



# *Newsletter*

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## **Chairman's Drivel...**

Hi there,

Despite the mud, snow and freezing winds things at Hereford and District Riding Club are stirring!

The fund raising supper went very well bringing in a profit of over £500. Thanks to Selina Lee for masterminding the catering with the help of Dido Windham and Diana Sinclair - it was delicious. Thanks also to Rodway for suggesting the idea and finding the speaker Mal Williams who gave us a very amusing potted history of his life past and present. There will be more efforts to raise funds throughout the year, please think of supporting them as well as our shows - the money raised will be used to replace reserve funds spent last year sending teams to Area and National competitions.

Talking of Area Competitions, Hereford and District sent one Senior Team and one Junior Team off to the Area Indoor Novice Show Jumping Competition held at Pencoed College on Sunday 20th February. Thanks to the brave team members for turning out on a cold, grey day. Unfortunately the Junior team was eliminated but the Senior team came a very respectable second - well done all!

Dressage competition results appear later in this newsletter, as you will see they continue to be supported quite well - thanks to the competitors for turning out in all weathers and thanks again to Selina and helpers for organising them.

Thanks to Lisa Sansome for co-ordinating the monthly training sessions, all the participants have found them most informative and enjoyable. There are more sessions in the pipe line - details can be found later in this newsletter.

The programme for the coming season is taking shape. I hope there is something for everyone, if you have any suggestions or comments to make, please let me or a committee member know - we can't think of everything! Hope to see you at our events over the coming months.

## **Membership Renewal**

### **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2006 ?**

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership to the club and welcome to new members who have joined for 2006. If you intend to renew your membership, please do so now, as this is the last newsletter to be sent on last year's mailing list. The next issue will be sent out to those on the new membership list - being anyone who has joined since 1st October 2005 (our membership year runs from 1st October to 30th September each year).

## **Committee Changes**

After many years service, Archer Pontin has tendered his resignation from the position of Vice Chairman of H&DRC Committee. Archer could be found recently helping out at shows despite his advancing years but now feels that it's a job for a younger man. On behalf of the club, I have sent him a gift and card thanking him for all his hard work and support over the years.

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## **AGM Report**

Thank you to all those who attended the club AGM at Allensmore Village Hall. Apologies were received from Jenny Ridgway, Kirsten Dillow and Janet Kealey.

The minutes of the 2005 AGM were read, approved and signed.

Jane Unitt thanked Brigid Campbell for filling the position of President of the club so well.

The Treasurer, Jane Potts reported that funds were very low with only £663.00 in H&DRC's two bank accounts. This is due to the purchase of new show jumps and timing equipment, also the fact that H&DRC teams had such a successful 2005 resulting in sending a large contingent to the Nationals.

Changes to the constitution, as published in the Autumn 2005 newsletter, were discussed and voted upon. It was decided that Item 3 (the minimum junior age) should be the same as the BRC rules to ensure that the juniors will be covered by insurance. It was agreed, therefore that Jane Unitt would check with the BRC office before setting the age limit. Since then the BRC office has been contacted and they confirmed that there is no lower age limit so we may go ahead and lower the junior minimum age to 10 years of age as suggested.

Items 8,11,18 and 19 were agreed unanimously. However Item 20, regarding Honoraria for selected members of the committee resulted in a rewording of the proposal which was subsequently agreed.

The 2005 trophies were presented as listed in the 2005 Autumn Newsletter.

Kirsten Dillow and Cherry Powell are standing down from the committee this year, Jane Unitt will be contacting them to thank them for all their hard work for the club. Jo Gardiner was nominated and welcomed onto the committee with the added bonus of Karen Gardiner to take on the role of Junior Rep. A full list of the committee and their jobs are at the beginning of this newsletter.

Jo Gardiner gave a vote of thanks to the Committee on behalf of the members.

The meeting closed following refreshments.

