



MHRC NEWSLETTER

February 2013

Here we are at the end of February and I think there may well be a hint of Spring in the air. I'm sure a few moulted hairs appeared on my dandy brush the other day and I might have spotted a blade of grass poking up through the mud. It seems to have been a long, hard winter and it will be so, so nice to see the back of all the rain.

Over the page you'll see a HUGE list of upcoming events. A lot of schedules are already up on the website, but keep checking back. We'll add them as we get them. And the schedule for our big Summer show is almost finalised - with new classes for 2013, there should be something for everyone.

Until next time

Caroline

Pepper Pot Points League

For 2013, we have decided to introduce a new Challenge Cup. The 'Pepper Pot Points' Cup will be awarded to the member who earns the most points throughout the year.

The League is named after my lovely old horse, Pepper, who I sadly lost last year. He was a great all-rounder and we loved competing on the teams - I thought this would be a great way to commemorate him.

There are two ways to earn points - by representing the club in a Mercian or Area team, or as an individual at a BRC event, and by taking part in events organised by the MHRC. Points can be earned from October 1st to September 30th each year, with the trophy being awarded at the Annual AGM held in October.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Entering a Class/being on a team = 5 point
- Individual or Team 6th = 10 points
- Individual or Team 5th = 15 points
- Individual or Team 4th = 20 points
- Individual or Team 3rd = 25 points
- Individual or Team 2nd = 30 points
- Individual or Team 1st = 35 points

Extra points may be awarded at the committee's discretion. Up to date ranking tables will be published on the website and the newsletter, but members can get their current points table by e-

mailing mhrcnewsletter@hotmail.com

Back dating the points to the 1st October, the current league table is:

1st	Camilla Esling	105
2nd	Steph Woolley	95
3rd	Tina Price	80
4th	Natalie Smith	75
5th	Elizabeth Davies	70
	Lauran Jones	70
7th	Caroline Bates	35
	Chris Esling	35
	Lin Harber	35
	Lyn Tilt	35
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	Sue Peckham	5
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	Nicola Shepherd	5
	Sarah Smith	5
	Wendy Yates	5

So good luck everyone - we hope you all enjoy the competition.

2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

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Royal Windsor Qualifiers

On 23rd February, the Frampton Family Riding Club held the BRC Royal Windsor qualifiers as part of their open show at Hartpury College.

The Dressage qualifier was Prelim 12, with the top senior and junior riders going forward to Windsor. This was Beckie Northover for Frampton, Jo Tarling for Shropshire South and, the best Junior, Honor Barker for Evenlode. Steph Woolley on Inca represented our club and came a very credible 12th in the qualifier, with a 2nd place with a brilliant score of 77.5% in their warm-up test.

In the jumping rings, it was the TopScore classes that were qualifiers, with the best riders going to Windsor as a group Area 18 team. TopScore is an exciting class with no set course. Instead the jumps are given points and each rider has a set time to get as many points as possible. In the Novice class, which was over 60 to 80cm fences, the Senior qualifiers were Caitlin Ogle (Crophorne), Jo Tarling (Shropshire South) and Nicky White (Frampton), while the Juniors were Molly Tice and Holly Osbourne, who had two rides, both from Evenlode.

The Open TopScore, over 75cm to 1m fences, also produced 5 qualifiers. In the Junior section it was Josie Kent (Frampton) and Honor Baker (Evenlode), while for the Seniors it was Judy Tice (Evenlode), Roger Pratt (Frampton) and our very own Natalie Smith and Rainstown Lad, who came 3rd overall in the class. Natalie finished a wonderful day by also coming 3rd in the open 3'0 jumping.



Photo:
Natalie and Rainstown Lad competing last Summer

There has been an update in the rules and eligibility for competing in Mercian events. To check whether you and your horse still qualify, please see the Events page on the website, or contact Caroline or Karen and we can post you a copy.

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BRC NATIONAL WINTER CHAMPS

Hartpury College was the host of the British Riding Clubs National Championships on the 30th and 31st March. For the first time in the history of the Malvern Hills Riding Club, we sent a Dressage team to compete against clubs from all over the country. With lots of trade stands, amazing food and, of course, lots of dressage, it was a fun day out.



The day started early with Elizabeth Davies and Pumba leading off the team in the first Prelim 13 section, scoring 62.08% and coming 21st.

Mid-morning, and it was Tina Price and Cheeky, competing in the Novice 28. Despite having to drive back home to get Cheeky's full vaccination record, Tina got 63.75% and came 19th in her section.

As the cloud's started to gather and it got progressively colder, Steph Woolley and King's Cruise came next. Also riding Novice 28, they got 65.00% and were 19th in their section.

Last to go and now late afternoon, Lauran Jones and Woodboro Kat were also riding Prelim 13. Their final score was 62.03% and this put them 19th.

Overall, the team came a very credible 27th. The winners on the day were East Yorkshire Blue, followed by Mid Somerset and then North Lincolnshire in third place.



Photos - Top right: Liz and Pumba Top Left: Tina an Cheeky Bottom right: Steph and Cruise Bottom left: Lauran and Woody
(for more - check out Facebook)

What a strange little month March has been - I don't think I've ever been grooming a moulting horse in the middle of a snow storm before! But as the month closes, at least we're finally getting some sunshine, even if the wind is a bit on the sharp side.

And having Easter so early this year seemed very odd - although the chocolate was very welcome. Especially as Good Friday got off to a great start - Baby Yobbo horse had his first proper tantrum, burying me in the school just because I insisted he had to go OVER the jump, not AROUND it. I can recommend Nurofen and Cadbury's Dairy Milk - a fantastic combination!

Until next time
Caroline

PEPPER POT POINTS LEAGUE

Place	NAME	POINTS
1st	Steph Woolley	160
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5th	Natalie Smith	75
	Lauran Jones	75
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8th	Wendy Yates	45
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8th	Bewdley RC	1
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**MERCIAN
EVENTERS
CHALLENGE
10th March**

The Shropshire South Riding Club hosted the first Mercian event of the year at Kings Equestrian, Bromyard, on a very cold March day. The course consisted of a mixture of showjumps and simulated cross-country obstacles, that caused a few problems throughout the day.

We raised two teams, one for each Mercian class. The 65cm team (pictured above) of Victoria Gregg on Toby Court, Di Symonds on Doris, Philippa Robinson on Charlie and Wendy Yates on Bob couldn't be beaten on the day and came home in a brilliant 1st place, with Victoria getting the individual 2nd.

Philippa, a new member for this year, said of the day "it was my first event for the Malvern RC and the first time I had met any of you. You were all so friendly and made me and my horse (Charlie) feel so welcome - now we can't wait for the next event! Thank you to you all and was so pleased of the result!"

Wendy said "Super venue, although a bit cold, very spacious and the 14 jumps in the course still left loads of space in the arena, not big jumps but had to be carefully ridden. Really nice to be in a team, everybody is so friendly and lots of supporters too. For anybody who would like to have a go at the 2'3" Mercian events, and is a bit apprehensive, I can highly recommend them, especially after a few confidence booster sessions with instructor Victoria Gregg, and such a supportive friendly Club. Awesome."

The 75cm team of Steph Wooley on Inca (who also came individual 4th), Lesley Evans on Lady Bear, Karen Withers on Ishandraz and Liz Annis Davis on Golden Partner performed brilliantly and ended up in 2nd place on the day. A great start to the Mercian League for us.

Or so we thought...but the story doesn't end there. A few days later, team manager, Karen, was contacted by the Chairwoman of the Mercian group to say that a few concerns had been raised about the eligibility of some of the rider/horse combinations. Luckily, we weren't effected, except that when the faults were recalculated, it meant that our 75cm team moved up into 1st place! As you can see from the league table, that puts us into a very nice lead after the first event.

However, while brilliant for us, it does raise the issue of eligibility again. If you want to compete in Mercian events, but your horse has competed BE, BD or BS, whether you have points or not, please check out the eligibility tables on the Events page of our website, or contact Karen to discuss.

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Yippee - finally, Spring has sprung and there is sunshine galore. Suddenly, nothing seems quite so much hard work up the yard and spending all day in a short sleeve T-shirt makes it all worth while. Off course, being British horse riders, it hasn't taken long for someone at our stables to moan that the ground is too hard and we need some rain soon - we're never quite satisfied by what the weather throws at us.

