

## Secretary report January 2014 - Happy New Year!!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Having entertained friends and family over Christmas and spending New Year in Cornwall, I am making the most of the rest of the school holidays with Gem before I go back on the 7<sup>th</sup> (Gem will then breathe a sigh of relief!) below is some information to break you in to the new year gently, a “proper” newsletter will come out at the beginning of February.

- **Welcome** to new members Katy Monk, Sylvia Bentley and Lorraine Beesley.
- **Area Show Jumping** on 18<sup>th</sup> January – Sophie McCollum is organising the team for this. Contact her on - david@upottery.demon.co.uk
- **Training at Paddocks** on 19<sup>th</sup> January – this is primarily team training for Area and Rising Stars teams, but would also be great training for our forthcoming Dressage League as there will be a dressage arena with boards set up in the school and Karen will take you through your test. A working knowledge of your test would be an advantage! Contact me – Tricia – for this one and I will book you a place. The club is subsidising this training at £15 per person.

- **Area Dressage** on 26<sup>th</sup> January – we have a team of Victoria Pitcher on Waterford, Sophie McCollum on Rosie Future, Kate Hopper on Sauber and myself on Gem. Gary Sparks and Winston are entering as individuals.

We have to provide a helper for half a day, please contact me if you can help. Feel free to come along to Pontispool and meet up with us as we try to shake off the sleep from our long hibernation during the dark winter days. It is also fun to play “spot the horses that have not been turned out all winter” doing extravagant moves above the ground during their test!

- **Rising Stars Dressage** on 2<sup>nd</sup> February – we have a team for the Walk & Trot class of: – Laura Moon, Deana Rowland, Charlotte Wear and Leila Bowyer. I have a space in Class 2 (prelim. 7) Contact me if you are interested, the full schedule is attached to this email.
- **Dressage League** on Sunday 16th February. Come along, either with your horse or not and help us eat cake and drink tea!
- **Membership** – is due now!
- **What have you all been up to**, what are your plans and ambitions this year, what would you like to achieve? Let me know and I will include it in the newsletters.
- **Ridgeway Rider** – January 2014, page 4!
- **Merchandise** – I have 48 BHRC mugs for sale, £5 each. My husband says they go or he goes!!!
- **Spot the sticker!** If you spot a BHRC car sticker, photograph it and send me the photo and you will win a BHRC car sticker!

Part of the Herepath near to Bickenhall Farm is closed at the moment. Trying to be clever, I thought I would find an alternative route. Gem tripped over a log in squelchy mud, I fell off, landing flat on my back. As I gazed at her tummy I thought to myself – she needs a clip!

## **15-12-13 - Secretary's Update for December - the last one for this year, to be continued in 2014!**

- **AGM** – what a lovely evening! A great chance to catch up on the gossip and to meet new members. We sold all our show jumps at the auction so will be looking to purchase some plastic ones in the New Year. The new committee meet for the first time in 2014 on Monday 13 the January, feel free to contact me if you have any requests, thoughts or observations and I will pass them on.  
Alternatively, in case you missed being selected to go on the committee at the AGM, you are welcome to come to the meeting and put your name forward then!
- **Area 12 show jumping, teams only** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at Badgeworth. Sophie McCollum has kindly agreed to organise teams for this event, contact her on - [david@upottery.demon.co.uk](mailto:david@upottery.demon.co.uk) **BEFORE the end of December**
- **Area 12 dressage seniors only, teams and individual** – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at Pontispool. We have a team but we also need a volunteer for either the morning or the afternoon. Please can you get back to me if you can help as I have to put the details of the helper on the entry form?
- **Rising stars team dressage** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Conquest. Laura Moon has put her name down for the walk and trot test so we need 3 more. Laura only wants to do the first class but we can also put a team into the second class which is prelim. Please email me back if you want to be part of a team. **£10 for your entry will secure your place**, sent to me please. The schedule for this event is not out yet but as soon as it is I will put it on the web site

- **Membership** – is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, if you don't want to print a form off, just email me the details the form asks for and send me a cheque. Please note, if you want to represent the club you must be a current member of the club before the competition. Existing members need only send me their payment and details of any changes from last year (copy and paste – the answer to a prayer!)