



# Summer Newsletter 2015

## *Ramblings from the chair....*

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Since our last Newsletter our competition year has really ramped up, we've had the Winter Intermediate Show Jumping, which we hosted, the Summer Dressage Qualifier at Keysoe, our Endurance Team have been out again this season and the Horse Trails at Keysoe.

We have seen some fantastic results over all competitions, which you'll read about more in the reports below – but I really wanted to praise and thank the helpers! Each of these events takes an army of helpers and supporters, who give up their time freely, to ensure the event runs smoothly and Cambridge and District Riding Club helpers are the best! No, I am not biased, it's fact☺.

On the 21st May the Horse Trials event was run and our club supplied most of the fence judges, who were just fantastic. This is only one example, but one that I am particularly grateful for! I was tasked by the Area to look after and organise the cross country and it would have been a nightmare of a job if it hadn't been for our fantastic helpers.

So this Newsletter is dedicated to everyone that has helped or is planning to help at any of the events this year – your time, energy and support is very much appreciated!

There are lots of things coming up; I hope to see lots of you getting involved!

Thanks

Jo

## **CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **SUMMER SHOW JUMPING – Unaffiliated Competition.**

As some of you may know, the club have purchased a brand new set of show jumps, which are lovely but, interesting. Therefore we are running an unaffiliated show jumping competition on Sunday 12th July to enable everyone from the area (and beyond) to come and have a practice over our jumps. Please spread the word and come along to give yourself the best possible chance at the qualifier. This is completely within the rules.

We are also trying to organise a cross country clear round on the same day to try and raise money to support the Horse Trials teams that qualified. If you've ever thought of having a go at XC come along, give it a try in a very low key, no pressure environment.

Hope to see lots of you there.

### **SPRING CAMP 2016 – Milton Keynes.**

This year a fantastic camp was organised at Waresley Park in February, however it currently looks unlikely that that facility will be available to us in future. So, we have been look at other options and Milton Keynes (MKEC) have opened a training camp facility – where clubs can hire out the venue and all the facilities (including the XC course) and run their own camps there. They have built shower blocks and a club house.

We are in talks with MKEC at present about some dates for next year (probably mid-April) to run a 2 night camp for everyone.

Activities will include flat work, pole work, show jumping, cross country or if preferred hacking.

We will obviously need to ensure we have trainers and groups to cover all abilities, so if you would be interested in going to a camp like this, please could send an email to [j.meningen@canddrc.org.uk](mailto:j.meningen@canddrc.org.uk) stating the following:

- What activities you would like to participate in
- If you would like to jump, what heights you are comfortable at

There is no accommodation at MKEC, so it will be a case of camping in the lorry or a tent.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

Jo

## **CLUB REPORTS**

### **BRC ENDURANCE 2015**

#### **Cambridge Royals Ride Again!!**

Sunday 31st May saw an intrepid Cambridge endurance team brave the elements to ride the sandy and wooded 32km route through Kings Forest, Thetford.

Wendy Gater on Bud, Karen Tyrrell on Jay, Kerry Simson on Coco, and Lorraine Kerlake on Frav all presented smartly despite being slightly damp, to the farrier and vet for their pre-ride inspection. All horses passed with acceptable heart rates and level strides. Fortunately the riders soundness was not incorporated in the vetting as Kerry was still sporting her 6/10 lame "limp"!

Coco set a fast pace on the 1st phase of the course, with Kerry and Karen appearing first at the first crew point. Both horses and riders were hot and blowing but were soon refreshed with horses being washed down, riders peeling off the layers, to cool and revive, before being offered a sip of water by the able crew of Paul, Andy, Tony and me. As Kerry and Karen departed onto the next phase, Wendy & Lorraine arrived to be again refreshed and watered by the crew. All the horses were loving the run, with fabulous going and a varied route.

Crew Point 2 saw the 2 pairs each arriving more settled and calm, again welcoming a cooling sponge and sip of water before the final push to the finish.