Nearly time for our BIG weekend. If you haven't got involved yet, then please give us a shout. There's setting up on Saturday, the Area SJ on Sunday and the Open show on Monday, so plenty of opportunities to come along and say hello, even if you can only give us a couple of hours of your time. We are still putting together teams for both the Area SJ and the Mercian Showing. If you want to SJ, please contact Cindie ASAP and if you have a Mountain & Moorland or a Veteran that you would like to show on the Monday, please contact Karen. Contact numbers are on the next page or you can message through our Facebook page. And before that is the Mercian and Junior Area SJ on 19th April at Cleeve Prior - so why not have a go?

Until next time

Caroline

MERCIAN HUNTER TRIAL



It was off to Bissell Wood Equestrian Centre for the Mercian Hunter Trials on 14th April. Despite a cold start to the day and some heavy showers, by the time our team got to compete, the weather had cleared. Chris Esling on Arty were our pathfinders, followed

by Victoria Gregg on Toby Court, Philippa Robinson on Charlie and Lauran Jones on Woodboro Kat. The course at Bissell Wood is lovely, the majority on sand tracks that weave through the woodland, with a great selection of interesting jumps. With only one refusal across all four rounds, we were in a brilliant position for places - unfortunately, with the competition running so late, it was a tense few days waiting for the results to be posted, but well worth it. The team came 2nd, with Victoria gaining a 4th individual place. Another great results for the Mercian league.

Photos

Top: from left - Victoria and Toby, Lauran and Woody, Philippa and Charlie, Chris and Arty.

Bottom: Lauran and Woody catching up with Philippa and Charlie for a photo finish!



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AREA EVENTER'S CHALLENGE



A last minute change of venue meant our teams went off to Swalcliffe for the Area Eventer's Challenge on 14th April. With a Novice and Open team, plus entries in the Pairs and the Junior classes, we had lots of opportunities for MHRC to do well.

The stars of the day were Anna Robson and Seamus, who entered the Open Junior Class as individuals. Then went on to win the class AND qualify for the final at the Festival of the Horse later in the year. A big congratulations to you both.

It was 2nd places all round for all our other teams, with an individual 3rd place for Megan Harper in the Novice competition. Sadly, there weren't enough entries for the 2nd places to qualify as well, but still an excellent result all round.

The runners and riders were: NOVICE - Cindie Bunce and Golden King, Tina Price and Buzz-B, Sammy Jones and Diamond Merchant, Megan Harper and First Song. PAIRS - Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster, Linda Kemp and Skye Blue. OPEN - Natalie Smith and Rainstown Lad, Sue Peckham and Rasper, Liz Davies and Pumba, Wendy Robinson and Sonas Oliver.

"Fantastic day, it was great to meet a few new faces. There were a fair few problems going on at the yellow double but not for a lot of our members, just had to sit and kick on, but sadly myself and Tina did that through out the xc and racked up a fair few time penalties for going to fast!! Opps!!!"
- Cindie

"A great result for Malvern. I had one down in the SJ and a cheeky stop XC, but for Jack's first xc at that height he flew. Great fun and massive thanks to Bea Mealing for taking me" - Natalie

A huge thank you to all the supporters, fence judges and photographers for the day - Julie Reynolds and her partner, Tamie Carr, Chris Jones, Shellee Marie Illingworth, Sarah Finan and Bea Mealing.

Photos: Top: Linda Kemp and Skye Blue. Bottom: Cindie Bunce and Golden King.



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May 2013

Huge apologies for the lateness of the newsletter - it should have been out a couple of weeks ago, but I somehow managed to catch this cough going round and it knocked me for six. Just what I wanted now that summer finally seems to have arrived.

A bumper issue this month, with the reports from the BIG WEEKEND. After having it dominate our thoughts for so long, it does seem strange for it to be all over. Still, I'm sure that next year will come round fast. I don't have the full list of results as yet, but once its been typed up, it will go on the website so everyone can see your name in shining lights - or at least in shining text!

Another busy month ahead, with more Area and Mercian competitions, plus the flatwork and jumping clinics are getting busy - see the back page for details or contact Lyn if you want a place on one of them. We will be running more this year, so no panic if you can't get on this batch.

Right must be off - far too nice a day to be sat at a computer for any longer!

Until next time

Caroline

SHOWJUMPING @ CLEEVE PRIOR



On 19th May, the Crophorne Riding Club hosted the Mercian and Junior Area jumping at Cleeve Prior. We were represented by five teams and an individual, which is brilliant for such a small club.

In the 2'3 Show jumping, both our teams were placed, with the Malvern Ladies of Emma Morris Cooper on Alfie, Jenny Barnes on Linhay Lale, Di Symonds on Doris and Jo Pursey on Be Sure, ending up in 2nd place. 4th place went to the Malvern Madams of Jenny Barnes on Flying Minstral, Wendy Yates on Bella, Philly Robinson on Charlie and Karen Withers on Megan. We also got some individual places, with Philly coming 3rd and Di 4th.

The 2'6 Jumping went just as well. The Malvern Maids of Wendy Robinson on Charlie, Steph Woolley in Inca, Jo Pursey on Be Sure and Jenny Barnes on Linhay Lale took 4th place, with the Malvern Girls of Linda Kemp on Skype, Jenny Barnes on Flying Minstrel, Chris Esling on Arty and Philly Robinson on Oliver were 5th. Jenny and Minstrel took in the individual 3rd, with Linda individual 5th.

Our final team, the Malvern Mares of Linda Kemp on Skype, Steph Woolley on Inca, Chris Esling and Arty and Philly Robinson on Oliver, entered in the 2'6 style jumping and came 3rd, with Steph getting the individual 6th.

Chris Esling said this about the day - "Fortunately it was a lovely day for the Mercian style jumping hosted by the Crophorne riding club as we had a good two hours to wait to jump as they were running so late, so sunbathing was the order of the day! The course was pretty straight forward with a spooky skinny to finish, which I thought my little horse Arty would not like, but to my amazement he jumped well so our team came 3rd, the other members putting in great rounds. Such a pity everything was so late but apparently they were short of help on the day, which goes to show how lucky we are in our club with so many willing helpers turning out whenever they are needed. Go the Malvern Hills club!!!"

We also had an individual Junior member competing in the Area Showjumping, Anna Robinson, who came third in her class.

THE BIG WEEKEND

26th and 27th May



I'm sure I wasn't the only one who was looking at the weather forecast in trepidation as the show weekend loomed ever closer - thoughts of 2011 firmly in mind! - but we ended up with amazing weather for our two day extravaganza.

As always, the weekend started with the setting up of the showground on Saturday morning. A few hours of hard work and just a little stress, we soon had a boring field turned into a fabulous field of fun, although next year I volunteer NOT to put feet on showjumps!

The Sunday arrived and with it 33 teams to compete in the Area Show and Style Jumping. Cindie had done a great job organising the event (as she always does!) and soon all three rings were busy.

The Novice competition is always the biggest and this year was no exception, with 15 teams and 4 individuals competing for qualification. Our two teams did very well in the big field. Malvern Red of Tina Price and Buzz-B, Jenny Barnes and Flying Minstrel, Lisa Drinkwater and Out on the Edge and David Drinkwater and Melangle, came 2nd, while Malvern Blue of Camilla Esling and Just Jake, Jenny Barnes and Linhay Lale, Julie Reynolds and Madison Du Berlais and Wendy Robinson on Sona's Oliver, came 6th. We had two members placed in the individual completion too, with Jenny taking the 4th place and David the 6th.

The Intermediate Class had 9 competing teams and the Malverns were placed yet again, taking 5th place. The team were Natalie Smith and Rainstown Lad, Sophie Hooper and Heart Print, Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster and Linda Kemp and Skye Blue.

The next class to finish was the Style Jumping, which managed 7 teams this year, one of which was for Malvern. Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador, Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster, Tina Price and Buzz-B and Wendy Robinson on Sona's Oliver, won the 4th place with some very good scores from the judge.

Last but not least, the Open jumping team of Steph Woolley and King's Cruise, Cindie Bunce and Dream Breaker, Liz Davies and Pumba and Megan Hooper and First Song, came 2nd, with Cindie taking the individual 6th place.

There was a lot of positive comments from all the riding clubs that took part and, although none of our teams qualified, everyone was proud that the MHRC held their own on all four competitions. Well done you all.

