



Newsletter
Spring 2005

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Chairman's Bit.....

A belated Happy New Year to you all. I joined Hereford and District Riding Club last year and stupidly responded to the plea to fill a vacancy on the committee and found myself co-opted on. "Fine", I thought, help a bit and get to know people, enjoy an easy life. Then Brigid felt like a rest so a new chairman was needed, well I'd chaired a small club in the past so I thought I knew what I was doing when I accepted the challenge. Now I'm not so sure! First shock, I have to go to a ball, not my usual scene can't really wear wellies to that. Still, found a frock in a sale look a bit like a pink candy floss but never mind, it was a bargain! Next horror, I'm expected to give out prizes and worst of all I have to make a speech, now I'm sure I've bitten off more than I can chew. At the time of writing the ball hasn't happened yet so I'm still gibbering.

On a more serious note, thanks to Ginny Lilwall for hosting the AGM in December at Aconbury Court. The meeting was poorly attended which meant that we all drank far too much mulled wine and wandered off the point rather! Rodway Heathfield raised the subject of shows and starting on time. The point has been noted and we will do our very best to kick off as advertised in the schedule this season, but to start on time we need entries on time so let's all try!

There are some changes on the committee this year as three full members have retired, our chairman Brigid Campbell, Ginny Lilwall and Denise Payne also Pat Dallow who officially retired last year but kindly continued being the membership secretary. Thanks to them all, we hope they are all rejoining so we hope to see them about this season.

Talking of joining - it's that time of year again. You'll find a membership form enclosed with this newsletter on which you will notice some changes. We have updated the club logo and lowered the junior age to ten years old as of the 1st. January. There is the section about helping at events, please think about this - just once a season would be nice, state your preference and we'll be in touch. Lastly, there is a section on Internet access, we are setting up a web site with E mail in the hope of improving our communications and cutting some of the time and expense producing and posting the newsletter and schedules. Don't worry if you do not have internet access, the newsletter will go out to you as normal but, for those of you who wish to, an E mail will be sent notifying you that the newsletter is on the web site for you to download at your leisure. I hope this will prove popular, feed back would be nice to *chairman@ hereford-riding-club.org.uk*.

Finally, if you have any ideas, constructive criticism or suggestions to make regarding the club, please contact me or any of the committee and I promise they will be considered. This is your club and the committee won't think of everything.

Kind regards,

Jane Unitt

01981 570435

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Message from the Newsletter Editor

With the change of committee there has been a change of newsletter editor, I want to thank our last editor, Gemma for stepping into the breach so ably last year. I have only taken it on to put it in line with the web-site. I am finding out what hard work it is !

Please feel free to send photos and news to me and I will try to include them in the newsletter. My E- mail address is *chairman@hereford-riding-club.org.uk* and my postal address is :-

Jane Unitt
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H&DRC WEBSITE

To drag the club into the 21st. century, the committee thought that it was time the club had a website to see if it would help with communications and reduce newsletter costs. It may also attract a wider membership and almost certainly help members to interact with their committee. If, like me you are not computer literate, don't worry, the newsletter will still be sent out to you but it will also be put up on the web site for those who wish to to download at their leisure. The website can be found at **www.hereford-riding-club.org.uk** - happy browsing !

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Winter Dressage Competitions

H&DRC held it's first 2005 event on the 6th. February at Llangarron Court. The weather was dry and the venue good with two outdoor arenas, one for warming up and the other for tests. Parking was a little cramped but everyone managed and there were no disasters. Entries were good with enough juniors to make a separate junior class within two of the three tests, though points will only be awarded to the overall winners in each class. Thanks to Selina for organising this event and providing rich, damp cake which helped keep out the cold. We look forward to more of the same when we hold the next dressage competition on 6th. March at Llangarron Court.

Llangarron Court is situated approximately one and half miles from the Hereford - Monmouth road. Any queries regarding dressage competitions in the club, please contact Selina Lee.

Selina Lee
Dressage Co-ordinator
01432 277540.