All four horses and riders finished with an optimum time score around the 2 hours 28 minutes. It was a short walk back to the Lorries for a quick un-tack and wash off to cool the horses and to get their heart rates down before being presented again at the vet inspection within the 30 minutes timescale allowed.

All four horses qualified with Wendy and Bud getting a fabulous Grade 1 score with a heart rate of 40! Kerry and Coco secured a very admirable Grade 2 for their first ever Endurance ride, and Karen and Jay and Lorraine and Frav both secured a commendable Grade 3 each.

An excellent run by the Cambridge Royals team, as I write this it is confirmed that Cambridge has a team score of 86.43 putting The Cambridge Royals at the top of the league table for Area 7.

Well done guys!

Shirley Swanson

Endurance Team Manager



## **HOUGHTON INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE COMPETITION – Serena Allery**

Everyone had a fantastic, if a little soggy, day at Houghton International in Norfolk. The dressage arenas are on the lawn, and the warm up is next to the edge of the moat! Of course with free entry we made the most of watching some top event riders show-jump with effortless style and elegance, and indulged in some shopping.

Congratulations to team Downing with 4th place. Emma Pepperell and Josey Wales, Emily Dickson and Rohans Imperial Bond Girl, Serena Allery and Moreno Utopia, Polly Taylor and Secret Passion. Congratulations also to team Pembroke with 7th. Serena Allery and Secret Affaer, Fenella Allery and Casio of Wild Rose, Leanne Ehren and Dragon's Cloverbud, Polly Taylor and Cassiopeia. Our other team sadly just missed being placed, Rebecca Thompson and Jacques Colore, Sandra Joyes and Toprock Matey, Rachel Casbon and Joshua's Boy.

Congratulations for individual placings- Emily Dickson and Rohans Imperial Bond Girl 5th and 9th, Serena Allery and Secret Affaer 6th, Fenella Allery and Casio of Wild Rose 10th, Emma Pepperell and Josey Wales 7th, Leanne Ehren and Dragon's Cloverbud 8th. Congratulations of a different nature to Fenella for stickability and providing amusement to anyone watching her warm-up test!

I made the entries on 1st April with the competition at the end of May. Of course 3 horses managed to go lame within the week before the competition! Horses!!! Weldman (Sarah Flitton) suspensory ligament, Bernstein Brocade (Sharon Monksfeld) stifle and Time to Shine (Serena Allery) hock. Let's hope they all heal quickly!

Unfortunately poor Leanne had her lorry break down on the way home. Luckily Rebecca Thompson spotted them in the lay by and quickly pulled in, rescuing Buddy and Leanne's mother, and being fed homemade cakes in return! Leanne was recovered by a rescue truck, but the day became a little more expensive than she had planned!

Thank you to our wonderful helpers, without whom we couldn't compete. Sharon Monksfeld, Michelle Seward, Lauren (Fenella's friend) and Mr Pepperell.

## **BRC FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE COMBINED TRAINING - Lisa Mancuso**

Cambridgeshire and District Riding Club took three teams to the Combined Training Qualifier at Grange Farm on the 19th April. Grange Farm is a lovely venue; everything was so well organised and thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly. The CDRC helpers on the day were Rachel Casbon, James Fenton, Serena Allery & Sandra Morgan, thank you to them.

Team St Edmund's, comprising Karen Ann Tyrrell, Hannah Louise Chelton, Sandra Morgan and Polly Taylor did an awesome job to bag Team 1st which meant they qualified for the British Riding Clubs Festival of the Horse Championships at Aston Le Walls on the 31st May. I also managed a dressage PB taking 1st place to qualify for the Champs as an individual. Lots of smiles all round that day ☺

Team Darwin came 4th. Rachel Casbon, Judi Shaw, Lisa Mancuso and Serena Allery.

Team Wolfson came 6th. James Fenton, Charlotte Freeman and Michelle Seward.