But there was no rest at the end of the day as the venue was tweaked ready for the Open show on the Sunday. The day dawned a bit cooler, with a breeze coming off the hills, but I think everyone was happy to see the horse boxes soon rolling in. With 28 classes to choose from, there was definitely something for everyone in the schedule.

The first classes to get going were the four Mercian showing classes, with 8 teams from the local riding clubs contending for the overall team award. We rustled up two teams, who once again pulled out all the stops for the club. There were four classes, with one person from each team competing in a class each. In the Mountain & Moorland were Tilly Martin and Lyn Harber, in the Working Hunter were Natalie Smith, who came 4th, and Sophie Hooper who took the 1st place. In the Riding Club Horse were Kat Jones and Luran Jones, who also took the red rosette, while our two Veteran Horse competitors were Shellee Illingworth, who came 6th, and Camilla Esling, who once again came 1st. A great set of results, which left the Malvern Madams in 4th place and the Malvern Ladies in 3rd.

The rest of the open show went brilliantly well and I was so pleased to see so many members clutching bunches of rosettes. For me personally, I was thrilled with my youngster who behaved pretty well all day, produced a fantastic dressage test and went clear in his jumping debut - I couldn't have been prouder. A big thank you to Cindie Bunce and Tina Price for being so supportive in the Novice jumping ring.

Shellee Illingworth would like to say, "thank you to everyone who was so supportive at my first show since 'the fall'. So many kind words of encouragement from lots of you, which really did mean a lot! I had a great day and came away with 3 rosettes! Perhaps Midas may have played a small part in that though! :-) Love being part of such a great club!"

Sue Peckham added, "well done and thanks to everybody for a fabulous couple of days competing at Malvern, all the willing volunteers and assistants, some of whom I only get to meet annually at the show!!"

Lyn also had a few words, "Many many thanks to the wonderful team of helpers and judges at the Open Show, without your support we could not possibly put on the show. Also a thank you to all the competitors for taking part. Special thank you to Elisha for her supporting role in a busy Secretaries tent. Love the appreciative comments on Facebook in respect of the Area and Open Day Show, makes it all worthwhile for everyone. Thank you all."

And so, it is all over for another year. Another huge big thank you and a pat on the back for everyone who organised, helped, competed and supported, no matter how big or small your role is. Here's counting down to next year!

Thank you to Kat Jones, Shellee Illingworth and my Mum for providing the photos for this report.



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FLATWORK CLINICS WITH NICK LAWSON

At Hillview Arena
 Malvern
 Dates as above.

First Session: 7 - 8 pm
 Second Session: 8 - 9 pm
 Maximum of 4 people in each session.

Members:
 £17 per session
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 £19 per session

Contact Lyn to book your place.

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Please note that the Points League has been updated to show the points earned at the Area SJ and the Mercian Showing over the Big Weekend. But it does not yet show the points earned from the open classes at the MHRC Show.

To make sure you are allocated the correct points, please let me know all the classes that you entered and what place you got. Remember, you get 5 points for every entry, plus those for places.

You can e-mail me on
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Or contact me with a private message through Facebook. Alternatively, you can text or leave a message on 07900 376 272.

Please let me know ASAP, so I can update the league for the next newsletter.

Thanks, Caroline

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MHRC NEWSLETTER

June 2013

You just can't help being happy now that the long, sunny days have finally arrived. But there's always one aspect of Summer that I always manage to conveniently forget - the flies! Riding out is now done through a fog of citronella and a schooling whip is a necessity just to flick the blighters away. And my yobbo of a horse (of course) has to make it oh so more interesting, by managing to get his martingale and/or reins wrapped round through his mouth every time he goes for one of them. Oh, what fun! Still, long may it contain.

A photo-tastic edition of the newsletter, with lots of photos from recent events. The jumping clinics went really well - the next ones are flatwork with Nick Lawson. And remember, you don't have to be riding to come along. Everyone is welcome to watch and it's a great way to pick up some tips.

As I finish writing, our Area Horse Trial teams are preparing for a trip to Sapey, so a huge good luck to everyone taking part.

Until next time

Caroline

MERCIAN COMBINED TRAINING



The latest Mercian Competition saw two teams heading off to Bewdley on 23rd June for the Combined Training.

In the 2'3 class, we had the Malvern Ladies, who came overall 5th. They were Di Symonds, Philippa Robinson and Chris Esling, who also came overall individual 5th.



In the 2'6 class were the Malvern Madams, who came 2nd. Liz Davies, Steph Woolley and Camilla Esling made up this team, with Camilla getting the individual 4th and Steph the individual 1st.



Another good day out for the club.

Photos (thanks to Sarah Medcalf and Rita Woolley):

from top: Camilla, Chris, Di, Liz, Steph.
Bottom left: Philippa. Bottom right: the 'Malvern Madam'.



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PICTURE GALLERY - GYMNASTIC JUMPING CLINICS

The Jumping clinics held at Hillview Arena throughout May and June, were very popular. As usual, Plum came up with some testing, but fun, exercises to test the horse and rider, while teaching accuracy and control. There were lots of good reports from everyone who took part, so I'm sure we'll be repeating these later in the year for anyone who missed out.

Here's a few photos, courtesy of Sarah Medcalf, of some of the highlights.



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July - August 2013

Firstly, I make no apologies for using one of my pictures for the Dressage report below ☺ It's a milestone in a young pony's life when he represents the Riding Club for the first time. And he behaved himself impeccably - until he entered the Dressage Arena. Don't you just love 'em? At least his squealy-reary-bit (a technical term I use to describe most of his tantrums) happened dead on X on the first centre line, which should have got us extra points for accuracy if nothing else.

Secondly, I will apologise for how late this it and the need to amalgamate two months worth of news into one. The end of July was a bit stressful, with Smokes being rushed to hospital with acute colic symptoms, which turned out to be a severe case of Peritonitis. Touch wood, all is good now, but a perfect example of how this sport called horse can have you flying on a high one second and then throwing you down to the depths to the next. Which makes you ask why you put up with it all - but deep down we al know the answer to that and we wouldn't have it any other way!

Until next time

Caroline

Mercian Dressage, Sinton Green, Worcs 21st July 2013

The weather leading up to the Mercian Dressage promised a very hot, sultry day, but as it happened it was perfect, with a bit of breeze and some clouds to break up the heat. We had four teams competing:-

Team A

Lin Harber (W&T),
Emma Cooper (P7)
Helen Robson (P12)

Team B

Shellee Illingworth (W&T)
Linda Kemp (P12)
Alex Harris (Nov28)

Team C

Karen Withers (W&T)
Suzanne Partridge (P7)
Kat Jones (P12)
Cindie Bunce (Nov28)

Team D

Caroline Bates (W&T)
Jooli Thornton (P7)
Helen Robson (P12)
Freya Malins (Nov28)



For the team competition, the Walk and Trot, Novice and the highest Prelim score were counted. Sadly we got no team awards this time out. However, we did have some individual places, with Emma Cooper third in the Prelim 7, Kat Jones second in the Prelim 12 and new member Alex Harris winning the Novice 28.

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Hickstead

Once again, we sent a Show-jumping team to compete in the riding club competition at Hickstead. Shellee Illingworth, Natalie Smith and Cindie Bunce did amazingly well to come 7th out of 96 teams.



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Area Horse Trials - Qualifier and Final

The Area Horse Trials qualifier was held on 7th July at Sapey.

We had two teams in the 90 cm senior class. The Malvern Golds were Sue Peckham on Rasper, Megan Harper on Tessera, Sammy Jones on Diamond Merchant and Natalie Smith on Rainstown Lad - and the team came in a brilliant fifth place.

The Malvern Reds were Sue Peckham on Mr Gangster, Linda Kemp on Skye Blue, Tina Price on Buzz-B and David Drinkwater on Melange. The team flew to victory with an impressive score of 87.4 (second place had 100.2). This also gave the team a ticket for the finals.

We also got together a team for the 100cm senior class - Lisa Drinkwater on Bonjour Bond, Lizzie Davis on Pumba, Wendy Robinson on Sona's Oliver and Megan Harper on First Song. Although the team weren't placed, Lizzie came individual second and also qualified for the final.

Steph Woolley and King's Cruise competed for individuals in the 100 cm + class and also got a qualification place for the finals.