DRESSAGE RESULTS 6TH FEBRUARY 2005

Prelim 7

1st.	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Swingtime
2nd.	Sian Ward	Celtic Lady
3rd.	Moira Robson	Run of the Mill
4th.	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashie
5th.	Floyd Mills	Blue Jay

Best Junior rosette was awarded to Karen Gardiner.

Prelim 18

1st.	Roland Lee	Wizz
2nd.	Isobel Lee	CC
3rd.	Nicola Farrington	Lizzie
4th.	Sian Ward	Celtic Lady
5th.	Rosie Barker	Byron Bay

Out of the Juniors taking part rosettes were awarded as follows:-

1st.	Karen Gardiner	Regal Rumour
2nd.	Samantha Brown	Geri
3rd.	Angela Mace	Llangarth Phillipa

Novice 21

1st.	Isobel Lee	Pembridge Welcome
2nd.	Floyd Mills	Take It Easy
3rd.	Tara Macmasher	Fantastique
4th.	Isobel Lee	Ariel
5th.	Rosie Barker	Byron Bay

Out of the Juniors taking part rosettes were awarded as follows:-

1st.	Samantha Brown	Woody
2nd.	Samantha Brown	Geri
3rd.	Angela Mace	Llangarth Phillipa

Apology

Sian Ward is a junior member, unfortunately, this was overlooked at the time so she was not included in the junior placings, we can only offer her our sincere apologies. This will not affect her status as far as the accumulator points go as they are awarded to the overall winners of the class.

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Area Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier – 5 February 2005

As usual we sent a Senior and Junior Team to the indoor SJ qualifier, which usually results in a very long day for all. However, this year to my surprise it was all done and dusted by 5.30pm when I received a telephone call from Louise Pickering saying 'we are on our way home, its all over!'. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the event myself but from the sounds of it I wasn't missed as the results displayed. I think we owe a huge thanks to the Wye Valley for running this event in such an orderly way.

The Senior team who finished in a well deserved 6th place with only a total of 4 faults after 2 rounds. The team comprised of Sarah Heathfield with Saracen and Rodway Heathfield with ILPH Crumpet, who both jumped a double clear, and Caroline King with Delilah and Jessica Schleider with Fallow who were both unfortunate in just 4 faults in the second round.

The Junior team who with a team of only 3 finished in an excellent 3rd place, on a clear after 2 rounds went into the jump off and unfortunately Rachel Evans with Master Buck had a very unlucky fence down. The other team members were Louise Pickering with Incy Wincy and Hannah Palmer with Ace of Spades.

Well done to all, and an excellent start to the 2005 season, when I am sure H&DRC will be out in force again!

Jen - Team Manager

FUTURE EVENTS

Training

Following the success of last year's training sessions more dates have been organised - see Diary of Events, it is our intention to have one flatwork and one show jumping rally per month. Sundays have been requested but this may change to evenings when we have the light evenings. If you wish to join in please contact Kirsten Dillow who will advise on time and price. It would be useful to run this like a dressage competition where you enter and then phone for times near the time. This should make sure people don't forget, and cut Kirsten's phone bill down...

We would like to stress that the aim of these rallies is to encourage all abilities of both horse and rider. These events are a great opportunity for you and your horse to have a bit of a social in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

Kirsten Dillow

Training co-ordinator

01432-840444 e-mail training@hereford-riding-club.org.uk

Spring Hunter Trials

Helpers are needed for the Spring Hunter Trials on Sunday 24th. April at Ledbury; I will be delighted to hear from any volunteers, please contact me on the numbers below - leave a message if no answer and I will get back to you. Failing that contact any of the committee who will pass on any message. If you are interested in being part of a team for the Area Hunter Trials Qualifier please contact me no later than 5th March 2005. The Qualifier is on 3rd April 2005.

Jenny Ridgway

Hunter Trial Secretary

Worcester Lodge, Bromyard Road, Bringsty, Worcester. WR6 5TA

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Show Jumping Competitions

We will be holding all-day and evening show-jumping competitions. The all-day sessions will have separate senior and junior rings, and the evening sessions will all be in one ring only. Details of these can be found in the Diary of Events.

Sue Pickering

01981-570415 e-mail showjumping@hereford-riding-club.org.uk

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After the Ball...

