



# Cheltenham & District Riding Club

## CDRC NEWS

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## Springtime Shuffle

Well, Spring is here (allegedly!), so we thought we would have a spring clean and move a few cobwebs!

Its become apparent that we needed to review the way we communicate with you, the website has increased in popularity and dealing with the traffic coming via the web is a full-time job in itself, so Nicky Norfolk is now our Website Manager, she remains as secretary, but has relinquished the role of Newsletter Editor.

So, I have taken on the production of the newsletter, but as you can see the format has changed!

We simply don't have the capacity to replicate news from the website onto a newsletter each month, so the new format will see snippets of information to keep you posted, but the bulk of our communications will be directed through the website. We are in the process of changing providers and the new format will include a members forum so you can communicate directly.

We will also have new sections on the website for communication from discipline specific team managers, including reports of the events we have attended and details of our triumphs! If you have any pictures we could use on the website, please email them with details to Nicky N and we will hopefully get more animated pages on the website.

If you have any items you would wish to see in this newsletter, please let me know! Happy Riding CDRC. Dawn

## Key Rule Changes 2010

Some points of note, effective from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010:

**G9.3**, In the interest of horse welfare, horses may not be stabled overnight on horse boxes at any BRC competition.

**G16.2** A competitor or team may be disqualified for any unsporting behaviour, e.g purposeful outside assistance

**G21 + App5**. Whips and spurs are permitted in riding tests.

**C1.2** If blood is seen on a horse when being ridden or competed in any discipline, the horse may be eliminated at the discretion of the Official Steward (OS)

**Appendix 4**. British Show jumping jackets are not permitted in any competition

**App 4**. DR and Riding tests, gloves must be worn, dark or pale colour acceptable

**G21 + App5**. Whips and spurs are permitted in riding tests.

**G20 + App 5**. Discreet fly fringes and ear covers may be worn outdoors only.

**G20 + App 5**. Nose nets no longer require a dispensation.

Rule Books are available from the BHS bookshop, it is your responsibility to know the rules of BRC and we strongly advise you familiarise yourself with the rules.

## Contacting the Committee

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NB Beckie has a new mobile Number you can now leave voice messages for her!

## CDRC Gets a Smart New Image!

You may recall some time ago we asked for ideas for a club logo, after much deliberation, we have decided to use the BRC logo with our banner arching over the top and we think it looks very tasty!

In order to ensure we all have the same image when representing the club, we have had saddle cloths produced by Nagzone with the logo on one side and CDRC on the other. The best bit is if you are chosen to represent the club, you will receive one for free! (1 per member regardless of number of teams represented) and if you would like to buy one, you can do for just £15.

They are lovely quality cloths and come in Navy or White, in full size only, contact Dawn for details.

And to complement our new image, the committee have been supported by WoofWear and acquired some stunning corporate clothing which also carries the logo and we have to admit, we rather like our new professional look and have had lots of compliments on it, especially at the area qualifiers, see the pic opposite, sadly Beckie is missing from the pic, but Hannah's dogs joined us to make up the numbers!



We will be looking to expand our clothing range to cover all seasons! If you would like to use our logo on your own items (It cannot be altered and must be used in current colour combination and design) Please contact Nagzone directly on 01594 860883. They can embroider anything new or freshly washed and in good condition.

At least now when you are out and about, if you dont know all of us, you will recognise the coats, Noel is in grey because we thought it was more flattering for him (in case you were wondering!)



## We've Qualified!

Firstly a massive thank you to each and every CDRC member who joined us to help at Harpury on Feb 27th, we had a fantastic team and everything came together superbly, we had numerous compliments on our organisation. But to top the day WE WON! ~ See Beckies report to follow.