A big thank you to Linda Medcalf, Anna Robson and Chris Esling who went along as our club volunteers, without which we wouldn't have been able to send any competitors.

The SEIB BRC National Horse Trials Finals were held on the 2nd to the 4th of August, at Swalcliffe. With teams and individuals from all over the country, our little riding club showed itself well, with our team in the 90 cm coming overall 23rd and Lizzie in the 100 cm coming 32nd. Well done to everyone.



Area Dressage, Ascott-under-Wychwood 21st July 2013

With the Area and Mercian Dressage competitions sadly being held on the same day, we didn't manage to send a team to the areas, but a huge well done to our individual riders. Charlotte Jeffes came forth, but Julie Jeffs won her class and has qualified for the National Championships at Lincoln next month. Brilliantly done and good luck ☺

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GREAT RESULTS AT THE MERCIAN ODE

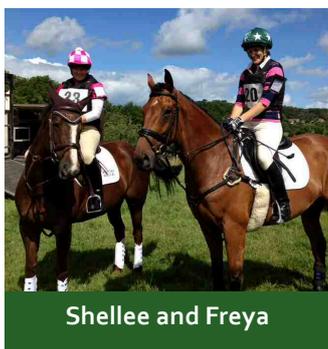
TEAM ROLL-CALL

MALVERN MARES

Chris Esling and Arty
Helen Robson and Kara
Karen Withers and
Megan
Freya Malins and Wilf

MALVERN MAIDS

Tilly Martin and Bob
Philly Robinson
and Charlie
Shellee Illingworth and
Beau
Joanna Pursey and
Horlicks



Shellee and Freya

With only two events left in the Mercian Calendar, it was great to see two full teams head off to Hilltop, Ledbury, for the One-Day-Event.

There were eight teams in the 2'3 class, from six different clubs, which made for an exciting competition. And our members were right on top form, with the 'Malvern Maids' getting the fifth place and the 'Malvern Mares' taking home the red rosette.

The individual competition was split into two sections and MHRC brought home some prizes. Chris was 4th and Helen 2nd in section 1, with Joanna 3rd and Freya

winning section 2.

Freya said of the day "The Hilltop ODE was a complete success for MHRC and a really enjoyable day. Wilf is awesome when he manages to behave and we won our class - our first win - so I was thrilled. I love being out at a team event with MHRC as everyone is so lovely. "

Chris had this to say "When I arrived at the dressage I saw some lovely horses and tests, so was anxious to do a better test than last year when I forgot my way...twice! But my little horse Arty produced as good a test as he could with me on board! We went clear in the show jumping and across the country but as a team we were pretty sure we wouldn't be placed due to the high standard of dressage. The show jumping and cross country, in particular the ravine at 3, proved to cause problems for many but not so for our team and

we couldn't believe it when the scores went up and we had won! I was personally slightly overwhelmed as it was my first '1st' rosette since I was a teenager. It is so much fun being part of a hugely supportive club and I would urge anyone who thinks they would like to have a go to put their name down and do it before its too late!"

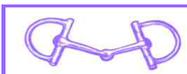
A special well done must go to Joanna, who had never ridden a dressage test before, and to Tilly, as this was her first go at eventing. Also for Shellee's horse, Beau, who decided to have a sit down half way round the showjumping phase!



The Teams and Cheer Squad

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Editor's Bit

Welcome to the brand new look for the newsletter. I hope you like it. There are a few more tweaks that might be happening over the next few issues, but this layout will give us soooooo much more room to report on all the great fun we have as part of the club. And fun we do have! We might not be the largest riding club around, but I think you'll have to agree that we have the largest laughs.

Until next time, *Caroline*





DR versus SJ at Lincoln



THOMAS AND CINDIE

FACTOID:

There are four different disciplines to qualify for at the Summer Champs - Dressage, Riding Test, Show and Style Jumping - for both Juniors and Seniors.



BEN AND JULIE

It was Dressage v Show-jumping for the MHRC at the British Riding Club Summer Championships.

Julie Jeffes on Bedazzled and Cindie Bunce on Dream-breaker went off to Lincoln on 7th and 8th September. Lets compare...

What did you compete in and what were the results?

JJ - Novice 28 with a score of 63.75%, making us 118th out of 156.

CB - The Senior Open Jumping. We were clear in the first round and had 12 faults in the second round, making us 37th.

Where and how did you qualify?

JJ - I qualified by winning at the Area Dressage Championships at Crown Farm, Ascott under Wychwood on 21st July.

CB - I qualified at our area SJ in May, although just by chance as whoever originally qualified didn't want to go. Shame, but good for me!

What time did you have to leave home and when were you competing?

JJ - I meant to leave home at 12 noon but it ended up being just after 1pm - bad news as it was Friday afternoon - we spent a lot of time in slow traffic on the motorway. We were on the next morning at 10am.

CB - Left at around 10.30 and got there for about 1.30-2ish.

What essential bit of kit couldn't you have done without?

JJ - The wheelbarrow, as moving all stuff to the stables

was much easier than lugging it by hand.

CB - Some steps as I can't take a leg up - I'm like a sack of spuds!

What was the ring like and were there many people watching?

JJ - Well there were just so many arenas - we were in Arena 12 and I don't think that was the highest number. Not many people able to watch as we were all cordoned off from the warm up area.

CB - The ring is lovely, go down a slight bank into a huge grass arena, very posh with lots of people watching.

Did you have good weather?

JJ - Amazingly yes - the forecast had been dreadful but it didn't rain as they had promised - in fact our ground was a bit too hard really.

CB - Weather was a bit chilly but dry - that was the main thing.

What was your warm up routine?

JJ - Well I knew he wasn't going his best - I think working on grass (which we haven't been doing apart from the qualifying test) and the ground being so hard didn't help. He was in a bit of a mood as he had spent the night in a strange 'rabbit cage' (his words of course!).

CB - Been doing some training with Joe Macdonald lately, so used a few exercises he gave me to warm up with. It's all about keeping the canter rhythm and getting him a bit deeper to a fence so he snaps up quicker in front.

How many people did you have on your support

crew?

JJ - Charlie (put-upon husband and groom). He ended up with the only injury of the event as Ben, in a big spook, leapt over the rubber matting covering the electric cables and cut a great lump out of Charlie's heel!

CB - Just had my one faithful friend come to support, Shellee Illingworth! Couldn't do it without her and she stayed awake all the way to Lincoln and back - Woohoo!

Have you competed at the champs before?

JJ - No first time .

CB - Yes, I've been luckily enough to have been there a couple of times before.

What did you think of the venue?

JJ - It was good - very flat and very large. Shame there weren't any obvious washing facilities. Don't suppose the horses minded but we probably went home quite smelly.

CB - The venue is excellent.

What was the worst bit of the day?

JJ - Waiting for the scores - it took 4 ½ hours!! Oh and finding that the only arena that the photographer couldn't cover was arena 12 - typical!

CB - I totally messed up the last fence in the 2nd round when I should have just left Thomas to it!! Stupid rider!!! Lets hope we get another chance next year.

What was the best bit of the day?

JJ - Buying new show boots - for me! Had to do something to cheer me up when I knew we hadn't done the best test.

CB - Going clear in the 1st round as it was a whopping 1.15.

Well done, Ladies!





TABLE TOP SALE FUNDRAISER

The 27th September saw the MHRC taking over Welland Village Hall for our first Equestrian Table Top sale in a very long time. Eighteen hundred hours came and the stall holders descended, turning the empty hall into a paradise for horsey bargain hunters.

Everything you could possibly think of was for sale - from saddles and bridles, to jodhpurs and jackets - from books and boots to rugs and ropes. There was something for everyone.

The queue of public waiting to enter at seven

o'clock was encouraging and once they'd entered the hall, the real haggling started. People were soon going in and out, taking their purchases back to the car before returning to make sure they hadn't missed anything.

And to keep them going, the refreshment stall was right on hand. With a huge selection of homemade cakes, pop, biscuits, tea and coffee, the ladies manning the kitchen were kept busy all evening.

By half eight, everything started to wind down. The public grabbed a last few bits and bobs - the sellers started packing away. There was just enough time to tidy away the table and chairs, sweep the floor, turn out the lights and return the hall to a sleepy, non-horsey existence.

It was a great fundraiser for the club. There were



over twenty tables and more than sixty people came through the doors, making over £200 for club funds.