Well! What a night we had - congratulations to all our trophy winners (see below).

The evening went swimmingly until three quarters of the way through, when the band and the hotel management had an altercation about the volume of the music culminating in the hotel staff pulling the plug on the band. What customers? After some placations all round refereed by Jenny, the band resumed playing and the fun went on.

At the time of writing the committee has not met to discuss the aftermath but I do think that I should apologise to those of you who were there and I hope it did not spoil your evening too much. Action will be taken...

Jane Unitt
Chairman

2005 Trophies

HUNTER TRIALS TROPHIES

Hilltop Trophy - Highest placed member in pre-novice class.
Not awarded this year as no hunter trial event held.

Crize Shield - Highest placed member in the novice class.
Donated by Frank Dawson.
Not awarded this year as no hunter trial event held.

Lance Anderson Challenge Cup - Highest placed member in open class.
Donated by Lance Anderson.
Not awarded this year as no hunter trial event held.

Count Time Shield - Highest placed members in pairs class.
Not awarded this year as no hunter trial event held.

DRESSAGE TROPHIES

Cloud Award Shield - Member's horse with most points in prelim classes.
Donated by Jill Daw.
Brigid Campbell and Pembridge Welcome.

Hayward-Cook Trophy - Member with most points riding 2+ horses.
Isobel Lee.

WORKING HUNTER TROPHIES - for classes at Summer Show

Sarnau Memoir Perpetual Memorial Trophy - Highest placed member in open class.
Donated by Cherry Powell.
Not awarded this year as no members in the open class.

Galway Bay Cup - Highest placed member in championship.
Donated by Gill Andrews.
Isobel Sinclair and Chanti.

RIDDEN SHOWING TROPHIES - for classes at Summer Show

Marcus Memorial Shield - Highest placed member in veteran class
Donated by Gemma Dallow.
Karen Gardiner and Patchwork Quilt.

Bobby Memorial Salver - Highest placed member in family horse/pony class.

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Donated by Stella Robertson.
Karen Gardiner and Patchwork Quilt.

Anne Crowther Cup - Highest placed member in ridden showing championship.
Donated by Anne Crowther. Karen Gardiner and Patchwork Quilt.

SHOW JUMPING TROPHIES

Vic Taylor Trophy - Highest placed member in novice class at Summer Show.
Donated by Paula Taylor.
Jo Holland and Fury.

Morgan Le Fay Challenge Shield - Member with most points in novice classes throughout the year.
Donated by Michelle Rogers.
Jo Holland and Fury.

Dubaythorn Perpetual Cup - Member with most points in intermediate classes throughout the year
Donated by Gill Andrews.
Lauren Keen and Maximillion.

Leebra Trophy - Member with most points in open classes throughout the year.
Donated by Selina Lee.
Louise Pickering and Merioneth Meteor.

Junior Shield - Junior member with most points accumulated throughout the year.
Donated by Hereford and District Riding Club.
Lauren Keen and Maximillion.

OTHER TROPHIES

Performance horse/pony of the year - To be decided by full Committee each year.
Donated by Donna Chaney.
ILPH Crumpet (Rodway & Sarah Heathfield).

President's Trophy - To be decided by full Committee each year.
Donated by Cyril Gaze.
David Lee.

Baby Cup - This cup is for in-hand showing.
Donated by Val Jones.

This cup was last won by Val Jones in 2000 and as we haven't held the appropriate class since then Val still holds the cup.

Bodyright Cars and Commercials Perpetual Cup

Donated by John Bushenell.

This cup was last won by Liz Langford in 2000 and as we haven't held the appropriate class since then Liz still holds the cup.

Simons Cup - This trophy is for long distance rides and as we haven't had any long distance rides for quite some time we are not quite sure where the cup is. If you know of it's whereabouts please could you let a member of the Committee know!

Accumulator Points

During the year H&DRC stage dressage and show jumping competitions, the results of these competitions are recorded and points are awarded to the winners of each class. At the end of each season the points are added up and the person who accumulates the most points through the year is awarded the relevant trophy. The 2004 winners are listed above - congratulations to them all - a running list of accumulator points for 2005 will be on the website on the 'Results' page.

