on the 7th February, tickets will be £12.50 and will include hot food, please contact Sharon MacLeod s.macleod@canddrc.org.uk for more information and tickets. Tickets will also be available to buy on line.

Numbers are limited so don't delay!!!

CDRC WARESLEY PARK PRE SEASON TRAINING CAMP 14th-15th FEBRUARY

We will be holding another training camp @ Waresley to help us tune up for the coming competition season.

Owen Moore (famous 4* event rider see Facebook page) & Nat Dixon (local 4 *event rider) are booked & confirmed as trainers. Beverly Wing local instructor & McTimoney chiropractor will be coming to do some individual Flatwork/test riding sessions Sat 11am-3pm for those who want to practise their test in readiness for the Area dressage qualifier the following weekend.

You will have 1 Flatwork/Polework lesson Sat AM. A Grid work /SJ lesson Sat PM & Arena XC session (corners skinnies etc) Sun AM plus unlimited use of gallops to hack/warm up & do faster fitness work over the weekend.

We will group people according to level/ experience/ & Nat will take groups of 4 & Owen will teach individually or in pairs.

We will be staying overnight in the cottage on the yard but you can sleep in lorries in yard or go home if nearby but welcome to come back & join in the evening fun.

Sharon & Mary will be in charge of catering & entertainment again with plentiful food & refreshments and Pilates ball competitions and a bit of Karaoke on Sat night thrown in with plenty of alcohol (not supplied pls bring your own) and prizes. Such Fun!

The weekend will cost approx £180 including 3 lessons use of gallops & arenas, stable, B&B accommodation & unlimited food.

Partners can stay for the weekend for an additional £50 including B&B and all food.

We will arrive 10am Sat & leave after lunch on Sun by 4pm.

We will need some volunteers to help with car parking arrivals on Sat from 9.30am & allocating stables if you have anyone you can rope in. (Bacon butties for helpers!)

Please complete the booking form below & include a deposit cheque of £50 payable to CDRC & send to Kerry Simson Bexley House Stables 86 Station Road Warboys Cambs PE28. 2TH.

Any queries please email Ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk or text 07833 690812 or msg me on Facebook.

INTERMEDIATE SHOWJUMPING - 6th APRIL 2015, CWA MILTON

If anyone is interested in representing CDRC at the Intermediate Show Jumping please contact Judi Shaw before the 28th February. j.shaw@canddrc.org.uk

Judi will also be looking for helpers from the club on the day, all volunteers are welcome.

INTERESTED IN FLATWORK, POLEWORK AND/OR JUMPING TRAINING IN SOUTH CAMBS?

I am looking into holding regular group training sessions at North Brook End Stud, Steeple Morden Nr Royston SG8 0PH

Training will be in groups of 4 in an outdoor floodlit arena, with either Sarah Backhouse or Douglas Harrison. Cost is estimated at £17.50 per rider.

Interested? We need enough numbers to make it happen.

Contact Shirley Swanson to register your interest and find out more.
s.swanson@canddrc.org.uk

TRAINING CLINIC & COMPETITION ENTRY PAYMENTS

A gentle reminder that any training or competition entries must be paid for at the time of making your entry to secure your place (preferably either on line or via BACS); in the unfortunate event you are unable to attend the organiser will endeavour to fill your place. Refunds can only be made if your place is successfully filled by another member.

ITEMS FOR SALE

If anyone wishes to advertise items for sale in the Newsletter, please contact one of the committee with the details, please note adverts must be brief and may contain one small photograph due to limitations on space within the newsletter. Adverts of unreasonable size will be excluded.

CLUB REPORTS

HOUGHTON INTERNATIONAL 2014 by Serena Allery

Cambridge RC sent a team to the combined Riding Club & Pony Club team competition at Houghton International Horse Trials in May. Unfortunately Frances Long's horse Willow had a swollen leg causing her to pull out, so it was a team of 3 which contested the event. I tried calling and texting various people to pull in a 4th team member, but the only person who I could find who was free that weekend was also pregnant. (Congratulations ☺) Never the less, Cambridge RC proved a formidable force on the day, winning the team competition, and Polly also won the Prelim individually. Overall a fantastic day and lovely sunny weather.

The team was Polly Taylor & Cassiopeia, Serena Allery & Time To Shine, Sue Peck & Humphrey. We won a travel mug each and a fleece gilet from the sponsors. Polly & Serena covered the team helper slot on the day. The grounds there were lovely; it felt like you were doing dressage on the bowling green of a stately home. (Possibly we were!) It is also the only time you do dressage whilst being overlooked by a giant silver sculpture!