## **DOWNLOADING THE NEWSLETTER**

According to our records over 80 members have email addresses and, presumably, access to the H&DRC website. Sadly, out of that number only 10 people came back to us to say that they had successfully downloaded the last newsletter so we didn't need to send one through the post.

The biggest expense incurred in the production of the newsletter is postage so, if you are able to download it, please let us know as we have no indication as to who has successfully acquired it for themselves.

When a newsletter is ready an email is sent to all email addresses on the membership list asking members to download it, and to let us know when they've done so successfully. After a week we post a copy to everyone who hasn't responded, which comes to over 100 envelopes and stamps. By using the electronic mail we were hoping to cut costs on printing, envelopes, address labels and stamps (plus time for stuffing and stamping same), so please send an email back to us when you've downloaded the newsletter so we don't waste the club's money.

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## **RULES & CONSTITUTION OF THE HEREFORD & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB**

1. **TITLE** The Club shall be known as 'The Hereford & District Riding Club'.
2. **OBJECTS** The objects of the club shall be:-
  - (a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation; to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemastership.
  - (b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the Objects.
  - (c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
  - (d) To investigate the subject of bridle tracks and rights of way with a view to opening those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence.
  - (e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.
3. **MEMBERSHIP**

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of seventeen years (and persons aged between 10 and 16 for the junior section) and, having been elected by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any persons deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club. Junior subscriptions shall be the same as for adult members. All junior members must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all Club events/training sessions.
4. Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another and his or her name and address forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Club on the appropriate Nomination Form.
5. The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Club's financial year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrear shall have his or her name removed from the Membership list after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her.
6. The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has wilfully disobeyed any of the rules of the Club or who has, in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that before expelling him/her, the Committee shall call upon him/her for an explanation of his/her conduct and shall hear what he/she may wish to urge in his/her defence.
7. **ADMINISTRATION - THE COMMITTEE**
  - (a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and nine other Committee members, five shall form a Quorum.
  - (b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire, the members to retire being those who have been longest in office for the same length of time, the members to retire shall be determined by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
  - (c) The Chairman, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from among their number.
  - (d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting

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- (e) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
  - (f) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club, and elect sub-Committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
  - (g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising among members of the Committee but any person co-opted shall retain office until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.
8. The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1st October each year.
  9. The annual subscription shall be £20 (£12 Social Membership) or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.
  10. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-President. These shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.
  11. The AGM shall be held in the month of December in each year to transact the following business:-
    - (a) To receive and, if approved, to adopt a Statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.
    - (b) To fill vacancies on the Committee.
    - (c) To appoint an auditor.
    - (d) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before the members and to receive Suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting Shall be sent to members not less than 10 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
  12. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five members, specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such meeting.
  13. The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous AGM.
  14. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him/her to his/her address in the UK registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the UK such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.
  15. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special GM, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
  16. The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.
  17. Members should be correctly turned out at all events. Hard hats bearing the appropriate BSI Kite-mark should be worn.
  18. At the end of the Financial Year any interest from the Club's Investment Account will be added to the capital of the said Account in the following January.
  19. Legitimate Expenses incurred on the Club's behalf will be reimbursed on production of an appropriate receipt.

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### **H&DRC Dressage Results - Warham Court : 6 November 2005**

#### **Prelim 10**

1st	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Musician	Member - 6 points
2nd	Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 5 points
3rd	Charlie Scudamore	Fudge	
4th	Angela Mace (Jun)	Sky	Member - 3 points
5th	Rebecca Bradley	Chinook Collein	

#### **Prelim 18**

1st	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Musician	Member - 6 points
=2nd	Rebecca Bradley	Chinook Collein	
=2nd	Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 5 points
3rd	Jane Pratt	Pen Ithon	Member - 4 points

#### **Novice 21**

1st	Moira Robson	Glen	
2nd	Rachel Jordan	Milly	
3rd	Suzanne Smith	Indian Blue	

#### **Novice 32**

1st	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	Member - 6 points
2nd	Moira Robson	Glen	
3rd	Rachel Jordan	Milly	
4th	Suzanne Smith	Indian Blue	