All our riders were superb, but a win in her section for **DI COOKE**, a 2<sup>nd</sup> for **SUE OWEN** and high placings for **GEORGIE BULL** and **JEMMA JULIAN** saw us qualify for the National Championships on **SATURDAY APRIL 3RD 2010 AT HARTPURY**, so why not come along and cheer the team on, we are rather vocal as a club and the more voices the better! We are so so proud of this achievement, after years of hard work. Beckie Northover as team Manager has done it

So what a day, we had FEI international riders including Zara Phillips, Rodney Powell and Francis Whittington sharing our warm up (and our car park – much to the stress level of Rob & Grant as parking stewards!) but don't worry Sian kept them in check in the warm up, and I have to say what a special moment for those warming up alongside the best riders in the world – Im sure Zara is reining world champ still! Francis owes us a big favour as we attended to his injured groom, packed her off in an ambulance and then roped Beckie N and Fe Moore into plaiting his horses ready for the FEI! At one point we thought about signing him up for an N25 test to see if the judges noticed a difference! So we had new faces as judges, a massive list of helpers and a few famous faces, what more could we ask for, a fabulous day and credit to all involved!!

### Well, where do I begin ?

After the most terrible weather making training nearly impossible, with surfaces frozen, roads too icy to ride on and to top it all off BRC had made a printing error so all prelim riders were having to ride an intermediate horse trials test ( which has medium trot in it) i didn't think that the run up to the area dressage could get much more difficult, poor Mel was being stretched in all directions with training taking place in snap shots and people having private lessons to try and keep on top of their horses ( literally )! i must also say thank you to Sharon Thomas and Nick Lawson ( Abbey Dressage) as Sharon has a big involvement with Gerri Garrot and Nick with Georgie Bull and Di Cook. So the week before the comp when people were saying how naughty and fresh their horses were i have to say i was slightly worried.

So the day finally came, it was a very early start for all of the CDRC ground crew as we were there from 7am ready for a half 8 start, riders started arriving form other clubs along with our H12 riders, Sue Owen, Sarah Chatt, Steph Curwen, Gerrri Garrott, Di cook and Sian Evans.

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# The Dream Teams....



Sue and Sarah were first to ride to ride for us, Mel had very kindly come to warm our riders up and Sue and Cookie looked in fine form, Sarah and Whinnie even though they were short on warm up time were very composed and I have to say looking rather fab in their CDRC saddle cloths :) both went down to do their tests whilst nervous CDRC members watched. Sarah and Whinnie did a very consistent test, this was their first CDRC team event and in an arena such as Hartpury where spooking seems to be the order of the day held their nerve and rode very positively. Sue and Cookie produced a very exciting test as it was perfect, both really pulled together and pulled a cracker out of the bag! What would the judges think though? we swiftly moved on to Steph and Gerri, Sharon had kindly come to give Gerri and Murphy a hand warming up and much to everyone's delight and a lot of clapping they rode a great test too, they are proving to be a very very consistent pair that have a very exciting season ahead of them. Steph and Crystal were just fabulous and too are an exciting combination for the future, as Crystal is only 5 and Hartpury was only her 4th competition, there was a tiny little look at a possible gremlin hiding in the corner of the arena but this was dealt with very quickly and efficiently by Steph who rode very confidently with this young pony. Sian and Toy were next in and I have to say I don't think that I have seen this combination go so well, it all came together for the 4 mins and looked effortless a pleasure to watch.

We then had a gap of 3 hours until Di Cook rode, so myself, Mel and CDRC riders and friends all hovered over the score board and were elated when the scores started to go up, Sue was on 72% and Sian on 71% with all of the others in the high 60s, Sue was leading in her arena with Sian in 3rd (there were a lot of scores to go up) this was now adding to the pressure of the Novice riders that were waiting in the wings.

Di Cook's time finally came and with a big crowd of CDRC supporters her test started. Jay looked a picture and was going like a dream, half way through the test and all was still well, it was almost too hard to watch, she trotted up the centre line, halted and saluted without a hitch and was without doubt her best test to date, there were smiles all round.