There were a lot of Individual rosettes too! Individual prelim / 75cm: Karen Tyrrell 2nd, Charlotte Freeman 4th, Hannah Chelton 5th. Individual novice / 85cm: Lisa Mancuso 1st, Sandra Morgan 4th.

Aston Le Walls is an incredible venue, so we were all pretty excited to be given the opportunity to compete there. Unfortunately some of the original Team couldn't make the Champs, so Charlotte Freeman and I stepped in to make up numbers with Hannah, but with only three team members, our chances of getting placed were already lowered. However, we all went with the aim of having fun and doing our best for the Club. There was some stiff competition, which meant we didn't get placed as a Team, but I managed 7th place in our arena, Charlotte bagged 15th and Hannah 27th, not bad at all considering there were hundreds of competitors competing in the Senior section, with over 30 competitors in each arena... I think we should all be proud of what we achieved.

We were short on helpers for the day, but Hannah stepped up to help man the show jumping gate after she had finished competing, and thanks go to her for agreeing to hang around until we arrived, so Karen Norman (another CADRC member) and my other half could take over helper duties – they all did a grand job, and as we know, without our helpers we would not be allowed to compete.

### **WINTER NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Serena Allery**

Cambridge RC won both the Winter Novice and Winter Intermediate area team dressage qualifiers, and sent a team to each of the championships.

The Novice championships were held at Hartpury College, Gloucester in early April, and the Winter Championships were held at Bury Farm EC, Slapton, Bucks in May. The qualified Novice team was Emily Dickson & Rohans Imperial Bond Girl, Emma Pepperell & Josey Wales, (both prelim) Barbara Heaton-Smith & Hokey Pokey, Serena Allery & Time To Shine (both novice). The qualified Intermediate team was Emma Pepperell & Josey Wales, (prelim) Barbara Heaton-Smith & Hokey Pokey, Serena Allery & Time To Shine (both novice), Sarah Wright & Jez (intermediate). Sadly Barbara aggravated an old neck injury a few days before Hartpury, and had to withdraw. Leanne Ehren & Dragon's Cloverbud replaced them for both championships. Hannah Stevenson also qualified and went to the Intermediate championships with Wulfstan Jazz Singer, kindly borrowed from Karen Tyrrell. Hannah managed a brilliant 3rd place with Jay, despite only riding him a few times.

Below you can read a little about the variety of our team horses, as written by their riders.

Emma Pepperell & Josey Wales

We bought Josey Wales from a dealer 2.5 years ago when my ex-racehorse eventer had not come sound after being diagnosed with navicular. Josey was a VERY green 6 year old but he had a big trot and seemed like a genuine chap so we bought him as a project. We were aware that he was very spooky and this hasn't changed much! He has had some success at BE90 but this year his biggest achievements have been in the dressage arena. We were thrilled when he won at his first outing this year which happened to be the BRC dressage qualifiers at Keysoe. We've had a great time competing at Hartpury and Bury Farm championships this year with fellow riding club members. Although we've not given our best performances on the day we've at least been consistent for 9th place both times! Being successful at BRC dressage (prelim level) has encouraged us to have a go at a Novice test at Houghton and think about affiliating in the future. Eventing judges don't always mark us kindly so this has been a real boost and I would encourage anyone to have a go!



Serena Allery & Time to Shine

Time To Shine, known as Charlie, is a 16h1", probably Irish Draught cross, around 11 years old, weighing 620kg. He is a rescue, hence the lack of known details. His parentage has caused many a conversation on show grounds, with suggestions from ID X TB (I suspect not, have you seen the size of him?!) To pure ID and ID X Clydesdale due to his hind leg markings.

He will always be very special to me. I remember the first time I heard him neigh, copying Skippy's neigh, as he was silent for around a year after arrival, and it took nearly another year before he would neigh on his own.