### **H&DRC Dressage Results - Warham Court : 4 December 2005**

#### **Prelim 4**

1st	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Musician	Member - 6 points
2nd	Amy Barrington	Donald	
3rd	Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 4 points
4th	Isobel Lee	Chappie	Member - 3 points
5th	Jo Alderton	Fern	

#### **Prelim 16**

1st	Isobel Lee	Chappie	Member - 6 points
2nd	Becky Powell (Jun)	Golden Beau	
3rd	Nicola Farrington	Lizzie	
4th	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Musician	Member - 3 points
5th	Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 2 points

#### **Novice 23**

1st	Becky Powell (Jun)	Golden Beau	
2nd	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	Member - 5 points
3rd	Jo Alderton	Obi 1	

#### **Novice 35**

1st	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	Member - 6 points
2nd	Jo Alderton	Obi 1	
3rd	Nicola Farrington	Lizzie	

### **H&DRC Dressage Results - Warham Court : 15 January 2006**

#### **Prelim 7**

1st	Christine Hardinge	Olly	Member - 6 points
2nd	Jane Pratt	Pen Ithon	Member - 5 points
3rd	Christine Hardinge	BT	Member - 4 points
4th	Christine Hardinge	Jimmy	Member - 3 points
5th	Sarah Heathfield	Bailey	Member - 2 points
6th	Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 1 point

#### **Prelim 16**

1st	Christine Hardinge	Jimmy	Member - 6 points
2nd	Rebecca Dazely	Little Dancer	Member - 5 points
3rd	Christine Hardinge	Olly	Member - 4 points

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4th	Christine Hardinge	BT	Member - 3 points
5th	Isobel Lee	Chappie	Member - 2 points
6th	Sarah Heathfield	Bailey	Member - 1 point
<b>Novice 24</b>			
1st	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	Member - 6 points
2nd	Becky Field	Solar Shadow	
3rd	Isobel Lee	Flossy	Member - 4 points
4th	Rebecca Dazely	Little Dancer	Member - 3 points
<b>Novice 35</b>			
1st	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	Member - 6 points

### **H&DRC Dressage Results - Llangarron Court : 5 February 2006**

<b>Prelim 12</b>			
1st	Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 6 points
2nd	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Swingtime	Member - 5 points
=3rd	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Musician	Member - 4 points
=3rd	Angela Mace (Jun)	Harry	Member - 4 points
5th	Isobel Lee	Chappie	Member - 2 points
6th	Ilona Gunson	Black Jet	
<b>Prelim 10</b>			
1st	Isobel Lee	Chappie	Member - 6 points
2nd	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Musician	Member - 5 points
3rd	Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Swingtime	Member - 4 points
4th	Sue Harrison	Dutchie	
5th	Ilona Gunson	Black Jet	
6th	Charlie Scudamore	Fudge	Member - 1 point
<b>Novice 25</b>			
1st	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	Member - 6 points
2nd	Ilona Gunson	Black Jet	
<b>Novice 36</b>			
1st	Isobel Lee	Ariel	Member - 6 points
2nd	Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	Member - 5 points
3rd	Isobel Lee	Flossy	Member - 4 points

### **H&DRC Dressage Results - Llangarron Court : 5 March 2006**

<b>Prelim 4</b>			
1st	Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 6 points
2nd	Sue Harrison	Dutchie	
=3rd	Karen Gardiner (Jun)	Regal Rumour	Member - 4 points
=3rd	Sally Williams	Seren	
<b>Prelim 12</b>			
1st	Isobel Lee	Chappie	Member - 6 points
2nd	Kate Mills (Junior)	Take It Easy	
3rd	Stephs Hobbs	Alderfly	Member - 4 points
4th	Tracy Garrit	Ali Baba	
5th	Sue Harrison	Dutchie	
6th	Karen Gardiner (Jun)	Regal Rumour	Member - 1 point
<b>Novice 21</b>			
1st	Isobel Lee	Flossie	Member - 6 points
<b>Novice 32</b>			
1st	Kate Mills (Jun)	Take It Easy	
2nd	Tracy Garrit	Ali Baba	
3rd	Isobel Lee	Ariel	Member - 4 points

