



Newsletter Spring 2018





Katy Watson became Chair of Houghton & Huntingdon Riding Club in January 2018.

Katy is a Senior Paediatric nurse at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, where her professional role requires excellent communication, time management and budget management skills – attributes which will serve the Riding Club well going forward.

The responsibility for managing the financial affairs of the club will be in good hands, and Katy will prioritise the club's solvency without adversely affecting the members who form our competitive teams.

Katy started riding at the age of 6, and has been a member of the riding club for about two years following a break after initial membership as a teenager.

Previously, Katy had become a very active member of Littleport Pony Club, competing her 14hh welsh cob gelding Bracken (now retired) and winning individual showjumping honours with the lion hearted Bracken punching above his weight.



Katy also owns Polly (Hunt Politics), a 15hh 7 year old skewbald Irish Sports Horse mare, and shares her sister's 14.2hh 17 year old Irish Sports Horse gelding Ziggy (Norway Commons).

Ambitions for 2018 include getting Polly up to BE100 level, and further focus on improving dressage scores. Longer term ambitions include competing at one of the championships – either with the riding club or at BE grassroots.

Winter Dressage Qualifier - Report by Rebecca Robinson

Area 7 indoor Dressage Qualifiers took place at the College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe in mid-February. My day started when I arrived just after 7:00am to declare our members for the competition ahead. It was a crispy and cold start to say the least!

We had a total of 10 teams and 9 individuals competing throughout the day, there being a total of 313 tests completed by the Area 7 clubs taking part.



We had one junior member come forward from the qualifiers, Rebecca Everitt flying the flag for us coming 1st and qualifying for the championships in one test and finishing 4th in her other test – well done Rebecca!

Many of our members came home with coloured ribbons and everyone rode really well to achieve some super scores throughout the day. The riding club was very well represented on the day, all looking really smart – well done!

We had one team qualify for the novice championships – comprising of Sam Morgan, Helen Cuthill, Barry Meningen and Pip King. Well done to them!



We struggled for volunteers at this qualifier, but were bailed out when new member Jo Hall arrived early and helped before collecting her 4 legged friend from home to take part in the competition. Lauren Brant – another new member – took over from Jo, and I finished off with a 5 hour stint to prevent our teams from being eliminated. Jo and Lauren went on to contribute both individual and team placings from their tests.



Izzy Castle qualified after giving it a go following attendance at one of the ride-a-test days, she won the class scoring a very respectable 70% - why don't you give it a go? – you might win just like Izzy!

Drinks Night - Report by Rebecca Robinson

The committee decided to hold a drinks party to celebrate the success the club has had at qualifiers and championships in the 2017 season.

This was the first time in a few years that HHRC had been represented at every championships.

We not only had success at qualifiers and championships, but also at non competitive events. We started slowly with training and socials, and over the year have been more consistent and gained more support from members and a wider audience.

Training has had a re-vamp, and we are putting on lots of exciting activities for all levels with a wider range of coaches.

Socially, we held a summer BBQ at St Ives Rugby Club which we plan to repeat annually.



There was also a meet the chefs night with guest speakers, and we are now into our second course of Pilates. And remember, we rely on members support to function as a club and these events are run to raise much needed funds, and enable you all to ride together, train together, compete together and have fun together – with friends you may have for life.

Winter Dressage League - Report by Rebecca Robinson



This year we decided to run a series of unaffiliated winter dressage competitions again, which this time were held at Home Farm, Alconbury on the all weather surface.

Results from these can be found on our website.

The committee decided to re-instate the winter dressage league, which means that at the awards evening later in the year there will be some beautiful rosettes for members who have taken part in the series and been placed in the league.

This will be published after the last event in April – watch this space!!

The weather has been kind to us over the winter for these, and we have had great support so will be running them again in the 2018 / 2019 winter season.

We thank all volunteers as well as competitors for supporting these events.