Thank you to everyone who helped - Rob Mealing for setting up the room Linda Kemp for taking bookings, Janet Schooling, Iris Ellis, Linda Medcalf, Karen Withers and Lyn Harber for manning the refreshments and Lauran Jones for helping at the door, plus everyone who made cakes, had stalls, came to have a look round and helped out all evening.

FACTOID

Blenheim Palace was the birth place of Sir Winston Churchill.



BLENHEIM EVENTER CHALLENGE

The Dodson & Horrell RC Eventer Challenge at the Blenheim Horse Trials is always popular and MHRC were once again invited to send a team. The competition is styled around a Derby type format, with 8 - 10 show jumps, followed by 6 - 8 cross-country fences and a final joker show jump. With all the fences between 1m and 1.05m, it certainly isn't

for the faint hearted. But the MHRC team did a fantastic job, coming 11th out of 45 teams.

Well done to Sophie Hooper and Qeg Lux, Megan Harper and First Song, Victoria Gregg and Rock Supreme and Liz Davies and Pumba.

The overall winners were Wey Valley RC from Sussex, closely followed by the Essenden and Epping

Forest Dressage Group team. The Style prize was awarded to Aimme Norton and Gold Knight, members of the Abinger Forest team from Surrey.



MEGAN AND FIRST SONG



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	Nicola Shepherd	5
	Sarah Smith	5
	Suzanne Partridge	5

MEMBER'S NEWS

Our very own **Victoria Gregg** has got involved in a charity calendar for the Air Ambulance - by taking her kit off! Looking good girl! Go to www.foxyhunters.co.uk to get your copy and support this very worthy cause.



A belated congratulations to **Cindie Bunce** who is off to HOYS next month with **Thomas** as they have qualified for the SEIB Search for A Star.

Katherine Jones has also had a great end to the show season, by qualifying for the CHN Most Stylish Rider Award Finals, with her ex-racehorse, **Dotty**.

Steph Woolley and **King's Cruise** had an excellent day at Llanymynech Horse Trials and came 3rd. Exciting news as they are now qualified for Badminton next year.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH



"I quite like its paces, but I think its legs might be a bit short!"

Lin trying out her new horse.

All photo sources are kept secret - have you got a funny photo to share?

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October 2013

TEAM ROLL-CALL

Malvern Mares

Chris Esling
Camilla Esling
Caroline Bates
Lauran Jones

Malvern Ladies

Karen Withers
Linda Medcalf
Julie Jeffes
Rita Woolley

The Cheer Squad

Lyn Harber
Anna Robson
Helen Robson

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Quizzical Times at The Royal Oak

The last Mercian Event of the 2013 calendar was the Quiz, this year run by Bromyard RC and held at The Royal Oak, Broadwas. As usual, it took a bit of getting used to seeing the fellow competitors without their riding hats on and a possible suggestion for next year is that we all wear pictures of our horses so we can tell who is who!

But soon the laughter *had* to stop and the very, very, very serious business of the quiz began.

(For anyone who wants to join in, there are a couple of sample questions for each round - just for fun - answers on page 4)

Round 1 was all about Birds and there were ten cryptic clues to breeds and types.

- Q1. A colourful flying toy?**
Q2. The Cat's Funeral?

There was more than one

groan as the answers were read out, but a good round to start with.

The next round was General Knowledge and it was very general, but good fun.

- Q3. What animal is depicted in Landseer's painting 'Monarch of the Glen'?**
Q4. Which TV series starred a Mountie called Benson Fraser?

And then the Mother of all rounds - Memories. There was a lot of talk about what this one could mean, but no-one guessed how hard it would be. The idea was to write down the year that key events happened - not that



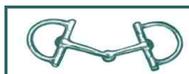
Karen, Julie, Rita and Linda

easy at all.

- Q5. When was the first Live Aid concert?**
Q6. When did Princess Anne win Sports Personality of the year?

Everyone in the room was glad when that round ended! But then it was on to Entertainment and a music round. The answers were all Musicals, which had to be guessed from just one of the songs in playlist.

- Q7. "Hopelessly Devoted to**



Editor's Bit

This month saw me return to competing, the first time since my horse had his week long stay at the vets. An exciting time, but things didn't quite go to plan. In a four minute dressage test he managed to trip over his own feet, spook constantly down one side, gallop out of the arena and do a 180° spin that nearly had me eating sand - oh, the joys of owning a youngster!

I hope everyone else has had a more enjoyable month. November looks set to be another good one for the club, with more Area qualifiers and the AGM, so I hope to see you all in the coming weeks.

Until next time, *Caroline*



Quizzical Times at the Royal Oak cont...



Camilla and Lauran

FACTOID:

Conundrums are famous for being on 'Countdown'. This is one of the longest running Quiz shows, starting in November 1982 and has over 5000 episodes.

**You”
Q8. “Boy For Sale”**

That wasn't a bad round, although it seemed to cause a bit of hilarity around the room - maybe no-one really wanted to admit being that big a fan!

The next round proved very popular - Conundrums. So popular that no-one wanted to stop trying

to work out the anagrams and guess the theme, until the Quiz Master had to threaten everyone with no dinner!

**Q9. RUBBER LYE
Q10. GIVES DIET**

There was definitely laughter for the Malvern Mares here as no matter how hard we tried, we could only make TENNA RICE from INTER-CANE - not a food stuff you hear of often!

After all the brain power, it was time for dinner and wow, it was some dinner. The Royal Oak is famous for its carveries and it seemed as if all the meat from the day's joints had been sliced and jammed into thick French Bread. There was also chips, salad, spring rolls, samosas, more chips, potato croquettes, coleslaw and a few chips. Scrumptious!

While everyone eating, it was time to review the 'Pot Boiler Round'. This was a picture quiz with 20 pictures of dogs and the idea was to guess

the breed. Not as easy as it sounds, but good fun nonetheless.

Q11 & 12 - name the breeds shown on the left.

Then it was back to work and onto the Sports round - naming American Football teams that play for which city!

**Q13. Miami _____
Q14. Baltimore _____**

Not the sort of sport anyone had in mind, but a challenge. Then it was back to the cryptic clues and this time for parts of the body.

**Q15. A place of Worship?
Q16. Joins wood?**

There was more hilarity when one of the teams answers to the clue 'Trendy' was chic as in cheek (rather than hip, which most other teams went for!)

Then it was on to 'Horsing Around' and naming the points of the horse - the squishy inside bits!

Q17 and Q18 - name the parts captioned A & B on the right.

The next round was called Christmas - ahhh, a nice easy one maybe? No, another dates round. Number Ones was the theme and the year had to be guessed from the title alone.

**Q19. Whitney Houston / I Will Always Love You?
Q20. Mr Blobby / The Blobby Song?**

It was a bit of a relief

when that was over!

The last round was Numbers and there were lots of random clues, some frustrating but a great 'discussion' point.

Q21. How many Gold medals did team GB win at London 2012?

Q22. What number does MCLX111 stand for?

And then it was all over for another year. While the raffle was being drawn, the results were totted up. We did brilliantly, with the Malvern Ladies n 7th and the Malvern Mares in 6th place. The overall Quiz was won by Crophornes, closely followed by Vale of Arrow 'You've Been Licked' and the Bromsgrove Misfits. In fact, there were only 7 marks difference in the top teams.

Another anxious wait then ensued as the points were added to the rest of the Mercian League.

AND MALVERN HILLS CAME 2ND

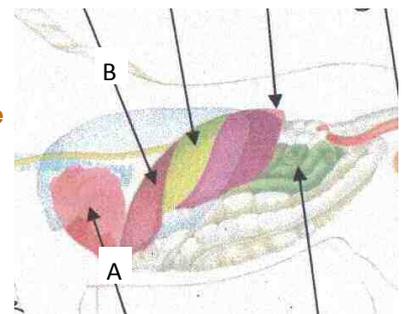
This is a fabulous result for such a small club and everyone should be proud who took part. They'll be more on this at the AGM and in the next issue, but for now a big pat on the back for all.



Q11



Q12





COMMITTEE REPORT

The latest committee meeting was held on 23rd October. The main topic of conversation was the AGM (more details over page) and the realization that we probably weren't going to top last year's celebrity visit! However, plans are well afoot.

The final report from the Table Top Sale was very positive. The final profit was just a shade over £250, which made it extremely worthwhile.