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Are you interested in representing your Riding Club ?

The summer season is on its way.....

Background

The country is split into 23 areas, and every year each Area holds what is known as an 'Area Qualifier'. This is where representatives from the different Clubs in the Area compete against one another, to qualify for a place at the National Championships. The Area Qualifiers are for Teams of four, however some disciplines are for Individuals Only, and for both Senior's and Junior's.

If you do qualify for the 'National Championships' this may involve a long journey and a night away, but, trust me, you will have a fantastic time, and is well worth it and there is usually a party on site!

Dates for your Diary

Discipline	Area Venue & Date	Championship Venue & Date
Hunter Trails	3 April @ Wenvoe, Cardiff	1 May @ Peterborough
Show Jumping	12 June @ Allensmore	10-11 September @ Lincoln
Horse Trials	3 July @ Sapay	5-7 August @ Offchurch Bury
All Dressage	31 July @ Cabalva, Hay on Wye	10-11 September @ Lincoln October @ Addington for DTM

I thought it is best to let you know a little more of what is expected for each discipline, as there are a variety of different classes (Fence Heights & Dressage Tests have been included):

	Area Details	Championship Details
Hunter Trials	Novice up to max 2'9 Open up to max 3'7	Novice up to max 2'9 Open up to max 3'7
Show Jumping	Snr & Jnr Novice max 2'9 Snr Intermediate max 3'3 Jnr Open max 3'3 Snr Open 3'9 Snr & Jnr Equitation max 2'9	Snr & Jnr Novice max 2'9 Snr Intermediate max 3'3 Jnr Open max 3'3 Snr Open max 3'9 Snr & Jnr Equitation max 2'9
Horse Trials	Snr & Jnr Novice max 2'9 Snr Open max 3'7	Snr Novice max 2'9 (2 days) Jnr Novice max 2'9 (1 day) Snr Open max 3'7 (3 days)
Novice Dressage	Prelim 12 For Senior's Only, all team members will perform the same test.	Prelim 12
Open Dressage (Snr)	Novice 24, 25 & 32 Elementary 51 Medium 74 (Individual Only) Riding Test 6 & 8	Novice 24, 25 & 32 Elementary 51 Medium 75 (Individual Only) Riding Test 7 & 9
Open Dressage (Jnr)	Prelim 12 Novice 24 Riding Test 6	Prelim 12 Novice 24 Riding Test 7
Dressage to Music	(Individual Only)	(Individual Only)

If you are interested in representing your club please complete the enclosed form ASAP, as entries have to be submitted VERY early! I shall contact you all individually to check your eligibility, as it is very complicated!

Any questions please call me 01885 488159 or 07973 136046 or contact me via my H&DRC e-mail address at teams@hereford-riding-club.org.uk .

See you all soon and happy competing!

Jenny Ridgway

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NOTICES

Juniors - It has been agreed to lower the age limit to 10 years of age as of the 1st. January. We hope to welcome juniors to all our events so don't be shy the more the merrier. Thought will be given as to what other events to put on which may appeal to the younger membership - suggestions to Jane Unitt.

Jane Unitt - 01981 570435

Chairman

Field Hire - The field at Allensmore will be available for members to hire during the season (April to September) for practice or lessons. The rate of hire will be £5 per horse, please call Sue Pickering to book. The field is not available for use a couple of days prior to a competition as we need that time to prepare for the event. It is vital that Sue knows you are there as the field is sometimes hired out to other organisations. Please be aware that you ride at your own risk, if possible take someone with you in case you have a fall. Any breakages must be reported to Sue as all the equipment is needed for the shows and we don't want any nasty surprises when we come to build the courses.

Sue Pickering - 01981 570415

Merchandise - A collection of polo shirts, fleeces and sweat shirts are currently being researched. They will bear the H&DRC logo. As soon as the committee has made a selection, details will be announced on the web-site and in future newsletters.

Committee Vacancies - There are two vacancies on the committee. It would be great to fill these as everyone is working rather hard. If you think you might be interested in helping out please get in touch with Jane Unitt, I promise not to work you too hard.