Training Programme

Date	Event	Trainer	Venue	Cost
Sat 28 April 2018	H & HRC Show Jump Clinic	Nat Dixon	Greenlands, Holme Fen Drove, Colne PE28 3RE	£30 member, £33 non member
Wed 9 May 2018	H & HRC Show Jump Clinic	Mia Pallis Clark	Home Farm, Alconbury, PE28 4DL	£25 member, £27 non member
Sat 12 May 2018	H & HRC XC Training	Barry Meningen	Ely Eventing Centre, Little Downham, Ely CB6 2TY	£40 member, £43 non member
Sun 20 May 2018	H & HRC Water Play & Jumpcross	Sarah Anderson	Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, Wittering Grange, Wansford PE8 6NR	£30 member, £33 non member
Thurs 24 May 2018	H & HRC Rider Balance	Sarah Anderson	Home Farm, Alconbury, PE28 4DL	£15 member, £17 non member
Sun 27 May 2018	H & HRC Flatwork	Fran Berry	Greenlands, Holme Fen Drove, Colne PE28 3RE	£18 member, £20 non member
Wed 30 May 2018	H & HRC Style Jumping	Jonathon Canty	Home Farm, Alconbury, PE28 4DL	£22 member, £25 non member

Qualifier Dates for 2017 / 2018 Season

Event	Location	Date
Summer Dressage Qualifier	Home Farm, Alconbury, PE28 4DL	6th May 2018
Horse Trials	Ely Eventing Centre, Little Downham, Ely CB6 2TY	10th June 2018
Dressage to Music Qualifier	TBC, Kettering	8th July 2018
Quadrille	Bury Farm, Slapton LU7 9BT	29th September 2018



Trainer Profile - Sarah Anderson

Sarah Anderson is a BHS Accredited Coach who offers training in the Peterborough / Huntingdon area, offering expert tuition for all horse and rider abilities.

This can be for individuals or group sessions, and for riders of any age.

Sarah can offer riding, practical and theory training in preparation for BHS exams.



Sarah organises training clinics in the following –

- Flatwork
- Pole work
- Grid work
- Rider balance
- Show Jumping
- Cross Country
- Portable Cross Country clinics (Winter)

Sarah can provide fully insured equine sports massage therapy in the Peterborough / Cambridgeshire area. Equine sports massage can improve the health, fitness and wellbeing of the horse, increase performance, and help prevent or aid recovery from injury. Using a hands on approach allows the therapist to find areas of tightness, spasm or soreness.





Trainer Profile - Fran Berry

Fran Berry is a BHSII instructor, having taught from Grassroots to International level in several equestrian disciplines.

Fran has produced several young horses to Advanced dressage, and International Eventing – and at this year's Badminton Horse Trials she competed her homebred Fast Forward II in the Grassroots Mitsubishi Motors Cup, after retiring the horse from Advanced level dressage and taking up Eventing for fun !!

Improved results for her students reflect Fran's dedication to the sport.



Fran currently has her other horse MFS Edison posting impressive scores to move up the levels in British Dressage, gaining regional qualifications along the way.



Winter Dressage League

Throughout the winter, we have run a dressage league, with four competitions spanning the 6 months to early April 2018.

Points have been awarded on the basis of 6 points for a win, down to 1 point for 6th place – and 1 point for those competing and placed lower than 6th.

16 members contributed, with the Top Two entering 3 of the 4 competitions run.

A huge well done to all competitors, and once again, we thank all volunteers as well as competitors for supporting these events.



Overall winner is Catriona Patterson, with her horses Titus' Lady Chocolat and Meres Just-A-Mo - a clear winner by 10 points from Sylvie Hall in second place.

Memories of Bleep - Bridget Ambition

Aislinn McKibbin and her daughter Ciara recently lost Bleep (Bridget Ambition) and have sent in photos of Ciara and Bleep in action.

Bleep had already been active for many years with the Burghley Pony Club when found by Ciara, and they went on to become a formidable partnership across all disciplines, regularly qualifying for the Championships, and for many years forming a key part of the Junior teams.

Bleep's success resulted in a Junior Trophy being awarded, which is still being presented annually.



Following retirement, Bleep went on to produce two lovely foals, one of whom – Spring Ambition – is currently eventing up to Advanced level with Ros Canter.

Bleep passed away in her field in Great Gransden in April this year, and will be sadly missed, and especially remembered for her talent, success, and for being a great family friend.

Do you have memories, or a story to tell? – send us your pictures and story and we may be able to include these in future editions of the Newsletter.

Barry Meningen is a UKCC qualified British Eventing accredited coach. He trains for local pony clubs, riding clubs and is a BE80(T) coach.

Barry has ridden at all levels of British Eventing up to Advanced on home produced horses. He also competes in pure dressage and show jumping.