Clinics were also on the agenda and the plan is to get a mixture going over the winter. There will be some flatwork and jumping sessions, with the possibility of a new indoor venue for the worst of the weather. There will also be some 'Horseless' Clinics (dates over page), with talks

and refreshments.

The website was also discussed. It is currently down at the moment and as we are in the process of changing it all, it was decided not to pay another year's subscription. The aim is to have the new website up and running in the new year and in the meantime, schedules and news should be distributed by e-mail, text and post.

Finally, Iris reported in the latest Malvern Hills Conservators meeting. Concerns have been raised regarding the length of the grass on the commons, which has made it difficult to ride and walk. Although this has been noted, they are not allowed to mow it due to the SSSI rating of the grassland, but that it should be back under control

by the end of the winter.

Problems at the Gullet Quarry were also discussed. The overall consensus was that it shouldn't be closed, but alternatives are still being looked into to make it safer.

The next meeting is on 11th December, so please contact any of the committee if there is anything you'd like to discuss.

If you want any adverts, articles, news or photos in the next newsletter please send to Caroline (via post or e-mail) by 23rd November

FACTOID

SSSI refers to Site of Special Scientific Interest. There are over 4100 in England, covering 7% of the landmass and are set up to protect flora, fauna or geological curiosities

KING'S FOR JUMPING

The Novice Area Jumping Qualifier was held once again at King's Equestrian Centre at Bromyard. Unusually for the club, we only had one team, made up of Jenny Barnes on Flying Minstrel, Wendy Robison on Charlie, Jo Jeynes on Thorney Rose and Tina Price on Buzz-B. It was really nice to see some new faces, as well as some old favourites!

Both Jenny and Tina jumped clear in first round, which our team finished on a score of 4 faults and in joint 3rd place. For Thorney Rose and Charlie, it was their first time jumping indoors, and the highlight was Charlie's face

as he cantered through the ornamental trees at the start - we're not sure if he thought he was supposed to stop and eat them.

Our team were very lucky to warm up again in the dry, as just as they finished, the heavens opened and many of the competitors had to ride in torrential rain.

The second round saw the jumps go up and the course change. A few unlucky tips of poles added 12 faults to our total, leaving us 16 faults overall. This put us in a very respectable 9th place at the end of the day.

So a great day all round, with an enthusiastic cheer squad of Cindie and Peyton Bunce.

From left: Jenny, Jo, Wendy and Tina





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EVENTS CALENDAR

- 2nd November 2013**
Area Dressage, Hartpury
- 4th November 2013**
Area 18 Liaison Group AGM,
Beckford Arms, Tewkesbury
- 14th November 2013**
MHRC AGM, Hunters Inn,
Longdon
- 21st December 2013**
Quadrille Final, Olympia
- 16th January 2014**
Evening Horseless Clinic, tbc
- 20th February 2014**
Evening Horseless Clinic, tbc
- 20th March 2014**
Evening Horseless Clinic, tbc
- 29th - 30th March 2014**
BRC Winter Championships,
Hartpury
- 14th - 18th May 2014**
Royal Windsor Horse Show
(inc BRC DR)
- 25th May 2014**
Area Show and Style Jump-
ing qualifier
- 26th May 2014**
MHRC Open Show
- 31st May - 1st June 2014**
Festival of the Horse, Aston-
le-Wells
- 29th July - 3rd August 2014**
Hickstead (inc BRC SJ)

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	Jo Jaynes	5
	Julie Jeffes	5
	Karen Withers	5
	Linda Medcalf	5
	Rita Woolley	5
	Tina Price	5
	Wendy Robinson	5

MEMBER'S NEWS

Congratulations to **Cindie Bunce** who came 5th at HOYS on Dreambreaker, in the SEIB Search for a Star Working Hunter Section.



QUIZ ANSWERS

- Q1. Red kite Q2 Kitt-
- wake Q3. Stag Q4. Due
- South Q5 195 Q6 1971
- Q7. Grease Q8. Oliver
- Q9. Blueberry Q10. Di-
- gestive Q.11 Borzoi Q12
- Greyhound Q13. Miami
- Dolphins Q14. Baltimore
- Ravens Q15. Temple
- Q16. Nails Q17 A Heart
- Q18. B Liver Q19. 1992



Natalie Smith had a great October. On only her 3rd trip competing BSJA, she won both the British Novice and Discovery Classes, on the wonderful Rainstown Lad.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



“Well, if there’s a bank, you gotta roll!”

Peyton Bunce at King’s Equestrian

All photo sources are kept secret - have you got a funny photo to share?

MHRC 2013 AGM

November 14th 2013
Hunter’s Inn, Longdon
7:30 for 8:00 start

Refreshments ** Entertainment ** Raffle

Reports from the past year and what’s in store for 2014

Presentation of Prizes

£5 off 2014 membership for anyone who PAYS ON THE NIGHT

Free for all members, friends and family.





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Malvern Blue

Freya Malins & Grim Fandango / Shellee Illingworth & Beau / Cindie Bunce & Dreambreaker / Tina Price & Buzz-B

Malvern Yellow

Kat Jones & Redback Capuchino / Tina Price & Cheeky / Liz Davies & Golden Partner / Luran Jones & Woodboro Kat

Malvern Green

Linda Kemp & Skye Blue / Camilla Esling & Just Jake / Wendy Yates & Bellam / Lisa Drinkwater & Out on the Edge

Malvern Red

Megan Harper & Tesseract / Wendy Robinson & Sonas Oliver / Alex Harris & Ballereno / Julie Jeffes & Bedazzled

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Doing the Dressage Thing

The Novice Winter Area Dressage Qualifiers took place on 3rd November at Hartpury College. For such a small club, we were head of the leader board in terms of numbers, with a fantastic four teams.

The competition was run over two tests, with two team members doing Prelim 7 and two doing Novice 30. Then each test was split into AM and PM, with two different judges. There were no discount scores, as in team jumping, so all four team members felt the pressure!

All of our teams presented well and the turnout was amazing, considering the wet and windy weather lately. Malvern Red came in 23rd, with Malvern Green in 16th and Malvern Yellow in 18th. Our highest placed team, Malvern Red, were in the rosettes, coming a well

earned 5th place.

We also did well in the individual competitions. Wendy Robinson was 6th in the Prelim 7 PM section, with Alex Harris also 6th in the Novice 30 AM section. Camilla Esling, on 18 year old Jake, did an impressive test to come 2nd in the Novice 30 AM section. As of writing, we are still

waiting to hear whether this means she has qualified for the final as an individual.

The one thing that was very noticeable was that we had the largest cheer squad, who managed to take over one section of the gallery for cheering and general support. So a huge thank you to everyone who came along.



Megan, Alex and Wendy



Editor's Bit

A busy month of meetings and AGM's, although I have to say ours was a lot more fun! It was nice to see everyone in a more social gathering and without riding hats! And wasn't that food wonderful - I have to admit that chips and sandwiches has to be my favourite meal, especially when you are so spoilt for choice.

Speaking of social's, you'll find with this newsletter a flyer about our Christmas Rally. It would be great to get as many people as possible together for a bit of fun and friendly competition. Nothing too daunting, just a bit of a laugh to clear away some of that Christmas fag.

Until next time, *Caroline*



Annual General Meeting - MHRC Style!



The Hunter's Inn at Longdon was taken over by the club as over 50 members descended on the function room for the annual AGM. As usual, there was a jam packed agenda and loads to get through, making the evening fly by.



Lyn welcomed everyone and confirmed the apologies, before running through the minutes from last year's AGM. With no matters arising, it was on with the yearly reports.



Karen went first, with a run down of the memorable moments of the Mercian year. With such a fabulous results in the league (Malvern came in 2nd), the general theme was a determination to win it in 2014. Then Cindie took over, talking about the Area competitions and again, it was really brought home how well all our teams have done this year. A huge well done to everyone.



Lyn returned to the speaker's place, with her Chairman's and Treasurer's report. It was great to see our through her eyes and also pleasing to note that the club has a healthy bank balance for next year's activities. Her speech ended with a

confirmation that all members of the committee were more than happy to stand for another year and their were no objections from the floor, so we must be doing an ok job!