Serena & Time To Shine, Polly Taylor, Sue Peck & Humphrey at Houghton

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 by Serena Allery

Time To Shine & Serena Allery represented Cambridge at the Dressage To Music championships at Bury Farm in October. Their novice test was put to music from Doctor Who theme tune, Star Wars theme tune, Star Trek Next Generation theme tune & Concerning Hobbits from the Lord of the Rings. One judge liked the music and one did not, one thought the routine was ok, the other thought it was not complex enough, and he was unplaced. You can't please everyone! Charlie & I had great fun with the practicing and at the championships. I have a lovely professional video of the day to remember it with. My beautiful rescue horse allowed me to fulfil this year's ambitious goal of competing at all three BRC championships & Houghton International BRC team in the same year! To be placed at three of them was the icing on top. Huge thanks must go to CDRC member Cathy Barnes, who kindly lent me the use of her 20 x 60 arena to practice in.

SUMMER AREA DRESSAGE & DTM 2014 REPORT by Serena Allery

A rather wet day in July heralded the dressage & dressage to music area qualifiers. Poor Sue & Heather got drowned as the rain was exceptionally heavy in the morning. The ground at Wittering was good and the horses' enjoyed themselves doing dressage in a very large field.

Massive congratulations to Andrea Hemington & Tiercel Mickey Mouse for winning the Riding Test with 78.2%! An exceptional score, and probably a CDRC record for Riding Tests! Andrea was also part of the winning St Catherine's Open team along with Sue Peck & Humphrey, Serena Allery & Time To Shine, Karen Froud & Texas Rose II.

Serena's Moreno Utopia was 2nd individually in the Elementary so will be joining the above at the Nationals at Lincoln on Saturday 6th September. I clearly need to apologise in advance more often, since I had sent an email to the team apologising that Skippy hadn't been out competing since February, but I had been unable to source a replacement horse after poor Eddie had to pull Fargo out lame, and felt that a team of 4 was better than a team of 3...

The St Edmunds Open team of Heather Mussett & Commanche Finale, Rachel Casbon & Joshua's Boy, Claire Rowley & Winston, Serena Allery & Moreno Utopia were not far behind. New member Claire came 3rd individually, narrowly missing out on qualification herself. Sarah Jayne Bowers & Benito did an impressive Medium(!) test for 2nd place, sadly just missing qualification too.

In the Dressage to Music poor Humphrey was put off by the rather increment weather but still did a solid test for Sue. Serena's Time To Shine concentrated hard for a 4th placing and a place at the National Championships in October. Karen & Texas Rose II just missed qualification in the elementary, coming 3rd. A huge thank you and gold stars to our fantastic team helpers - Sharon Monksfield (dressage writing), Sue Peck, Carey Mussett & Heather Mussett who all stewarded



Serena Allery & Time To Shine, Barbara Heaton-Smith & Hokey Pokey, Frances Long & Temple Mist collecting their rosettes

DRESSAGE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 REPORT **by Serena Allery**

At the beginning of April CDRC members went to the dressage nationals at Hartpury. A busy evening before was had by all checking in and installing horses as well as riding them. Rona Allery, Barbara Heaton-Smith & Serena Allery helped set up the show jumping as CDRC's helper-slot. Willow (Temple Mist) and Charlie (Time To Shine) are both grey, the former stayed clean and the latter didn't and required an extensive clean up in the morning. I think Charlie needs one of Willow's PJ clean suits! Charlie was also exceedingly upset in the morning, until Serena took him and showed him the lorry, once he realised he hadn't been abandoned he settled down. Not sure how he thought his humans were still there in the morning, but being a rescue he can worry more about things.

It seemed to be a rather sickly team competing, with Frances Long being too ill to drive her lorry down, her mother Caroline kindly drove it down. Serena's wrist/arm was still strapped up with kinesio tape and tubigrip to support the damaged tendon although it had finally stopped intermittent muscle spasms. Hannah Stevenson's horse I Should Coco (kindly loaned by Kerry Simson) was also not on form, being a little poorly with probably the return of gastric ulcers. Despite all this the team managed a fantastic 3rd place which meant a mounted presentation! Time To Shine did a usual solid test with Serena for 70% and 2nd in the prelim. Temple Mist was a sweetie and ignored her mum's severe coughing throughout the test for 7th place with Frances. Her canter circle was so good it made it onto the BRC video of the weekend's highlights. Well done Frances for making it through the test! Barbara Heaton-Smith and Hokey Pokey (again kindly loaned by Kerry Simson) did another beautiful test for 10th place. Kerry Simson did a good job of cheering everyone on whilst watching from the side lines with a broken ankle. Overall it was a long but very successful day for the CDRC team ☺



Frances Long & Temple Mist at the final halt at dressage winter championships

SUMMER DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 AT LINCOLN SHOWGROUND

by Serena Allery

The Cambridge dressage team remained the same as the qualifiers and headed to Lincoln in September. We had brilliant parking spaces, facing our stables! Cambridge's SJ team were parked just along from us, and their horses were in the same row as ours, which made for a fantastic team spirit. Tiercel Mickey Mouse (Andrea Hemington) & Time To Shine (Serena Allery) only went Novice this year, while Texas Rose II (Karen Froud) normally competes at novice and had moved to elementary, so it was a green championship team. All four team horses produced lovely tests, with Time To Shine squeezing into the rosettes with a 10th place. Humphrey & Sue Peck showed everyone how to do it, with a fabulous 3rd place and a coveted place in the mounted prize giving! Humphrey showed off his wonderful medium trot in the lap of honour, to much applause. The team was not placed this year, but in the words of Terminator, We'll be back!