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## **H&DRC Dressage Accumulator 2005/6**

<b>Prelim</b>		6/11	4/12	15/1	5/2	5/3	Total
Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Musician	12	9		9		30
Brigid Campbell	Pembridge Swingtime				9		9
Rebecca Dazely	Little Dancer			5			5
Karen Gardiner (Jun)	Regal Rumour					5	5
Christine Hardinge	BT			7			7
Christine Hardinge	Jimmy			9			9
Christine Hardinge	Olly			10			10
Sarah Heathfield	Bailey			3			3
Steph Hobbs	Alderfly	10	6	1	6	10	33
Isobel Lee	Chappie		9	2	8	6	25
Angela Mace	Harry				4		4
Angela Mace	Sky	3					3
Jane Pratt	Pen Ithon	4		5			9
Charlie Scudamore	Fudge				1		1
<b>Novice</b>		6/11	4/12	15/1	5/2	5/3	Total
Rebecca Dazely	Little Dancer			3			3
Isobel Lee	Ariel				6	4	10
Isobel Lee	Flossy			4	4	6	14
Catherine Mace	Ricardo Reashi	6	11	12	11		40

The winter Dressage season has gone well with those taking part admirably remembering two tests in a row. The poor judges were stretched at times but the horses invariably went better on the second test.

The next competition will be held at the club field (weather permitting) when we will be holding our Badmington Horse Feeds Championship Qualifier. The first three places on 9th April in Prelim 12, Novice 21 and Novice 31 will qualify for Badmington Horse Feeds Championships to be held in the Indoor School at Badmington House by kind permission of the Duchess of Beaufort on 20th and 21st July 2006. There are three categories:-

Grass Roots - open to horses with less than 10BD points and riders not to have won BD points at Elementary level.

Middle of the Road Stakes - open to horses with less than 79BD and less than 22 Eventing points.

High Performance Stakes - open

This is the brain child of Ian Asdetts who wanted to provide an National Unaffiliated Dressage Competition for competitors at grass roots level so he organised his first Championship twenty years ago and it's been growing ever since.

Please think of having a go - it could be fun!

As some of you will already know Brigid Campbell suffered an accident at the last Dressage Competition which resulted in a broken right knee. She has had to have an operation to pin it all together again and is hopping about on crutches. On behalf of the club may I say we are all very sorry to hear the news and get well soon, Brigid - I have ordered the twizzly chair so that you can lunge the horses while you're out of the saddle!

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## **AREA NEWS**

Dates for Area Qualifiers are on the Diary of Events page. Area 15 is also running a weekend camp at Chepstow Racecourse in July. Remember that you must have an up to date flu certificate with you as you won't be allowed on the racecourse without it. I have details here or contact Marilyn Kirton on 01291 627446 or email: marilyn.rosie@bhs-inter.net

### **Area Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier – 19 February 2006**

As usual we sent a Senior and Junior Team to the indoor SJ qualifier, which usually results in a very long day for all, but the seniors were in the morning this year to my delight!

The Senior team who finished in a very well deserved 2nd place, after 3 rounds the third of which was a jump off. The team comprised of Jenny Ridgway (me) with Liberty Lad, Sarah Heathfield with Bailey, Rodway Heathfield with ILPH Crumpet and Holly Cartwright with Jack.

The Junior team were unfortunate as 2 team members were eliminated resulting in the team being eliminated.

Well done to all, and an excellent start to the 2006 season, when I am sure H&DRC will be out in force again!

Jen  
Team Manager!

## **BRC NEWS**

There will be five National Training Weekends held during 2006. At these weekends, a judge/examiner may refresh or upgrade their qualifications in any of the panels. Members may also be assessed to go onto panels anew. The nearest in our area is at Hartpury College on 8th and 9th April. If anyone is interested in this, please contact me (Jane Unitt 01981 570435) and I will pass the application form on to you. You must apply by 21/04/06 contact number 01926 707765 Caroline Unwin.

