



The Purple Post!

Chairmans Report

Welcome to the summer newsletter, in this issue we will be looking forward to the summer qualifiers which are coming up in the next quarter, along with the training dates, competitions and to the recent successes of the club at area qualifiers, grassroots & training.

So far this summer has been somewhat drier than last year although I feel we could do with a little bit more sunshine but we can't complain. With the dry weather has come the opportunity to get out on our horses getting them fit and to competitions. Since we last wrote to you all we have put on a number of competitions for you including the FOH combined training qualifier, the open show, the DTM qualifier and a couple of GIG dressage sessions. All of these have been successful and I'm particularly pleased at the re-introduction of the open show to our schedule and hope that we can continue with another next year. We still have the Hunter Trial and a TREC competition to run this year so I hope to see as many members as possible at them as well.

The Area 7 qualifiers and Grassroots competitions have been very successful for us so far with HDRC taking 1st in both the Combined Training and the Horse trials grassroots with several individual placings as well. This has been a very good start to this first year of the Grassroots and I hope this continues as every competitor has come away with a smiling face having been able to represent their club. In the Qualifiers, the BRC100HT team qualified for the championships which this year will be held at Swalecliffe for the first time and Kirsty Miller on Matilda won in her arena in the first running of the BRC80HT competition. There have been many more successes this year too but I could go on forever with them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team chef's Sam, Kerrie, Katie, Susan for all the hard work they have put in to get the teams together for the qualifiers.

I would also like to thank Nikki and Sarah for putting together a packed training schedule which has recently included a very successful Matt Cox Lecture Demo at Houghton Hall and much more besides there is more details of upcoming lessons further down the newsletter.

Finally I would like to remind you that if you have any idea's or suggestions of training or events you want the club to run then please contact me or any of the committee and we will try to help, remember this is your club and we all want to make it a success.

David Clarke, Chairman



Kerrie Aschettino Riding Hartys Quay at the Dressage Qualifiers at Wittering Grange in June.

Full results are available on the HDRC Website and the Area 7 Website.

Please send us your photos and reviews so that we can include them in the next newsletter.

We want to hear from our members
Send us your reviews and photographs
from training events, competitions and
demonstrations for inclusion in the next
newsletter.



Training

The last few months have been pretty hectic with riding club training and the competitive events that the club has hosted or sent teams to. Personally we have been very proud to see what the club members have achieved and the grassroots competitions have been very successful at encouraging us to 'have a go' at those disciplines that may be outside our 'comfort zone'.

Sarah and I are keen to develop training that supports these events, either by trying new disciplines, honing your competitive edge or developing you and your horses generally. We have tried to offer a range of training but as always, we are open to new ideas or suggestions and will support them wherever feasible. Sometimes last minute sessions can be arranged so keep an eye on your weekly email updates. Above all, we would like to invite everyone to come and try some training with us, meet your fellow members, make the most of your club and have some fun. Don't forget by helping at events you can earn vouchers to put towards your training.

Wishing you all a happy and successful summer with your horses, Nicky Jarman & Sarah Anderson

All events are organised for members of H&DRC, we welcome new members and a trial session is available for those considering joining. We charge an additional £3 per session for non members and you have your own public liability insurance.

Dressage Training with Matthew Cox

45 Minutes sessions cost £35 are available on 21st July and 18th August at Home Farm, Alconbury 15th September is also available but venue TBC. Contact nijar@tiscali.co.uk for further information or to book your place and confirm venue

Showjump Training with Douglas Jones

£20 for an hour with a maximum of four per group at Home Farm Alconbury on 25th July and 22nd August. There is a further session planned for 26th September but venue TBC. Contact sazzy2706@yahoo.co.uk for more information or to book.

Flatwork Group With Poles

Exercises to help develop athleticism and balance for the horse incorporating the use of ground poles. £10 per horse. Email sazzy2706@yahoo.co.uk to book. Session on 26th July.

