

HAPPY CHRITMAS EVERYONE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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We look forward to seeing you all next year.

8/12/12 - Hi all, just a quick one to let you know Apache has been to the equine fair, he wasn't placed,, but he behaved absolutely perfectly and I couldn't have asked anymore from him :-) ... Not bad for a recently backed 4yo :) Sarah Leaver xx (Well done Sarah, you have another star pony, you clever girl!)

November EEEEEEEEEee news

Hello all, **DON'T FORGET CHRISTMAS DO / AGM** - 6th December 7.00 for 7.30 pm. At the Catherine Wheel Inn, Hemyock and is open to new members, old members and any new prospective committee members. There will be food. Sadly we were unable to secure a speaker for this date but we will be having a slide show of photos of the past year. This little soirée will be a good time to catch up with friends. It will give some of us a chance to talk to you when not mounted and in a hurry. It will be a great night with lots of trophies to give out so we need you there.

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We have the technology! (well Kathy Card does) she has put on to Youtube the quadrille plus Gem and I and Victoria and Waterford. The links are as follows;

Quadrille - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bSUK_Zwq6E

Tricia & Gem - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43INaF_3RM

Victoria & Waterford - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jScStHDayvw>

Rising Stars Show Jumping - 1st November 2012 at Conquest

BHRC have supported this event run by West Somerset RC since its first event 2 years ago, they run both dressage and show jumping competitions for young/inexperienced horses and/or riders. For teams of 4, with the best 3 scores to count. I arrived bright and early to meet our team, 3 sleek and shiny horses and their beautifully turned out riders. BHRC do many things very well, beautiful turnout being one. **Tynka, Lauren** and our newest junior member **Rhiannon** looked the picture of elegance as they calmly worked in their 3 lovely Arabs. All three jumped clear in the first round and it was nail biting stuff as the second round approached. As we had only 3 in our team, we did not get the luxury of dropping our highest score; however, in the 6 rounds they jumped, they only had 8 faults. When the results were announced, **BHRC were 2nd!** All 3 girls achieved something special that day. Rhiannon rode a pony she had never competed on before (at speed) Lauren has changed her horse around completely, in April, Bubuka switched off in the second round and was eliminated, this time they did

their 2 rounds with just 4 faults, certainly one to watch in the future and Tynka, was the highest placed member not part of the winning team and got another rosette! What was just as important, they smiled all day, ate ginger biscuits, were genuinely delighted to be part of a team and were an absolute credit to themselves and their club. At the end of a long day they packed up and hopped back to Bradford-on-Tone as they don't have any transport. Well done to you all, you did us proud! I left after the first class and left the second team in the capable hands of Liz Williams. This was not without its drama, both in the ring and in the collecting ring – Lucinda! But yet again BHRC smiled through and after another nail biting finish, Pip, Tynka, Rhiannon and Lucinda **finished 2nd also!** I have some lovely photos of the girls, some are on the web, but more will be at the AGM. (Tricia)

Rising Stars dressage is on 14th February next year, same format but without the jumps! More details as we get them but if you can, I suggest you enter. This is a truly unique and just as important, fun event.

TRAINING – Laura's training; at the paddocks has been a big success. Keep checking the website there are more sessions on the way. It has become quite popular and so you need to book your place fairly quickly. These sessions cater for all levels of riding and experience of horse / pony - its well worth a go. If you want to go along and watch if you are not too sure, then we will see you there. (I can personally recommend this training! Tricia)

X FACTOR 2012 – NOT THE TV VERSION – X FACTOR DRESSAGE TO MUSIC...

As you will have read - a group of four members (and hangers on) met at the Conquest to put together a Quadrille for this event. One of the Quadrille members entered as an individual and Trish had also individually entered. Once a month on a Monday evening since May, these intrepid few, gathered together at the Conquest Centre to be nagged, and moaned at when they didn't get things right and to go over and over and over a routine that was put together by all of us. If the helpers didn't like something then they would say (from the sidelines of course as we had a different perspective on it) and so bit by bit a routine evolved. The horses were incredible because not at any time did they have a disagreement with each other and they did have to work closely at times. The fact that Kate's little pony was tiny compared to the others and had to work twice as fast to keep up didn't bother him. There were evenings of pure joy when things went right and great despair when it all went wrong. The music took a few weeks to work out, as it had to fit to the horse's movements and the theme, which was the Four Horsemen of The Apocalypse; it was then expertly set onto a disc by Trish, for the group.