I also have an application form for Senior Equitation 4 (with or without jumping) and Senior Horse Welfare 4 Examinations 2006. They will take place at Bishop Burton College, Beverley, East Yorks. on 8th and 9th May, applications must be in by 19/04/06.

## **H&DRC FUN RIDE**

A Fun Ride has been arranged for 3rd June at Llangrove by kind permission of Linda Wallis . The fee will be £10 per adult and £6 for juniors profit will go towards H&DRC funds and a donation will be made to the Air Ambulance Service. Details are yet to be finalised but some helpers will be required on the day, any volunteers please contact Jo Gardiner on 01981 250137.

## **CLUB GEAR**

There have been some changes to the clothing list due to popular demand, please see the club clothing order form. Any queries, please contact Lauren Keen on 01432 275883.

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## **H&RDC HUNTER TRIALS**

We are holding our Hunter Trials at Hilltop Cross Country Course near Ledbury on Sunday 2nd April. As you can imagine, this takes some organising which falls upon the shoulders of Jenny Ridgway. Jenny will need lots of volunteers to help as fence judges, stewards, starter etc. Please, if you can spare a day or even half a day to help ring Jenny on 01885 488159.

## **GETTING THE CLUB FIELD READY**

H&DRC hire a field at Home Farm, Allensmore from 1st April to 30th September so we will be bringing the club equipment out of it's winter storage, assembling the jumps, cleaning out the caravans and putting up arenas for the season. Help would be very much appreciated especially with fixing the feet on the jump wings and unloading the trailers. We intend to spread it over three evenings the Wed. 5th, Thurs. 6th, Fri. 7th April from 6.30pm so it will be ready for the Show Jump Training with Jolie Smith on Saturday 8th April and our first evening Show Jumping Show on Wednesday 12th April. Just turn up or phone Sue Pickering on 01981 570415 if in doubt.

## **TRAINING**

The first 'Combined Training Day' held on 20th February went very well. There were three groups each consisting of three riders for the flatwork sessions with Sally Newcomb and two groups each consisting of four riders for the jumping sessions with William Blane. Some people opted to just do one discipline and others to do both, whatever they chose everyone was most enthusiastic and all have booked in again. The next date is Saturday 18th March at Warham Court by kind permission of Sally Newcomb and further dates can be found in the diary of events at the back of this newsletter or on the website. If you are interested in joining in please contact Lisa Sansome on 01981 550024 before 9pm please or email [training@hereford-riding-club.org.uk](mailto:training@hereford-riding-club.org.uk)

Lisa is away for a few days in mid April and then at the end of the month is unable to continue to organise training for the club, so if you have any queries regarding training, please contact me, Jane Unitt on 01981 570435 or email me on [chairman@hereford-riding-club.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hereford-riding-club.org.uk) and I will be able to point you in the right direction.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa on the club's behalf, I know that she has worked very hard to get things off the ground and that members have enjoyed the sessions. She remains a member so I'm sure we'll be pleased to see her about at club events

## **GRASS SICKNESS**

Gail Dunsbee has contacted me with regard to this distressing condition, her horse was diagnosed and died of it last year. Since then she has been researching into it's causes and possible prevention and treatment through land and horse management. She asked me to include a piece in the newsletter to raise awareness of the dangers of this disease and to gather more data for discussion. If anyone out there has experience of Grass Sickness please report it to Equine Grass Sickness Fund on 0131 445 6257 or download a form to be found on their website [www.grasssickness.org.uk](http://www.grasssickness.org.uk). I have posted Gail's literature on the website and if you are interested in knowing more please contact her on [mike@dunsbee.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:mike@dunsbee.freeserve.co.uk). If you are unable to access the website I can send out copies of Gail's data on request - Jane Unitt 01981 570435..