Fran Berry XC Clinic

Being held at Home Farm Alconbury on Saturday 3rd August from 10am until 11.15 email nijar@tiscali.co.uk to book.

Fun Rider balance Clinic

Friday 16th August focussed entirely on the rider and learning exercises to improve your rider balance and therefore your position All exercises suitable for all abilities and within the individuals comfort zone This clinic will be a easy, fun, light-hearted but informative session incorporating lots of exercises to improve your overall balance that you can then build into your training at home. Two group sessions each for one hour, to be held in the ménage at Home Farm, Alconbury. £10 per rider. Sessions 6.30 to 7.30pm and 7.30 to 8.30pm. Please specify preferred time. Contact Sarah to book

Jump Training

Jumping a small course with instruction on 14th September. Groups of 4, Heights to suit all abilities, for green or rusty combinations. Home Farm Alconbury, £15 to book email sazzy2706@yahoo.co.uk

**To Book Training Contact: Nicky on 07769 745472 or nijar@tiscali.co.uk
Sarah on 07725 415227 or sazzy2706@yahoo.co.uk**

All training sessions are subject to availability. A decision will be made whether to cancel five days prior to events if numbers are insufficient.



Purple Post – Reports & Reviews

From Samantha Impey – Dressage Chef

It seems looking out of the window while rubbing my weekend sunburned arms; that summer is finally here! And what a busy lead up to the Summer Season the Dressage Teams have had. There have been the Evening GIG Sessions which you will see a little later in the Newsletter from Rebecca Robinson, which I understand have proven popular as ever. Nicky Jarman and Sarah Anderson have been organising lots of additional training for us in the lead up to the Qualifier Seasons and we have had the Dressage To Music (DTM), Grassroots Dressage Event and the Summer Dressage Qualifiers. Coupled with the Combined Training Qualifiers in April, it has been a busy few months.

The full results are all posted on the HDRC Website, and the Area Website (www.britishridingclubsarea7.com) so I will not go through them all again, but we have many of our members hopefully off to the Lincoln Nationals in September (subject to confirmation by BRC).

The judging format for Riding Test will be changing for all Riding Test Classes next year, and they will be utilising the new marking and scoring system at Lincoln this Championship. I will be working with the Qualifying teams to run through the new format with them ahead of the Championships, and will be working with Sarah and Nicky to run some information sessions over the Winter when the weather is not so great. I believe the changes to the scoring system (5 criteria now rather than a mark per movement) will help to give a clearer picture between a Riding Test and a Dressage Test, and I hope I can encourage some more of you to come and have a go.

Have a great summer all, and I will no doubt see most of you out and about in the next few weeks.

- Samantha Impey
- Dressage Chef

Horse Trials – By Katie Larman

My first experience as Horse Trials Team Chef is definitely one to remember, with lots of members entering both in Grassroots and Qualifier competitions and doing so well. Being Chef D'Equipe was quite a daunting prospect as my organisational qualities are sometimes a little lacking! But with the help of David Clarke and others, all seemed to go smoothly and I have really enjoyed meeting many more club members.

It was a rather windy, cold start up on the dressage fields but everyone coped with the conditions and some very creditable scores achieved. Five members competed in the Grassroots competition, with the team of Karen Neal (7th), Alison Smith (5th), Phillipa Corney (2nd) and Antonia Neal being placed first! Helen Gibson competed individually being placed 2nd. These were fab results from HDRC for the first Grassroots competition in horse trials.

Huntingdon did equally well in the qualifier classes with the 80cm team (Kerrie Aschettino, Catriona Paterson, Kirsty Miller, and Vicki Poole) coming 6th, with a well deserved first place individually for Kirsty Miller, who has qualified for the National championships in August!

Two individual members, Sam Morgan and Penny Hipwell competed in the Senior 90cm with a 6th place for Penny. We had a team of four in the 100cm class, Katherine Peden (2nd), Sam Morgan (3rd), Amelia Newman, and Katie Larman (4th). The team have qualified for the National HT Championships in August at Swalcliffe Park EC!