Barry has trained on an international competition yard and a yard specialising in natural horsemanship.



Barry's philosophy is working horses from the ground up and involving the owners in the education of their horse as much as possible.

He has backed, schooled and competed horses and ponies of all levels and abilities. He also specialises in horses and ponies with specific or general handling or riding problems.



Barry Meningen is the co-owner of Meadow Lane Equestrian, based on a 70 acre site at New Farm, Earith in Cambridgeshire. There have been exciting improvements and developments at New Farm, including the recently added 60 x 40 all weather arena.







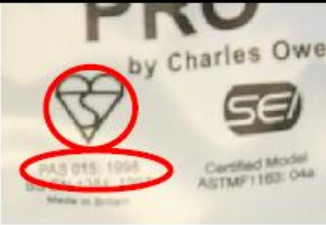




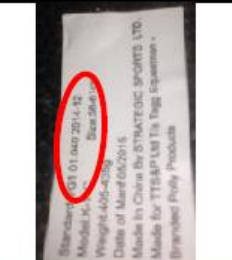

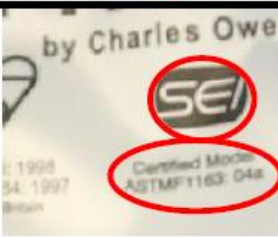








HOUGHTON AND HUNTINGDON COMMITTEE 2018

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Position	Name	Contact
Chairman	Katy Watson	chairman@huntingdonrc.co.uk
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Committee	Katie Larman	
Committee	Josephine Sclater	
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BRC Hat Guidelines 2016 v1

Only hats to the following specification are acceptable at ANY BRC competition.
At all BRC Area Qualifiers and Championships, hats must show a visible BRC orange 'hat tag'.
Any other standards / dates are NOT acceptable and will not be tagged.
Hats must meet ALL of the requirements of one of the following rows:

	Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Examples
1	PAS 015 (1998 or 2011)	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark 	  
2	VG1 01.040 (2014-12)	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark 	  
3	ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards)	AND MUST HAVE SEI mark 	  
4	SNELL E2001	AND MUST HAVE Official SNELL label and number 	  
5	AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)	AND MUST HAVE SAI Global mark 	

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR 2016:

Due to a change by the European Commission regarding EN1384 and BSEN1384 no longer being an accepted standard, all hats which only meet the standard EN1384 or BSEN1384, and do not comply with another standard from the above list, WILL NOT be accepted and therefore will not be permitted for any BRC competition. Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 along with another standard from the above list, will be tagged. For example, BSEN1384 & PAS015 (1998 or 2011) along with the Kitemark, would be acceptable, but not BSEN1384 on its own.



IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY PHASE: Only a "Jockey Skull" complying to the above standards may be worn for any XC phase. This must not have a peak, any peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front and should have an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required.

The use of **HEAD CAMS** are **strictly prohibited** at any BRC affiliated competition. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider.



BRC Body Protector Guidelines 2017 v1

Only body protectors to the following specification are acceptable at any BRC competition where the use of body protectors is mandatory:

A BETA Level 3 (Purple Label) displaying either a 2000 or 2009 Label	
<p>Either 2000</p> 	<p>Or 2009</p> 

Any other levels / dates are NOT acceptable and will not be allowed at any BRC competition. If a Purple Label containing a correct date is not present, the body protector will not be accepted.



Please Note; these pictures are only intended for illustrating where the BETA label can often be found. A full list of BETA Level 3 body protectors can be obtained from www.beta-uk.org

- Where the use of a body protector is mandatory, air Jackets are permitted but MUST be worn over a permitted Level 3 body protector and if activated, MUST be deflated or removed before continuing. Air jackets may be worn without another body protector underneath only where the use of a body protector is not mandatory for that phase
- Hybrid Air-Jackets (a manufactured Level 3 Body Protector with an Air Jacket all-in-one) are permitted but if activated, MUST be deflated before continuing
- Blouson jacket type air jackets are permitted in accordance with point 1 above
- Exo Body Cage body protectors are permitted but the competitor MUST inform the Secretary at the event, who must then inform the paramedics and XC Control

Air Jacket



Hybrid Air Jacket



Helite Air Jacket



Exo Body Cage



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for next year

From 1 January 2018, BRC will no longer accept BETA Level 3 2000. All body protectors MUST be BETA Level 3 2009 or later.