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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!

### ***Changes for 2006 season***

Due to the increasing success of the H&DRC Teams, and the sheer volume of competitors qualifying for the finals and therefore the associated costs it has been agreed that the competitors will pay the Head Office Preliminary Entry Fee. To put this change into context please see the following example.

Example Cost for a Dressage Team Member:

	<b>Who pays?</b>	<b>How much?</b>
Head Office Preliminary Entry Fee	Was H&DRC Now Competitor	£4.50
Area Entry Fee	Competitor	£6.00
Championships Entry Fee	H&DRC	£20.00
One Nights Stabling	H&DRC	£28.00

So to secure your place in a team please forward me the attached form and enclose the relevant Head Office Preliminary Entry Fees, they are as follows:

Show Jumping	£4.50
Horse Trials	£9.50
Dressage/Riding Test	£4.50 (different for DTM and Medium)
Hunter Trials	£3.75

I am also requesting to see all vaccination cards prior to the competition to avoid any disappointment on the day, so could anyone who wants to be part of a team please forward me a photocopy of there vaccination card when returning the attached form.

Please be aware that by competing at an Area Qualifier you will be expected to attend the finals if you qualify.

### ***Dates for your Diary***

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Area Venue &amp; Date</b>	<b>Championship Venue &amp; Date</b>
Show Jumping	11 June @ Allensmore	9-10 September @ Lincoln
Horse Trials	2 July @ Hilltop	4-6 August @ OffchurchBury
All Dressage	16 July @ Mount Ballan	9-10 September @ Lincoln
		7-8 October @ Addington for DTM
Hunter Trails	2 October @ Hilltop	May 2007 @ Peterborough

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):

	<b>Area Details</b>	<b>Championship Details</b>
<b>Hunter Trials</b>	Novice up to max 2'9 Open up to max 3'7	Novice up to max 2'9 Open up to max 3'7
<b>Show Jumping</b>	Snr & Jnr Novice max 2'9	Snr & Jnr Novice max 2'9

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<b>Horse Trials</b>	Snr Intermediate max 3'3	Snr Intermediate max 3'3
	Jnr Open max 3'3	Jnr Open max 3'3
	Snr Open 3'9	Snr Open max 3'9
	Snr & Jnr Equitation max 2'9	Snr & Jnr Equitation max 2'9
	Snr & Jnr Novice max 2'9	Snr Novice max 2'9 (2 days)
<i>New for 2006</i>	<i>Snr Intermediate max 3'3</i>	<i>Jnr Novice max 2'9 (1 day)</i>
	Snr Open max 3'7	<i>Snr Intermediate max 3'3 (2 days)</i>
		Snr Open max 3'7 (3 days)
<b>Novice Dressage</b>	Prelim 13	Prelim 14
	For Senior's Only, all team members will perform the same test.	
<b>Open Dressage (Snr)</b>	Novice 21, 26 & 30	Novice 21, 26 & 30
	Elementary 43	Elementary 43
	Medium 64 (Individual Only)	Medium 64 (Individual Only)
	Riding Test 6 & 8	Riding Test 7 & 9
<b>Open Dressage (Jnr)</b>	Prelim 13	Prelim 14
	Novice 26	Novice 30
	Riding Test 6	Riding Test 7
<b>Dressage to Music</b>	(Individual Only)	(Individual Only)

If you are interested in representing your club please complete the attached 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.

See you all soon and happy competing!  
Jenny Ridgway

## **CHARITY FUN RIDE**

In aid of Ludlow and District Riding for the Disabled Association at Mortimer Forest, Ludlow on Sunday 14th May 2006. Adults £10 in advance £13 on the day. Children £7 in advance and £10 on the day ( children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult).

Distance will be eleven and a half miles with the option of shorter routes of seven or four and a half miles. First horse 10.00am - last horse 12.39pm. food and refreshments available. plenty of parking and rosettes to all finishers.

Contact Georgina Fitzgerald on 01584 877082 or 07800 916256 or alternatively Margaret Anderson on 01584 810099 for any further information.