I would like to say a huge well done to everyone who competed and a thank you to all the helpers. I wish all riders the best of luck at the Championships and I look forward to next years Horse Trials qualifier. I am also organising teams for this years Blenheim Eventer challenge (showjump & XC fences approx. 1m – 1.05m) in September for anyone interested in competing.

- Katie



Endurance Team Qualifier

Sunday 16th June at Wimpole was the first qualifier of the season and we had two teams of 4 out. The weather and the going were perfect with the course being a good mixture of open tracks and woodland.

Our aim was to get everyone through two stages of vetting and round the 34 kilometres in around 3 hours. The course was around the wonderful Wimpole parkland, through the woods and across the bridleways onto the neighbouring estate of Kingston, skirting around Longstowe and on to Eversden before turning back into Wimpole.



On the Left we have Kerrie Aschettino, Rachel Edgecombe, Helen Gipson and Penny Hipwell out on the Wimpole ndurance Ride.

Good luck to the two teams who are out competing again on 13th and 14th July in Kings forrest Thetford – wish them luck for another fantastic result for Team HDRC

Matt Cox Lecture Demonstration – 21st June 2013

I have to say I felt a bit of a fraud organising this event and then running off to Cyprus for the week but needs must!! Due to an amazing team from the riding club and the support of Matts team and the team at Houghton Hall the event went off very smoothly. Matts philosophy is that, allowing for the strength and development of the individual horse, it's never too early to work alongside the basics with some lateral work and more advanced schooling. He demonstrated this with our 3 guinea pigs; Sarah Wright & Jez who looked at medium trot and lateral work, Chelsea Harding & Chester looked at the way of going and more lateral work. Sarah Anderson & Lorenzo who looked at varying the contact and flying changes. The 3 guinea pig horses were 'non-dressage types' who had been very successful with their riders and worked their way up the levels. We were very lucky to have them and I would like to thank them for giving up their time, putting on their 'brave knickers' and putting themselves 'under the spotlight'. Thanks guys!

Matt gave us a demonstration of the warm up and work on his own horse 'Korenbloem Vamos' (Aston) and then finished off with a freestyle.

The evening was well received by a great audience and I really need to thank Lorna Carpenter, Maria Crawford, Sarah Anderson, Jamie Worth and their relatives and friends for making it happen, David Clarke for acting as our compere and Sarah Wright for her original concept which really started the ball rolling back in February.

Last thanks must go to Matt Cox who has been an absolute superstar in supporting dressage training for the club throughout the year and who agreed to appear for us on this evening without too much arm twisting, very many thanks Matt to you and Aston and the rest of your support team.

Some of the comments we received after the event;

'In a word fab! 'I felt truly inspired after Friday' 'The demo tonight was brilliant' 'Demo great, well done'

Nicky Jarman

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Grass Roots Combined Training Success

5th May 2013 was the first ever competition for the Thorogood Memorial Grassroots League. Cambridge & District Riding Club had kindly volunteered to run the event during their Open Show at Cottenham Racecourse. The idea of the Grassroots League is to encourage riders to progress at their own pace and to give them a chance to represent their club at a level at which they are confident.

The morning of the competition arrived and the sun was shining! It was to be a long day but good fun for all concerned. The dressage all seemed to pass without any problems for all three of the HDRC teams we had entered Helen Gipson providing us with the best score from our club. The jumping commenced late morning and the course which seemed quite nice at the start did cause a few problems but nothing too serious.

Then a few nervous faces were stood around the scoreboard as we waited for the last scores to be posted. When they finally were HDRC had done very well with Team 1st, 4th and 6th I was so proud of our club we had put forwards 3 teams into this competition and all had been placed not only that we had a large number of individual places too. The feedback I've had from this is that everybody enjoyed it and many of them have taken part in the subsequent competitions at horse trials and dressage and done very well too. I hope to see more of you taking part next year. I'd just like to thank everyone who made it possible particularly CDRC for organising it.