Charlie has battled many health issues in the 5 years I've had him, including gastric ulcers and degenerative joint disease. He has DJD in both hind fetlocks and both hocks. Due to these problems and a few rider injuries, he has only been in work approximately 6 months each year for the last 3 years. This has caused fitness and continuity problems, but last year he finally achieved Novice level dressage, the highest level that he has the physical capability for. Together we have competed in 12 riding club championships for CDRC! Thanks go to Anne Ratcliffe, who has trained us for the 5 years. He has been a fantastic horse for me, unfortunately just ridiculously expensive at the vet too!



Leanne Ehren & Dragon's Cloverbud

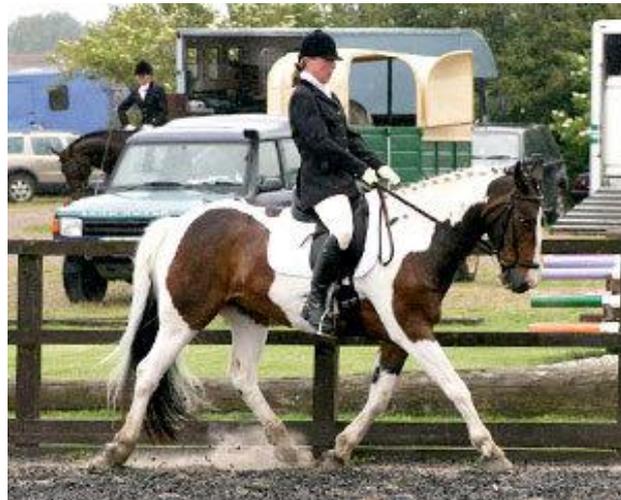
Still in the Spring of his dressage career, Buddy (Dragon's Cloverbud) is a 16hh Irish Sports Horse who has just turned nine. He returned to dressage at the turn of 2015 after having a fall cross country in March 2014, which resulted in tearing his sacroiliac. With a full bill of health, Buddy is now back in boards competing at Novice level and is thrilled to have made his riding club debut at the winter qualifiers and both championship events.

Leanne and Buddy have been paired for nearly five years since he arrived in the UK from Ireland as an unbroken four-year-old. Leanne has 20 years' riding under her jodhpur belt and prior to taking on the challenge of a youngster, Leanne hated dressage – now there's an interesting fact for you! Since March, the pair have been trained by Anne Ratcliffe and are looking forward to moving through the levels.



Sarah Wright & Jez

I have owned Jez from 4 months old, he is now 15. Jez is a TB x Cob standing 15.2 hh and was bred by Darley Stud from one of their foster mares. Jez has spent the majority of his working life at Dressage but can be considered a great all-rounder, he loves his jumping and has also hunted, unfortunately his brakes don't work very well!! Jez has competed at British Dressage up to Medium level and has gained 193 points, following a two year break I plan to re-register him this year with the goal of Advanced Medium. A couple of proud achievements were 10th place in the Pet Plan prelim Championships & 16th place at Novice in 2008, we also had a mention in the Horse & Hound following our first Medium test with 64%. I train with Mark Ruddock Dressage Trainer & List 1 Judge twice monthly & on a weekly basis with Fran Berry. Jez is my horse of a lifetime, we have learnt lots together I never dreamt we would achieve as much as we have, I hope I can inspire others to have go. 😊



Emily Dickson and Rohans Imperial Bond Girl

Indy is a 6 yrs old bay mare, I have had her nearly a year, we have been building up our partnership slowly by keeping everything fun and having lessons in all disciplines. Indy loves her work and is a pleasure to ride as she always tries so hard to please me. During the winter I took Indy hunting we both had so much fun! Indy and myself have done a couple of prelim dressage tests and qualified for long drove championships. Recently we won our first ODE at Keysoe, which I was so happy about as this was her 3rd ODE! We also competed at Hartpury at the championships this was our first time away but Indy was very chilled and well behaved considering it was a very busy show ground. We are looking forwards to doing our first 90 ode in a few weeks and for next year we will be aiming to do some BE events and competing more for my club!