I can't repeat what Di's comment was on her score, but for those of you who know Di, you can probably guess what it was! This was followed by tears of joy from nearly everyone when Di realised that she had won her arena on nearly 73% :)

This left CDRC in an amazing position, the final scores meant that Di had won her arena and Sue was 2nd in hers but they were on the same team so there was a real chance that if the novice riders went well they would be placed as a team. Sian was 4th in her arena, Gerri 5th, Steph 7th and Sarah just out of the top 10.

The novice riders started with Georgie Bull and Vinnie and Jemma Julian and Missy, Georgie showed real team spirit as she was really really poorly the night before and in the morning and at one point didn't think she was going to be able to ride, but I am glad to say she did and she set the standard for the novice horses that followed, she rode a beautiful test that was def going to be a good score. Jemma had a great test on Missy even though she forgot her give and re take on one rein (lol) as her mare is not the easiest to ride. Carol Brooks and Matilda were next up and after some of Mrs Os' vimto it was a walk in the park, very solid test. Jenny Tritton and Glen did a super test with fabulous medium trots that showed off his flowing feathers, which left just Jess Enett and Nicola Klaiber to complete. This was Jess's first team comp and I can't tell you how nervous she had been in the run up to this event, however, when the bell rang, nerves went out of the window and although Hazza was a little bit cheeky in the canter and thought he would like to show his flying changes off it was a very good test, ridden very well. Unfortunately Nicolas' horse injured himself in the holding bay and was unable to compete, so I hope that he is OK now.

There was much excitement, mainly from me who was finding the whole thing quite stressful, def more so than riding myself whilst we were waiting for the novice scores to go up. To cut along story a little shorter, Jemma and Georgie who were on Di and Sue's team were well up there with their scores in the very high 60s at one point both were leading, I then got slightly pushed down, so you can imagine the tension as we were all trying to do maths as other scores went up and they got pushed down a little further. Only when Sue came up to me and said that there is not a team that is near Cheltenham Red did I actually start to believe we could win. I can honestly say that it was nearly worse than having a baby, waiting for final scores to be added, but then it happened, along side Cheltenham Red was a 1 .... we had won (well not actually me but the team)!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

So the winning team qualifies for the championships on 3 April again at Hartpury and that comprises of

Georgie Bull  
Jemma Julian  
Sue Owen  
Di Cook

Cheltenham Blue were 11th  
Carol Brooks  
Jenny Tritton  
Sarah Chatt  
Gerri Garrott

Cheltenham Green were 15th  
Jessica Ennett  
Nicola Klaiber (did not complete :( )  
Sian Evans  
Steph Curwen

All scores will be on website but I feel very proud to say that not one Cheltenham rider did a bad test, they all were fantastic as there were some very very good horses and riders competing against us. It is very good to see the standard of riding and judging so high.

I would like to say a big thank you to all who helped as it ran like clockwork to all of the committee (Esp Dawn and Noel) to all team riders, Mel Beckmann for the training and support and finally I would just like to say on a personal note a big thank you to all of you who have been understanding and very supportive as the last 6 months have not been easy for me, thank you. xx see you all at the championships.xx

# Cheltenham Cats Narrowly Miss the Prey

Hi all, what a busy few weeks I've had. As you will be aware, we hosted our first ever Top Score at summerhouse in Feb. A lot of hard work and preparation went into this, so I would like to thank Sian, Dawn and Noel for their help. It ran really well and was pleased to see chelt riders placed. I took advantage of a great venue and held a training session after with Sharon Thomas. A huge thanks to Sian, Meg, Jeanette and Darren who hung around after to put the B.S.J.A course up.

The day before Hartpury Areas, I was feeling very pleased with myself as we had three strong teams entered. Unfortunately I had a call from Pippa Morris to say she had to pull out. Thank god Clara Birley agreed to stand in.