Then it was on to the exciting part of the evening - the presentation of the annual awards. Up first was the Pepper Pot League, which I donated to the club in memory of my horse, who I lost last year. For its first year, we had 44 members gaining points, either by representing the club on an Area or Mercian team, or entering a class run by the club. The club decided to award rosettes to the top ten entrants. The winner, Steph Woolley, was sunning herself on holiday, but Rita excepted the trophy and rosette on her behalf.

Next up was the Lofty Club, which is awarded from one member to the next and can be given for any reason at all. Last year's winner, Freya Malins, couldn't be at the AGM, but Lyn awarded it to Philippa Robinson on her behalf. Freya wanted Philippa to have it due to her cheerful nature at every event.

The Committee Cup is awarded by the Committee and this year it went to Linda Medcalf, who is always coming along to support club

events, take photos and generally lend a hand in everything we do.

The Progression Cup was awarded to Katherine Jones as she has persevered with her horse Dotty and the change has been noticed by everyone. Kat qualified for a number of Dressage championships last year and has started Affiliated competitions.

Liz Davies was awarded the Achiever's Cup, for her win at the Area Horse Trials on Pumba.

The Loyalty Cup was awarded to the Kilby Family, who despite not always being members, come along and help at our annual show every year and are very supportive of the club.

Lastly, the Chairman's Cup is awarded by Lyn and is kept very secret, even from the committee! This year it went to Chris Esling, who has been a cheery and fun member this year, lending her lorry to another member whose own broke down, as well as being a valued member of our Mercian teams.

Once all the clapping had finished, it was time to discuss our plans for next year, including a proposed Christmas Rally on the 28th December and our Horseless Clinics to keep us going over





the winter months. Suggestions were also taken from the floor, which provided some food for thought for future committee planning meetings.

Then with all the serious business concluded, it was time for food and the new look quiz. As usual, the Hunter's had done a wonderful spread, with enough chips and sandwiches to feed three times the numbers, although

we managed quite well to clear the plates. Karen, Chris and Linda had done a fantastic job with the Quiz. Ten boards with varied picture rounds. From naming famous horses and riders, to some big sporting venues, to the parts of the horse and the Committee members as children, plus some rather fiendish anagrams. Everyone seemed to be having a laugh as they moved round the room, but the winners were

'The Troublemakers' - Rita Woolley, Nicky Shephard, Chris Jones and Mary Bisco.

There was just time to do the raffle, with lots of varied prizes up for grabs, from cuddly toys, to vouchers, from alcohol to clothing - something for everyone.

Then it was time to call it a night for another year. Thank you to everyone how came along or had a hand in making it a brilliant AGM.

Lets cross fingers that 2014 is another great year for the club and, of course, we will win the Mercian League!



AGM PHOTOS

Opposite Page from Top: Camilla Esling, Jenny Barnes, Rita Woolley, Linda Kemp and Laurant Jones with their Pepper Pot Rosettes.

From Left to Right: Liz Davies (Achievers Cup). Linda Medcalf (Committee Cup). Kat Jones (Progression Cup) This Page. Top - Chris Esling (Chairman's Cup). Bottom - The Kilby's (Loyalty Cup)

Thank you to Kat Jones for being our official photographer of the evening!

AGM Area 18 Style

The Area 18 Liaison Group held their AGM on 4th November at The Beckford Arms, Tewkesbury. The evening started off with a Q&A session with Sarah Phillips, Head of Riding Clubs and BHC Competitions, and Andrew Chadwick, Competitions Chairman. The full minutes are available on the BRC website, but the most interesting, and the most heated, was regarding the change of rules those competing at Novice Dressage over the Summer can now compete Prelim in the winter. BRC responded that it was felt that most riders swap between the two levels and it was unfair to penalize. However, it was also acknowl-

edged that anyone taking advantage to compete at a level far below their ability should be reported within the Area.

Trophies were then awarded for the overall winners of the Area Horse Trials. The Senior Novice went to Vikki Hancox from Worcester RC, while our own Liz Davies winning the Senior Intermediate award.

The Speaker for the evening was eventer, Jonty Evans, who turned the tables on the listeners by inviting questions about anything. Jock Paget came up very quickly, but Jonty kept the mood very light and funny, with lots of stories about the horses he

has ridden.

The next thing up for discussion was who was holding which qualifier. MHRC has once again got the showjumping, which everyone seemed keen to give us. Other qualifiers and dates will appear in the calendar.

The evening ended with a quiz, which even with a mixed team of Malvern, Worcester and Frampton representatives, we didn't win! But it was a great evening nonetheless.



Liz Davies, who was awarded her Horse Trials Cup at the MHRC AGM



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MEMBER'S NEWS



A bit belated, but well done to **Jenny Barns**, who was confirmed 4th place individual at the Area

Indoor Showjumping at Kings, on **Flying Minstrel**.

Congratulations to member **Emma Cooper** who gave birth to **Mollie Ruth Cooper** on 18th November. We've signed her up for the Area SJ 2031!



Pepper Pot Points League

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7th	Caroline Bates	15
	Chris Esling	15
	Megan Harper	15
	Tina Price	15
11th	Cindie Bunce	5
	Freya Malins	5
	Jo Jaynes	5
	Karen Withers	5
	Kat Jones	5
	Linda Kemp	5
	Linda Medcalf	5
	Lisa Drinkwater	5
	Liz Davies	5
	Rita Woolley	5
	Shellee Illingworth	5
	Wendy Yates	5

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EVENTS CALENDAR

21st December 2013

Quadrille Final, Olympia

28th December 2013

MHRC Christmas Rally, tbc

16th January 2014

Evening Horseless Clinic, tbc

20th February 2014

Evening Horseless Clinic, tbc

20th March 2014

Evening Horseless Clinic, tbc

29th - 30th March 2014

BRC Winter Championships, Hartpury

26th April 2014

Area Combined Training, tbc

5th May 2014

Area Junior Show and Style Jumping, tbc

25th May 2014

Area Show and Style Jumping qualifier

26th May 2014

MHRC Open Show

31st May - 1st June 2014

Festival of the Horse, Aston-le-Wells

7th June 2014

Area Dressage to Music, tbc

29th July - 3rd August 2014

Hickstead (inc BRC SJ)

1st - 4th August 2014

National Horse Trials Championships, Swalcliffe

[Check out the website for further dates and schedules](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Caroline and Smokey at Hillview

"When the judge said to stretch down more - I think she was referring to the horse!"

All photo sources are kept secret - have you got a funny photo to share?

BRC AREA 18 NEWS

We learned recently that the Royal Windsor Horse Show is no longer willing to hold the Top Score and Dressage Championships in 2014. Instead, these have been moved to the Festival of the Horse at Aston-Le-Wells.

The qualifier's will be held early next year - watch this space for schedules and further details

BRITISH DRESSAGE NEWS

BD have launched a new team competition called Team Quest. Groups of 4 riders can compete together in Intro to Novice level tests, and a final will be held at the Bury Farm in 2014. Anyone can take part, although one rider in each team must be affiliated to BD and all must affiliate if qualified for the final. If you'd be interested, then MHRC may be organising some teams.

Watch this space!!





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TEAM ROLL-CALL

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

Sara Stephenson
Shellee Illingworth
Dani Diment
Camilla Esling
Jooli Thornton

CHRISTMAS MISFITS

Lyn Harber
Di Symonds
Ann Nixon
Chris Esling
Helen Robson

TEAM SPARKLE

Sophie Hooper
Suzanne Partridge
Linda Kemp
Tamie Carr
Elisha Carr

THE TEAM WITH NO NAME

Julie Reynolds
Kat Jones
Linda Medcalf
Nicola Shepard
Anna Robson
Stacey Johnson

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A Bit of Christmas Fun

At the AGM back in November, it was decided to hold a Christmas rally just before the new year, so on the 28th December, we all descended on Hillview Arena for a few hours of fun and frolics.

But of course, there had to be a little bit of competition involved - after all, those rosettes are very important! So everyone who came along was put into

teams. Points were awarded in the various races, games and events, with both individual and team awards given out at the end of the day. And of course, by popular demand, that meant that points were also up for grabs in the Pepper Pot League!