Individual Tiercel Mickey Mouse was not easy for Andrea in the riding test so she was sadly unplaced. Individual Moreno Utopia with Serena Allery placed 9th in the Elementary, a great result for a horse that normally competes at novice level.

Huge thanks go to Jo Hall, who travelled all the way up to Lincoln on the day to be the dressage team's helper. Jo stewarded a dressage arena for the afternoon. Teams are not allowed to compete without a helper being provided, and all the Cambridge team really appreciated Jo's generosity in coming to cover this for us.



KBIS INSURANCE AREA 7 SENIOR NOVICE INDOOR SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER by Judi Shaw

We were able to send four senior teams to this popular qualifier on Saturday 15.11.2014 held at Houghton Hall EC. Eleven teams started, and Cambridge Trinity team were the overall winners, qualifying for the finals at Hartpury College next Easter. The course set caused a lot of problems and only five double clears were achieved.

Our Barry Meningen riding the consistent and new ride Seein Star (Stan) was one of them. We had a lot of new members, and members returning after having a break from RC, the future looks very exciting for the club with new combinations and up and coming young horses. I hope all riders were pleased with their horses and enjoyed themselves.

Our helpers were brilliant, without these we would not be able to compete, as the BRC rule is that all teams must send two helpers per team. So thank you to Claire Dickson, Sue Peck, John Chelton, Rachel Casbon and the Ellisons. Also, thank you to Jo Meningen for running around like a headless chicken backwards and forwards to the lorry park getting the three horses on and off the lorry for Barry to ride in the two rounds.

I had a lovely sociable day, meeting and welcoming new team members and their family plus catching up with old friends and riders.

TRINITY

Barry Meningen - Seein Star.
Rachel Allum - Torrac Surprise
Alice Ellison - Faith.
Georgie Morris - Primitive Breeze

CHURCHILL

Emily Dickson - Rohans Imperial Bond Girl
Sarah Wright - Jez
Tori Webdell - Templebrady William
Barry Meningen - Ina

CAIUS.

Barry Meningen - Lomark Lady
Georgie Morris - Boolagh Sunflower
Charlotte Freeman - Cloncroi Last Flame

CORPUS CHRISTI

Lauren Sapsed - Miss Honey
Kerry Simson - Scoobi Blue
Hannah Chelton - Willow

Lastly, thanks to David Clarke and Huntingdon RC for putting on a well-run event.



The winning line up Barry Meningen, Rachel Allum, Alice Ellison & Georgie Morris

DATES FOR THE DIARY**CLUB DATES**

Date	Event	Venue
7th February	Fund Raiser - Ceilidh	Arkenstall Centre, Haddenham
14th/15th February	Training Camp	Waresley
22nd February	Winter Dressage Qualifier	Keysoe
6th April (Monday)	Intermediate Show Jumping	College West Anglia - Milton
26th April	Combined Training	Grange Farm, Wittering
3rd May	Club Show	Cottenham Racecourse
21st June	Horse Trials	Keysoe
19th July	Summer Show Jumping Qualifier	Cambridge
tbc	Dressage	Keysoe
tbc	Dressage to Music	Keysoe
tbc	Pleasure Ride	Longstowe

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Date	Event	Venue
4th/5th April	Novice Championships	Hartpury
2nd/3rd May	Winter Intermediate Championships	Bury Farm
30th/31st May	FOH Championships	Aston Le Walls
7th-9th August	Horse Trial Championship	Swalcliffe
5th/6th September	National Championships	Lincoln
2nd/3rd/4th October	Dressage to Music Championships	Bury Farm

WARESLEY TRAINING CAMP BOOKING FORM - FEBRUARY 14th & 15th 2015

<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>Horses name</i>	
<i>Mobile no</i>	
<i>E. Mail</i>	
<i>What Level you are working at in each discipline?</i>	
<i>Any specific training requirements?</i>	
<i>What do you do with your horse?</i>	
<i>Would you like a stable for Sat night?</i>	
<i>Any special stabling requirements? (All bedded on shavings in American barn)</i>	
<i>Do you want to bring an additional horse to stay & work over weekend?</i>	
<i>Would you like to stay overnight in cottage B &B ?</i>	
<i>(You may need to share a twin room with a friend or you can bring partner to stay overnight in a double to eat & join in entertainment for additional £50)</i>	
<i>Additional person to stay Sat night.</i>	
<i>Any special dietary requirements?</i>	
<i>Any medical conditions we should be aware of?</i>	

Please send in form with £50 deposit by 31st Dec to give us an idea of numbers. Please also email to confirm your space as Christmas post can cause delays.