As a helper (and nagger) the number of times I heard the music was infinitesimal and now if I hear the pieces I automatically see the routine in my head so I guess the riders do to. As for the horses once the music started they seemed to know exactly what to do. So after a disastrous last practice it was with some trepidation that we watched each of our competitors enter the arena and take their starting positions and then with their hand raised to cue the music, they started. They were all brilliant – Trish won her class on her lovely mare Gem, qualifying her for the evening performance. Looking the picture of elegance Trish rode sidesaddle wearing a beautiful long Victorian dress. Next was Victoria, not quite as elegant as Tory played the part of Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, (she looked just like a school girl) while her lovely trusty steed Waterford wore a fantastic lion outfit. Waterford not too keen on the raffia applied to his tail to represent the lions tail, swished it about with some venom. This did not put him off his stride, for he came joint second in his class and therefore also qualified for the evening performance.

There was a very quick change for Tory and she and Waterford joined the Quadrille and they were off. It was fantastic to watch – as soon as the music started the horses knew exactly what they had to do and the riders fully focused put in a great performance, we all cheered and clapped and then had to wait for the results. When they came in we were amazed, they had won their class, but better than that, they had received amazing comments from the judges. This meant that all of our riders were through to the actual X factor that evening. I dashed back home to do my horses, walk the dogs then rushed back to lend a hand and support our riders. Again they all put in fantastic performances and received excellent comments from the judges. We had to wait a lot longer for the results this time as every spectator had to put in their vote and then they had to all be counted. Everyone was called into the arena and the results were read out. Trish came 8th. Tory came 5th. **and the Quadrille came first.** I cannot describe the excitement and joy that we felt. There was a lot of screaming and yelling and bouncing around and this was still obvious at the committee meeting where myself and Trish were still grinning. What an amazing achievement by all – so sooo soooo pleased. Roll on next year!!!! If anyone fancies a go then contact Trish. (we will start with a free-for-all session in May)

STOP PRESS - Joy arranged a members only dressage event for the 11th.of November at Comeytrove - We had 11 entries and were busy for the whole morning. The weather was fantastic for the duration of the event. We had blue sky and sun, in fact the sun shone so brightly that we had to put the judge up on the bank opposite to where she would normally be as the sun was impeding the line of vision. It was a fun and happy morning attended by riders and horses of a variety of experiences. The judge enjoyed herself – thanks Denise - I know that as I was writing for her and we found ourselves having a giggle in between classes. Everyone went home with a rosette and a prize – thanks Trish a lovely idea. Thanks to all those that helped, to Janet and Michael for the use of their arena and of course Joy Brown who organized the whole thing.

This was the last event for 2012. See you next year. Below are the results

Class 1 – RDA GRADE 1B Walk Trot Test

1st. Mandy Champion – Tilly

2nd. Deana Rowlands – Just Gem

3rd. Mandy Cooper – Ziggy

4th. Kathryn Smith – Promise

5th. Phillipa Sellwood – Millie

6th. Janice Goodman – Fleur

Class 2 PRELIM 12

1st. Kate Hopper – Sauber

2nd. Tricia Budd – Just Gem

3rd. Georgina Palfrey – Maid a Double

4th. Phillipa Sellwood – Millie

5th. Mandy Cooper - Ziggy

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Can anyone help???

One of our members has managed to get into the showing class at West Point. Her problem is that her horse is now out of work. Is there anyone out there who has a horse / pony under 15hh she can ride at the show? Entries are all paid for, she just needs a pony. Please contact Sarah Leaver sarahlvro23@googlemail.com. Thank you.

3/11/12 - THANK YOU CONQUEST FOR A WONDERFUL COMPETITION, BHRC WILL BE THERE NEXT YEAR!

X-Factor Dressage Competition

There was a great turn out last night to see the final of the Conquest X-Factor Dressage Competition. After competing during the day 11 successful riders made it through to the final where the judges could only advise the audience who were to make the final decision. On that note, Conquest would like to thank Lucinda Mcalpine, Holly Whitcome and Abigail Todd for all the hardwork during the day and making the event an amazing success. There was some amazing costumes for both riders and the horses and superb riding. The choice of music from each competitor was varied and provided an entertaining evening. After a close run competition the winners were; in 3rd place, Liz Taylor on Millie, in 2nd Place Tasha Sears on 2 Good 2 Doubt and Tracey Delbridge on Lynwood Cameo, in 1st place was the 4 Riders of the Apocalypse, other wise known as **Victoria Pitcher on Waterford, Kathy Card on Otto, Georgina Palfrey on Fair Shore and Kate Hopper on Sauber**



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24/10/12 Clubs get together for dressage championships - Eight riding clubs in the South West joined forces to run this "local" championship for the fourth year running. Despite a difficult season with many cancellations, clubs ran qualifying classes through the year and the highest placed combinations competed at Stockland Lovell Manor near Bridgwater on Saturday 20th October in championship classes. The clubs are Blackdown Hills, Exeter, North Devon, Sid & Otter Valley, Taunton & District, West Somerset, Witheridge and Quantock and they were all well represented by members at the championship. more - [WS&DDressage2012](#)

Below; Kate Hopper, Victoria Pitcher and Jill King - BHRC representatives. Well done to all three of you, you did us proud.