## **AREA 15 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER**

H&DRC will be hosting this event on 11th June this year. As usual we will be needing lots of help on the day, please let Sue Pickering know if you can help even half a day would be good. If you can't help for that particular event I know Sue is always glad of volunteers on any of the show jumping days so don't be shy - pick up the phone and dial 01981 570415!

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### **JUMP CUPS**

Many of you will have read the article in Rider Magazine explaining the new FEI rule which will affect all BRC affiliated clubs. The rule states that approved safety cups must be used on the rear element of spreads and the middle element of triple bar fences at Area Qualifiers and Championships. As H&DRC host the Area 15 Show Jumping Qualifier each year it seems the club has to purchase enough cups and fixings to cover both courses which I reckon will cost in the region of £500.

As Chairman I thought that this was a large amount of club money to lay out just so we could host the Area Competition so I have asked for financial help from Area 15 towards the cost.

It also led me to thinking that this rule had been adopted by BRC at rather short notice so I drafted a letter which the committee agreed to send to Rider Magazine and BRC Office. Here is a copy of the letter I sent:-

Dear Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Hereford and District Riding Club committee to protest at the introduction of jump "safety cups" for use in official BRC competitions. Also at the lack of information prior to the enforcement of this rule so allowing no time for proper consultation. We had heard that there was a possibility that this rule would come in but with the absence of detail such as when and at what cost, it was difficult to comment and open up a debate. This would have, at least, given clubs more time to fund raise.

The cost of this upgrade is yet another demand on the finances of amateur clubs funded by member's subscriptions and good will. The cost to our club will be at least £500 simply to host the Area 15 Show Jumping Qualifier Competition. With over 400 clubs in the country, how many will be willing to spend this amount of money to host BRC Qualifiers?

According to the lowest prices quoted in Rider Magazine the cost of this upgrade will be £39.00 per jump. We normally include at least five spreads per course, now it's £195.00, and always run two courses per competition, total £390.00. This figure is only allowing one set of new cups per spread and I see from the article that centre poles also have to rest on these cups so add another four sets in case, £156.00 now we have a total of £546.00. Currently, this rule applies to affiliated competitions only. Were all 400 plus clubs to equip themselves, this outlay would total £218,400.00! Can this organisation really afford such a sudden change?

In addition we then have to coax the club stalwart to fix the things to the jump wings and as it's a health and safety issue will it be necessary for the work to be inspected to satisfy the insurers? I could go on!

We think that directives intended for professional competitions should not be imposed on the amateur clubs. This is another drain on hard earned resources which will impinge on other aspects of the average Riding Club such as education and fun and will ultimately turn clubs away from affiliation to BRC.