Jane Unitt - 01981 570435

Chairman

Are you happy with H&DRC ? - As a committee we are anxious that we are providing you, the membership, with what you want from the club. Please submit your suggestions to any committee member. We won't promise to accept them all but, if there is enough interest shown in a subject, we will do our best to include it in our future programme.

Area 15 Weekend Rally - 15th/16th July 2005 @ Wye Valley Riding Club : To be held on Chepstow Racecourse, it is open to all members of affiliated riding clubs in the country.

Enquiries to *Marilyn Kirton, Treasurer, 14 Orchard Avenue, The Triangle, Chepstow, NP16 5RD.* Email address *marilyn.rosie@bhs-inter.net* . There are more details up on the H&DRC web-site or contact me and I will send them through the post.

Jane Unitt - 01981 570435

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H&DRC Diary of Events to Autumn 2005			
<i>Date /2005</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>	
Tue	05/01	H&DRC Committee Meeting	
Sat	05/02	Indoor show jumping area qualifier @ Yorkley	Jenny Ridgway
Sun	06/02	Riding Club Dressage @ Llangarron Court Prelim 7, Prelim 18, Nov 21; 10am start	Selina Lee
Sun	13/02	Fence-judge training day @ Devauden Village hall	
Fri	18/02	H&DRC Annual Ball @ Three Counties Hotel	
Sun	27/02	H&DRC Flatwork training @ Llangarron Court	Kirsten Dillow
Tue	01/03	H&DRC Committee Meeting	
Sun	06/03	H&DRC dressage competition @Llangarron Court Prelim 4, Prelim 10, Nov 24; 10am start	Selina Lee
Sun	13/03	H&DRC show-jumping training @ Llangarron Court	Kirsten Dillow
Sun	03/04	Hunter Trials area qualifier @ Wenvoe	Jenny Ridgway
Sun	03/04	H&DRC dressage competition @ Allensmore Prelim 4, Prelim 16 (long arena), Nov 21, Elem 41; 10am start	Selina Lee
Sun	10/04	H&DRC show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Sun	17/04	H&DRC Flatwork training @ Allensmore	Kirsten Dillow
Tue	19/04	H&DRC evening show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Sun	24/04	H&DRC Hunter Trials @ Hilltop, Ledbury Lots of help needed !	Jenny Ridgway
Sun	01/05	H&DRC show-jumping training @ Allensmore	Kirsten Dillow
Sun	01/05	BRC National Championships, Peterborough	
Mon	02/05	H&DRC dressage competition @ Allensmore Prelim7, Prelim 17 la, Nov 23, Elem 56 la; 2pm start; la=long arena	Selina Lee
Sat	07/05	H&DRC show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Tue	17/05	H&DRC evening show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Mon	23/05	Area 15 Meeting	Jane Unitt
Mon	30/05	H&DRC dressage competition @ Allensmore Prelim 4, Prelim 10, Nov 24, Elem 44; 2pm start	Selina Lee
Sun	05/06	H&DRC show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Sun	12/06	Area qualifier show-jumping competition @ Allensmore Lots of help needed ! - volunteers please contact Sue Pickering	Jenny Ridgway
Tue	21/06	H&DRC evening show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Sun	03/07	Area qualifier horse trials @ Sapey	Jenny Ridgway
Tue	05/07	H&DRC evening show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Fri- Sun	15/07 -17/0 7	Area 15 weekend rally @ Chepstow racecourse	Marylin Kirton 01291-627446
Sun	17/07	H&DRC show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Sun	31/07	Area qualifier dressage competition @ Cabalva	Jenny Ridgway
Sun	07/08	H&DRC show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Tue	16/08	H&DRC evening show-jumping competition @ Allensmore	Sue Pickering
Sun	04/09	H&DRC end-of-season Show (dressage is Prelim 18) Lots of help needed ! - volunteers please contact Sue Pickering	Sue Pickering
Sat &Sun n	10/09 -11/0 9	BRC National Championships @ Lincoln If we qualify !	Jenny Ridgway

For updates until the next newsletter please go to the 'Events' web-page