To get everyone warmed up with a more gentle game, we played Monte



Carlo, suitably adapted to the fact that we didn't have any cards! Instead, the choices were denoted with different jump wings - so it was Boat, Music, Pigs and Sheep! The basic idea being that when the music stops, you choose a corner (or wing)



Editor's Bit

Welcome to 2014! Sorry this newsletter is a couple of weeks late - we have had so much to finalise that we decided to hold off for a bit. As you will see from the next few pages, there are clinics galore to tide us over the next couple of wintery months, plus the Area and Mercian dates are starting to appear, so time to start planning the year ahead.

And also a gentle reminder if you haven't renewed your membership yet. This will be the last newsletter for all 2013 members, so to keep up to date, please don't delay in sending back your form. For Area qualifiers, you have to have been a member for a certain length of time too, so well worth getting it in sooner rather than later. I've attached a form along with the newsletter for anyone who needs it.

So on that note, I'll leave you to read on - as you can see we had a really good laugh at the Christmas rally - it's nice to all meet up and not be so serious once in a while!

Until next time, *Caroline*



A Bit of Christmas Fun ... cont



to stand in and if that is pulled out of the hat, you're out. This caused some hilarity, but the overall winner of the mounted section was Sara Stephenson, with Linda Kemp in second. There may have been

a little bit of cheating going on in the unmounted section, but this was eventually won by Jooli Thornton, with Camilla Esling in second.

Then it was time for the relay, which took a bit of brain power to work out. With runners and riders galloping back and forth along the arena, it quickly descended into chaos and there was one unscheduled dismount, but at the end the winning team was 'Santa's Little Helper's', with 'Christmas Misfits' in a close second.

While everyone put themselves back together, the ring was set up for the next game, 'Over the Bridge'. For those who don't know, this game involves riding round the arena and between two poles on the ground. If you are

between the poles when the music stops, you are out.

Again, the unmounted group seemed to be far more competitive than the mounted. Dani Diment was the overall winner, with Ann Nixon in second place. Sophie Hooper was the winner of the mounted section, just beating Julie Reynolds to the win.

There was one more game to play, this time for the riders only - Walk, Trot, Canter. A nice simple race, where you walk down the arena, turn and trot back, then turn and canter to the finish. This was split into two heats and it was the older horses that proved the pro's. Both Shellee Illingworth and Julie Reynolds, were on their old horses and romped home. This race also provided one of the funniest moments of the day - sorry Sophie, but seeing you nearly bucked off your son's pony did give us a chuckle!

And then it was time for everything to calm down, with the Fancy Dress. We had seven entries and they were all very inventive. But the overall winner had to be Lyn Harber and Toby as 'MasterChefs'! Kat Jones and Dotty were in second place as Father Christmas

and Christmas Pudding, with two very festive dogs dressed a Christmas Present and a Christmas Tree in third.

The last competition was the Handy Pony, which involved a number of challenges. The one the horses seemed to have the hardest problem with was walking over a piece of rubber matting in the middle of the school - although all of them seemed to have them in their stables! With a little jump, bending, a labyrinth, a flag stick to move and some floating toys to net, this proved great fun. But the winner was Julie Reynolds, with an impressive time of 1 minute, 18 seconds, very closely followed by Sara Stephenson in 1 minute, 19 seconds.

And then it was time for the horses to be put away while everyone tucked into mulled wine, mince pies and assorted nibbles. The individual rosettes for the Handy Pony and the Fancy Dress were awarded, then the team awards were given out. The overall winners were 'Santa's Little Helpers'. Second place went to 'Christmas Misfits', third to 'Team Sparkle' and fourth to 'The Team with no Name'.

It was a good day and may become a new tradi-



A Bit of Christmas Fun ... cont

tion for the MHRC. Ideas for the next one are already mulling around!

And just one more thing to say - a huge thank you to Lauran Jones for organizing the event on quite short notice!



HORSELESS CLINICS

HUNTER'S INN
Longdon

8 o'clock in the function room

16th January
BACK TO BACK

A talk by Freya Malins and Karen Withers, discussing different treatments for the back of both horse and rider.

Also 20th February and 20th March
Speakers to be confirmed

£5 per person - no need to book.

Bar will be open - nibbles provided.

FLATWORK CLINICS

TEWKESBURY RIDING SCHOOL
Indoor Arena

With Nick Lawson

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
February

7:00 to 8:00 or 8:00 to 9:00

£17 per session, members only.
Free for Spectators

Contact Lyn to book your place.
(see back page for details)

SHOWJUMPING CLINICS will follow in March - dates and venue to be confirmed.



CHARITY GUIDED RIDES

A great idea for adult or children's parties - stop at a pub or carry food with us. 95% off-road riding on the Malvern Hills, Longdon Marsh, Bredon Hill, Forest of Dean and the Cotswolds.

2 hours - £15

Longer rides available by arrangement.

Groups individually tailored and cater for different speeds and abilities.

A donation will be given to Equine Grass Sickness Research.

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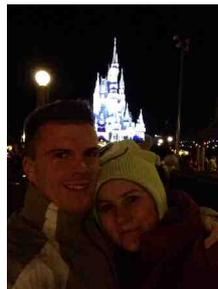
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MEMBER'S NEWS

Congratulations to Shellee Illingworth who has just got engaged, proposed to at Disney's Magic Kingdom. All we want to know is Big George coming along to the wedding?



If you want any adverts, articles, news or photos in the next newsletter please send to Caroline (via post or e-mail) by 25th January

Pepper Pot Points League

PL	NAME	PTS
1st	Camilla Esling	90
2nd	Linda Kemp	80
3rd	Sara Stephenson	80
4th	Kat Jones	75
5th	Lyn Harber	70
6th	Julie Reynolds	60
7th	Shellee Illingworth	55
8th	Chris Esling	50
	Sophie Hooper	50
10th	Di Symonds	45
	Suzanne Partridge	45
12th	Dani Diment	40
	Jooli Thornton	40
14th	Ann Nixon	35
	Helen Robson	35
	Wendy Robinson	35
17th	Alex Harris	30
	Linda Medcalf	30
	Nicola Shepard	30
20th	Anna Robson	25
	Jenny Barnes	25
	Julie Jeffes	25
	Stacey Johnson	25
24th	Lauran Jones	20
25th	Caroline Bates	15
	Megan Harper	15
	Tina Price	15
28th	Cindie Bunce	5
	Freya Malins	5
	Jo Jeynes	5
	Karen Withers	5
	Lisa Drinkwater	5
	Liz Davies	5
	Rita Woolley	5
	Wendy Yates	5

EVENTS CALENDAR

Riding School
20th March 2014
Evening Horseless Clinic, Hunter's Inn
29th - 30th March 2014
BRC Winter Championships, Hartpury
26th April 2014
Area Combined Training, tbc
5th May 2014
Area Junior Show and Style Jumping, Cleeve Prior (Crophorne and Evesham RC)
5th May 2014
Mercian Show and Style Jumping, Cleeve Prior (Crophorne and Evesham RC)
25th May 2014
Area Show and Style Jumping qualifier, Three Counties (MHRC)
26th May 2014
MHRC Open Show and Mercian Showing, Three Counties (MHRC)
31st May - 1st June 2014
Festival of the Horse, Aston-le-Wells
7th June 2014
Area Dressage to Music, Kings Equestrian (Shropshire South RC)
15th June 2014
Mercian Arena Eventing, Bissell Wood (Bromsgrove RC)
29th June 2014
Mercian Combined Training, Pound Green (Bewdley RC)
13th July 2014
Mercian Dressage, Bissell Wood (Shropshire South RC)
19th or 20th July 2014
Area Dressage and Riding Test, Ascot-under-Wychwood (West Oxfordshire RC)
29th July - 3rd August 2014
Hickstead (inc BRC SJ)
1st - 4th August 2014
National Horse Trials Championships, Swalcliffe
16th or 23rd August 2014
Mercian Horse Trials, Hilltop (Worcester RC)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

"Umm, well I shouldn't - go on then, just one more!"

Toby Harber at the Christmas Rally

All photo sources are kept secret - have you got a funny photo to share?

EVENTS CALENDAR

4th February 2014
Flatwork Clinic, Tewkesbury Riding School
11th February 2014
Flatwork Clinic, Tewkesbury Riding School
18th February 2014
Flatwork Clinic, Tewkesbury Riding School
20th February 2014
Evening Horseless Clinic, Hunter's Inn
23rd February 2014
Royal Windsor DR and SJ qualifiers, Hartpury College (Frampton RC)
25th February 2014
Flatwork Clinic, Tewkesbury