Picture kindly donated by www.franceskayphotoevents.co.uk all the pictures from the show can be viewed and purchased online.

Nicky Jarman, Sarah Marshall (again this time 4th), Karen Neal and Phillipa Corney who were the HDRC Diamonds team who were placed 4th. Also to Phoebe Crawford, Sarah Wright, Clara Bailey (5th), Kate Elsey who were HDRC Hearts placed 6th as a team.

Pictured Left:

A big well done to Sarah Marshall (5th), Sue Allen, Helen Gipson (3rd) and Alison Smith (2nd) who were the HDRC Clubs team that won the team competition.

David

Do you have a passion for Grassroots? Would you like to help your club?

Well if the answer is yes to both of these then please contact the committee!!

At the last committee meeting we decided that with the new Grassroots league having started this year it would be wise to appoint a grassroots team manager (Chef) rather than give more work to our existing Chef's if you would be interested in this then we would like to hear from you. You don't have to do it on your own you can do it with a friend and the committee will always be on hand to answer any questions you may have. So if interested please contact us.



Do you want to make Flu Vac Checking Quicker At Qualifiers?

Well there is a very simple way to do this. Area 7 has a Db of competitors Flu Vacs which is checked before events to 'pre check' entries for the Qualifiers. However there are still only a very small number of Clubs using the Db, and more importantly they are not always kept up to date – which is where you can help. All you need to do is provide a copy of your Flu Vac Certificate. They are passed to a Vet for validation and entering onto the Db. The Db is not used for any other reason than checking Flu Vacs, and is not passed onto anyone outside of Area 7. It holds only details of horse/Rider and injection dates. All passports will still need to be presented on the day, however those in the Db will have the last date checked against the Flu Vac Db record rather than the whole certificate checked going back 5 years. Please can you pass a copy of your Flu Vac (emails or hard copy are fine) to your Team Chef, or Samantha Impey for forwarding onto the Db – it really does help us to help you. Of the 200+ entries to Sunday's Dressage Qualifier, just 52 were up to date in the Db, but that is 52 people who were processed very quickly!

Thank You

Samantha Impey – 113 The Row, Sutton, Ely, Cambs CB6 2PB (simpey@live.co.uk)

Hunter Trial – October 6th

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year which was well attended last year, but sadly not by members. We have got our act together and got all the details so put the date in your diary NOW we have our team, sponsors but we desperately need fence judges and helpers on the day so if you can help please contact Kate Elsey or Katherine Short after all its your Club.

Dressage GIG & Showjump Training Evenings

Our GIG dressage sessions have always been popular – and they're back. Our low key dressage tests mean you don't have to worry about plaiting up and ironing a shirt. Just arrive with your horse looking presentable – there are four dates in the events diary to choose from.

The school is also booked at Home Farm, Alconbury so you can book to use the arena to school over the jumps – but booking is essential!

Show & Style Jumping (inc grassroots)

The Summer qualifiers are soon approaching and with entries now in it is important that we supply enough helpers from our club! Please get in touch asap if you, or someone you know, may like to help out for a few hours, half a day or a full day at Cottenham on Sunday 21st July. You can contact me on 07835155270 or kezie_lou@btinternet.com Thanks in advance!

Kerrie

JumpCross Team WANTED!!

Wittering Grange, the Home of JumpCross has lots of competitions but it would be great if Huntingdon and District Riding Club could get a team together! The dates at Grange farm are: Saturday 14th September and Saturday 19th October. Would you be interested? If so then please email huntingdonrc@hotmail.co.uk and we will be able to sort the teams out from there.



Your Nominations Please

Would you like to nominate someone for an award at this years AGM? We would like to start taking nominations now, so please contact us if you think one of our members deserves it!.