Everyone met at 9.00am and I felt like a mobile tack shop as I was lending out a bridle, show jacket and stock pin !!! I left Sian warming people up in the warm up arena while I took a seat in the gallery. All the riders were jumping really well when I was told Jen Allen had taken a fall in the warm up taking Teds bridle with her !!! Well done Jen, you got back on and came in and jumped a nice round. After the first round I discovered we had two teams in joint first position with three other clubs. Dawn took some great team photos and we all tried to relax before the second round. The second round was in the Hartpury arena with lots of support in the seats. I couldn't believe it when they all had a fence down apart from Hannah and Genevieve Chelt Lynx came 7th, pumas 16th, panthers 12th. Genevieve came 7th individually. Well done to everyone we were unlucky but a good day had by all.

Jeanette Stayte rode in the top score 2nd round and was unlucky to have the joker fence down, this cost her dearly as she would have won !!

Thank you to all who supported and helped, and thanks to a great team of riders.

<b>CHELT LYNX</b>	Louise Wilkinson	4	4	Kim Drinkwater	0	4	
	Genevieve Reddin	0	0	Jane Austin	0	8	total 8 pts
<b>CHELT PUMAS</b>	Hannah Gwilliam	0	0	Di Cook	8	8	
	Jen Allen	4	0	Clara Birley	4	8	total 16 pts
<b>CHELT PANTHERS</b>	Jeanette Stayte	0	4	Carol Soormally	0	4	
	Sian Rodway	4	12	Noel Ennett	0	4	total 12 pts



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PUMAS



PANTHERS

## New Associate Committee Member

Last newsletter we asked if anyone wanted to join the committee to help with organising and running events and we are pleased to announce we have taken on Ceri Evans. Ceri has been in the club for some time and being Sian's niece, has been roped into many events before, so she was ideally placed to come on board! She helps Area 18 organise the Broadway Horse Trials so she is a real catch for us, and massive help to Dawn and Noel in running the events. You will all no doubt get to know her better as time progresses, but please do get in touch with her in the meantime.

## Fancy a 'fun' ride?

Cotswold Farm park is very close to us, situated at Guilting Power, juts outside Cheltenham.

They have a lots of fun rides throughout the year, across beautiful terrain with optional jumps, a perfect way to go for a gallop, blow away the cobwebs and meet with friends, or in my case get shoulder ache from trying to hold the little monkey!

The dates planned so far are...

March 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup>

June 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Ring them for more info 01451 850307  
Or visit their website: [cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk)

If anyone is interested in a group CDRC ride over there one Sunday please let in touch

## Equine First Aid @ Dragon Vets

Fancy Finding out what to do in an emergency for your horse?

Do you know when to call the vets, the signs of colic, reasons for lameness or how to assess the severity of a wound?  
If not come and find out.

We have teamed up with **Dragon Vets, based at Cheltenham Racecourse** to offer a 1 off training eventing o:

**Tues April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm**

Cost is £5 per person, places are limited due to size of venue, so please book your place via Dawn 07525 141125 or email [dawn-allen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dawn-allen@hotmail.co.uk)

Payment will be taken on the night, Please note if you book and don't attend you will be invoiced.

Non members welcome to accompany you!

## Whats on in March & April All contact info is on front page, Full details on website

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ novice & nervous polework @ Teddington – contact Hannah

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Dressage training @ Abbey - contact Beckie

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ SJ training @ Church Lane Farm - contact Michelle

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ ODE Flatwork training @ Boddington - contact Meg

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ HT training venue TBC - contact Sian

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ ODE polework @ Boddington - contact Meg

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ novice & nervous polework @ Church Lane Farm – contact Hannah

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ SJ training @ Church Lane Farm - contact Michelle

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ flatwork training @ Abbey -contact Nicola Klaiber

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Competition, Dressage & Showing @ RDA - see schedule on website

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ Equine First Aid - see opposite

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** ~ SJ training & polework, all abilities @ Hartpury – contact Michelle / Hannah