Yours faithfully,

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<b>H&amp;DRC Diary of Events to Autumn 2006</b>			
<i>Date /2006</i>		<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Sun	15/01	H&DRC Dressage competition at Warham Court - 10am	Selena Lee
Sun	05/02	H&DRC Dressage competition at Llangarron Court - 10am	Selena Lee
Sat	11/02	H&DRC Fund-raising Supper @ Clehonger Village Hall	Jane Unitt
Sat	18/02	H&DRC Flatwork training at Warham Court - AM	Lisa Sansome
Sat	18/02	H&DRC Show Jumping training at Warham Court - PM	Lisa Sansome
Sun	19/02	Area 15 Show Jumping Qualifier @ Pencoed College	Jenny Ridgway
Sun	05/03	H&DRC Dressage competition at Llangarron Court - 10am	Selena Lee
Sat	18/03	H&DRC Flatwork training at Warham Court - AM	Lisa Sansome
Sat	18/03	H&DRC Show Jumping training at Warham Court - PM	Lisa Sansome
Sun	02/04	H&DRC Hunter Trials competition @ Hilltop	Jenny Ridgway
Sat	08/04	H&DRC Show Jumping training at Allensmore - tba	Lisa Sansome
Sun	09/04	H&DRC Dressage competition at Allensmore - 2pm	Selena Lee
Wed	12/04	H&DRC Evening Show Jumping at Allensmore - 5:30pm	Sue Pickering
Sat	22/04	H&DRC Flatwork training at Warham Court - AM	Jane Unitt
Sat	22/04	H&DRC Show Jumping training at Warham Court - PM	Jane Unitt
Sat/ Sun	22/04/ 23/04	BRC Novice Indoor Show Jumping Championships Hartpury College, Gloucs	Jenny Ridgway
Sun	30/04	H&DRC Show Jumping at Allensmore - 9:30am	Sue Pickering
Sat	06/05	H&DRC Show Jumping training at Allensmore- tbc	Jane Unitt
Sun	07/05	H&DRC Dressage competition at Allensmore - 2pm	Selena Lee
Wed	10/05	H&DRC Evening Show Jumping at Allensmore - 5:30pm	Sue Pickering
Sun	14/05	BRC Festival of the Hunter Championships @ Peterborough	Jenny Ridgway
Sat	20/05	H&DRC Show Jumping at Allensmore - 9:30am	Sue Pickering
Mon	29/05	H&DRC Dressage competition at Allensmore - 2pm	Selena Lee
Sat	03/06	H&DRC Fun Ride @ Llangrove, Ross-on-Wye	Jo Gardiner
Sat	10/06	H&DRC Show Jumping training at Allensmore - tbc	Jane Unitt
Sun	11/06	Area 15 Show Jumping Qualifier @ Allensmore	Jenny Ridgway
Wed	14/06	H&DRC Evening Show Jumping at Allensmore - 5:30pm	Sue Pickering
Sat	17/06	H&DRC Show Jumping training at Allensmore - tbc	Jane Unitt
Sun	18/06	H&DRC Show Jumping at Allensmore - 9:30am	Sue Pickering
Sun	02/07	Area 15 Horse Trials Qualifier @ Hilltop	Jenny Ridgway
Wed	12/07	H&DRC Evening Show Jumping at Allensmore - 5:30pm	Sue Pickering
Sun	16/07	Area 15 Novice & Open Dressage Qualifier @ Mt Ballan	Jenny Ridgway
Fri- Sun	21/07- 23/07	Area 15 Weekend Rally Chepstow Racecourse	Marylin Kirton 01291-627446
Sun	23/07	H&DRC Show Jumping at Allensmore - 9:30am	Sue Pickering
Fri- Sun	04/08- 06/08	BRC National Horse Trials Championships Offchurch Bury, Warwickshire	Jenny Ridgway
Wed	09/08	H&DRC Evening Show Jumping at Allensmore - 5:30pm	Sue Pickering
Sun	27/08	H&DRC Show Jumping at Allensmore - 9:30am	Sue Pickering
Sun	17/09	H&DRC Show Jumping at Allensmore - 9:30am	Sue Pickering
Sat/ Sun	09/09/ 10/09	BRC National Championships Lincoln	Jenny Ridgway
Sat/ Sun	07/10/ 08/10	BRC National Dressage to Music Championships Addington, Oxon	Jenny Ridgway
Sat	16/12	BRC 'Quadrille of the Year' @ Olympia	Jenny Ridgway

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

## *I want to represent my Riding Club!*

Riders Name \_\_\_\_\_

Riding Club Membership No \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Horses Name(s)**

**Discipline**

**Winnings**

Eg: Dobbin \_\_\_\_\_

Open Show Jumping & Prelim Dressage \_\_\_\_\_

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Before posting have you enclosed the following:

- A photocopy of your horse's vaccination card.
- Cheque payable to H&DRC for the relevant Head Office Entry Fees.

and send your completed form to:

Jenny Ridgway  
Worcester Lodge  
Bromyard Road  
Bringsty  
Worcester  
WR6 5TA

### **\*\*NOTE\*\***

**I will need this completed form 4 weeks prior to the relevant qualifier date to guarantee your entry**