Just drop us a line at huntingdonrc@hotmail.co.uk with the name of the person or horse you are nominating with a short story on why they should be nominated for the award. We will then review these and announce the winners at the forthcoming AGM.

Were looking for members who have made a lasting impression, gone above and beyond or even someone who has fallen off their horse in spectacular fashion for some awards, and others where there is just a really good bond between horse and rider. If you think someone deserves some recognition then please please let us know about it.

Previous years winners have included Kerrie Aschettino for 'all round contribution' Victoria Impey and Bertie Better Do for partnership and Katherine Shorts Barnaby for the Veteran award.

There really is something for everyone – so please get in touch.

Lorna

New For This Month – More Points for the HDRC Points League

We are aware that competitions by Huntingdon & District Riding Club have been a bit thin on the ground this year so we have been in touch with local riding venues to open up their arms to our members so they can compete and still earn points towards our members points leagues.

If you attend the following competitions at Houghton Hall EC then you will receive points for and anyone taking part in the Area 7 Qualifiers will probably like to take advantage of the clear round or showjumping for a bit of last minute practise!

Fri 19th July – Clear Round SJ
Sat 20th July – Unaff Showjumping
Sat 24th Aug – Unaff Dressage
Sat 31st Aug – Unaff Showjumping
Sat 7th Sept – Unaff Dressage
Thu 12th Sept – Clear Round Show Jumping

Rosette for the highest place HDRC Member and details on the points system will follow shortly.

If you particularly like a venue then please get in touch with me and I will look into the possibility of using their venue in the future.

Please support Houghton who have so many fantastic competitions coming up and their new café too!

Lorna



Purple Post – Events Diary

July

Thursday 18 th	Evening Dressage Comp / Jump Training	Home Farm, Alconbury
Friday 19 th	Clear Round SJ	Houghton Hall EC
Saturday 20 th	Unaff Show Jumping	Houghton Hall EC
Sunday 21 st	Area 7 SJ Qualifier	Cottenham Racecourse
Sunday 21 st	Matt Cox Dressage Clinic	Home Farm, Alconbury
Thursday 25 th	Douglas Jones SJ Clinic	Home Farm, Alconbury
Friday 26 th	Flatwork With Poles	Home Farm, Alconbury

August

Fri 2 nd -Sun 4 th	Horse Trials Championships	Swalcliffe Park
Saturday 3 rd	Fran Berry XC Clinic	Home Farm, Alconbury
Friday 16 th	Rider Balance Session	Home Farm, Alconbury
Sunday 18 th	Matt Cox Dressage Clinic	Home Farm, Alconbury
Thursday 22 nd	Douglas Jones SJ Clinic	Home Farm, Alconbury
Saturday 24 th	Unaff Dressage	Houghton Hall EC
Saturday 31 st	Unaff Show Jumping	Houghton Hall EC

September

Thu 5 th -Sun 8 th	Burghley Horse Trials	Burghley Park
Sat 7 th – Sun 8 th	National Championships	Lincoln Showground
Saturday 7 th	Unaff Dressage	Houghton Hall EC
Thursday 12 th	Clear Round Show Jumping	Houghton Hall EC
Saturday 14 th	Jumpcross Competition	Grange Farm
Saturday 14 th	Jumping Training	Home Farm, Alconbury
Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th	Trec GB Championships	Wales (Venue TBC)
Sunday 15 th	Matt Cox Dressage Clinic	TBC
Sunday 22 nd	BE80 Championships	Brooksby Melton
Thursday 26 th	Douglas Jones SJ Clinic	TBC

October

Sunday 6 th	Hunter Trial & Beginners Course	Home Farm, Alconbury
Sat 12 th Sun 13 th	Dressage To Music Championships	TBC
Sunday 13 th	Unaff Show Jumping	Houghton Hall EC
Saturday 19 th	Jumpcross Competition	Grange Farm
Saturday 19 th	Unaff Dressage	Houghton Hall EC