# Summer Shows, Dates Announced

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May

### **Show Jumping:**

**Class 1** ~ Mini max height 2'

**Class 2** ~ Novice max height 2'3"

**Class 3** ~ Intermediate max height 2'6"

**Class 4** ~ Open max height 2'9"

### **Combined Training:**

P12 dressage test and a show jump round over any height above – specify height when entering

*Combined training entries to Noel Ennett - details below  
SJ Entries on the day, enquiries only to 07525 141125, we suggest you come early (start 18.00) to ensure you get into classes.*

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

### **Dressage:**

**Class 1** ~ BD intro A (Walk/ Trot)

**Class 2** ~ P7 (R/O)

**Class 3** ~ N24 (2010)

**Class 4** ~ E49 (2010)

*(classes 3+4 may be merged depending on entries, in which case placing will awarded by highest % score)*

*All entries to Noel Ennett – details below.*

*R = Restricted – not to have won a Prelim dressage test  
O – Open*

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **Show Jumping:**

**Class 1** ~ Progressive Mini max height 2'3"

**Class 2** ~ Progressive Novice max height 2'6"

**Class 3** ~ Progressive Intermediate max height 2'9"

**Class 4** ~ Open max height 3'

### **Combined Training:**

P18 dressage test and a show jumping round over any height above – specify height when entering

*Combined training entries to Noel Ennett - details below  
SJ Entries on the day, enquiries only to 07525 141125, we suggest you come early (start 18.00) to ensure you get into classes.*

**Don't forget Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Our Annual Summer Show, at Church Lane Farm – Put your practice into action! (see the schedule on our website)**

## Can you help?

We will need the following helpers for these shows:

### **May 20<sup>th</sup> & July 22<sup>nd</sup> ~**

Secretary

Gate person

Steward SJ

Timer

Fence putter upper

Dressage writer

Dressage steward

### **June 22<sup>nd</sup> ~**

Secretary

Gate person

Steward

Writer

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> ~** lots and lots of people, please just volunteer for either an am or pm slot!

If you can do something please get in touch dawn-allen@hotmail.co.uk or 07525 141125

Without the help and support of you guys we cant run these events, if you don't know what each role entails just ask, we will help and train you, its good fun, a great way to meet other members and support the club.

# Classifieds

## Rider Wanted for 11.2hh 17 year old grey mare.

Whisper has great manners and is easy to handle around the yard, grooming, turning out, stabling etc. She is only in light work at present as I am far too big for her!

She pops small fences out in the field and is happy on or off the lead rein.

She is a forward going pony so would not be suitable for a nervous child.

She is stabled just outside Cheltenham and I would prefer her to stay at her current home.

Please contact me for more details.

Kim 07872 552532 or [kimberlyd@live.co.uk](mailto:kimberlyd@live.co.uk)

## Sharer wanted for lovable rouge!

### 16H ID X

Not suited to a total novice as can get strong and generally enjoys life! He cant jump due to injury, but happily schools and hacks, he is good in traffic, but need persuasion with tractors!

A delight to handle, good to catch, rug and play with, he loves affection and cuddles!

He is stabled near Fox saddlery at a lovely yard with ménage, off road riding, lots of other horses, canter tracks, hills and woods!

I need someone to help ride him 2 or 3 times a week, including 1 weekend day as we have 2 other horses and not enough time. I would require a small financial contribution, but am open to suggestions.

Contact Dawn 07525 141125

## For Sale ~ Anna

### Talented genuine allrounder – 15'3hh

#### 7 yrs TB Bay Mare

- schooling well on the flat with lovely paces and a good attitude to work
- started jumping coloured fences and proving to be bold and honest
- hacks quietly alone and in company
- snaffle mouth in all situations
- easy to do with a lovely temperament, 100% shoe, clip & catch
- no vice, unraced

- would make fantastic allrounder  
RC/PC/ hunt / competition prospect  
£3250

Please ring Pauline for more details on  
07968 308322 (glos)



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