## **WINTER INTERMEDIATE SHOWJUMPING QUALIFIER 2015 – Kerry Simson**

This is a new area qualifier introduced by BRC in response to demand from members who wanted an area qualifier at 95/100cm level for those no longer eligible to compete in the Novice Indoor SJ.

Cambridge hosted the inaugural area qualifier at the College of West Anglia at Milton on 6th April and Sharon Dyke & Judi Shaw did a great job of organising this new event with Colin Ellison's help as Course Builder. It ran very smoothly and everyone commented on what a nice friendly event it was (mainly due to Easter Eggs being awarded to the teams !) The venue worked well and was considerably less expensive than hiring Keysoe or Houghton (where we would have been unlikely to cover our costs) and luckily the weather was kind and the rain held off so competing outside was fine.

Cambridge won the team competition (Lauren Gutteridge Polly Taylor Hannah Stevenson Kerry Simson) and sent a team to the finals at Bury Farm Bucks (a lovely big indoor venue) and had a great weekend competing in the SJ and the dressage. The championship course was up to height, technical and twisty with lots of fillers and flowers to give a championship feel. It caused a few problems though out the day and unfortunately it did phase our horses a bit and we didn't end up in placings. However, it was a great start to the season qualifying a team for the new championship and gave us insight into how much indoor show jumping practice is required for future years!

## **AREA HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER 21 June 2015 – Kerry**

The Area Horse Trials qualifier was held at Keysoe on Sunday 21st June organised by the Area 7 Committee who did fabulous job and ran probably the smoothest slickest Area qualifier I have ever been to. Wow!

It was a qualifier for the National Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Park Banbury on 7-9 August 2015 and we entered a Junior team and individual 2x 80cm Senior teams a 90cm Individual and a 100 team and individual. We won the junior team competition and the Senior 100 team competition and Hannah Stevenson came 1st in the Senior 80cm riding Karen Tyrells horse Jay.

Cambridge qualified a Senior 100 team (Polly Taylor Michelle Seward Barry Menigen Kerry Simson) and a Junior team and Hannah Stevenson qualified as a individual for the finals.

Well done to everyone who took part and represented the club and to the 80cm team who came 2nd. A big thank to Mary Groombridge and Hermione Stavrolakis who did the team entries and to all the helpers/volunteers who made the day possible.

### **AREA HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER JUNIORS - Hermione Stavroulakis**

At the BRC Horse Trials Qualifier at Keysoe the Junior HT80 Team came first qualifying for the Championships in August! The team was made up of Phoebe Plumb on JJ's Reclaimer, Lauren Gilliland on Faili Rebel Lady, Ella Chamberlain on Can Bee Dunn and Rebecca Chelton on Apt to Run.

Congratulations to them all, especially as the team was made up of three new Junior members!!

### **HORSE HOLIDAYS – Kerry Simson**

Photo's attached of recent horse weekends away to Santon Downham (big group) and Holme next-the-sea, courtesy of Margaret Coles and her gang (aka the Kenny & Dolly Fan club)

Anybody interested in joining us on our weekend jaunts to the woods or the sea should contact Margaret Coles [magsrcoles@aol.com](mailto:magsrcoles@aol.com) and may need to purchase a portaloos as we much prefer camping in a grass field in the middle of nowhere and making our own fun!



## 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/ADVERTS

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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### CLUB DATES

Date	Event	Venue
12th July	Showjumping	Earith
18th July	John Adams Clinic	Fodder Farm, Lt Downham
19th July	Showjumping	Earith
15th August	John Adams Clinic	Fodder Farm, Lt Downham
19th September	John Adams Clinic	Fodder Farm, Lt Downham
27th September	Pleasure Ride	Longstowe
Spring 2016	Training Camp	Milton Keynes

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Date	Event	Venue
7th-9th August	Horse Trial Championship	Swalcliffe
5th/6th September	National Championships	Lincoln
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Endurance Championships	Lions Tail Ride, Leics
2nd/3rd/4th October	Dressage to Music Championships	Bury Farm