11-10-12.

EEEEEEEEEE news. Hello all, Where were you all ??? A few of us travelled free up to Birmingham for the Horse of The Year Show at the NEC. Many thanks BHRC for footing the bill and organising a minibus plus driver to take us there and back. Sadly the uptake was very poor but the few that went thoroughly enjoyed themselves and that included me. It was great having someone else do all the driving. It meant that we could really relax and enjoy ourselves without the concern of getting too tired. The day started very early – it was dark and foggy.

We stopped off half way there for a much needed coffee and munchies and arrived at the venue just as the doors were opening. I cannot speak for the others in the party but we loved it. We saw a few RC members wandering around perusing all the stalls and weighed down with huge bags, so I'm guessing they had a great time too.

We started off eating breakfast while watching a Ridden Welsh section A / B class. After applauding the winner we set off for the shopping halls and took great delight in seeking out some unusual Christmas presents. Laden down with bags we sought our booked seats for the main arena, like everyone else we managed to squeeze our bags and ourselves into the correct block after mistakenly sitting in completely the wrong block but right seat number. Ooopss! We watched a junior show jumping class – wow the jumps were way taller than most of the children. Then we saw the exciting Prince Philip Games followed by a moving portrayal of the role of horses in the First World War. All with bombs, flashes and gunfire, all the horses were amazing.

Feeling quite peckish we went off to find some food and ate it while watching the Maxi Cob class. This was fantastic; they were huge yet graceful in their movement and a joy to watch. The judge must have been exhausted as he rode every single horse and each horse was beautifully behaved. We walked all the way back to the main arena to discover that the class was over and it was time to go home. We were last back to the minibus (sorry if we held you up) neither of us wanted to leave.

I hope next time we put on a treat we have more of an uptake.

CHRISTMAS DO / AGM - 6th December at 7.00 pm. This will take place at the **Catherine Wheel Inn, Hemyock** and is open to new members, old members and any new prospective committee member's. This will take the form of a Christmas do... there will be food. We are hoping for a speaker but if not, it will be a nice social and a good time to catch up with friends. It will give some of us a chance to talk to you when not mounted and in a hurry. It will be a great night with lots of trophies to give out so we need you there.

If there is anyone who would like to bring up a question at the AGM please can they contact Trish so she can include it in the agenda, then it can be discussed on the night.

Trish is currently in the process of putting a slide show together for the AGM of photos that she has been sent and ones that she has from archives. If you have any photos that you would like included in the slide show on the night please send them to Trish. Not through the post but via email so they can be downloaded onto a memory stick – Remember - not by post! Triciabudd24@gmail.com

WS&DD Championships. Saturday 20th October at Stockton Lovell. We have several members who have qualified, I am sure they would like to see a friendly face. So please come along to support them

TRAINING - Laura has organised some flat work training at Paddocks on Sunday 21st October and 4th November. Both 10.00 am - 1.00 and both with Karen Cameron. Please contact her if you are interested and to book your place. sypralau@hotmail.co.uk

RALLY AT SOUTHWOODS FARM, (CULMSTOCK) Monday 15th October, 4.30 or 5.30
Instructor: Vicky Stilton. If you want to do one of these useful flatwork/gridwork rallies please contact ktscanalside@yahoo.co.uk

RISING STARS - Thursday 1st November. 60 cm is the first class. At the moment Trish is taking entries so please contact her. Have a go!!! I'm sure we have many rising stars amongst us.

X FACTOR 2012 – not the one on the TV - but even better than that – X factor dressage to music. Some of you will know already that a group of four members have been meeting at the Conquest to put together a Quadrille for this event. They have worked very hard and would appreciate some support on the night. There are also two members who will be competing as individuals. Please feel free to come along on November 2nd. At the Conquest Centre. it is £6 for the evening but free for the day. We will let you know the times as soon as we get them. Look out!!

AREA 12 WINTER SHOW JUMPING at Badgeworth on the 8th of December. Anyone interested in representing the riding club please contact Trish. However we have to warn everyone that the entry fees this year have gone up to £80 per team.

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