



## Maidstone and District Riding Club - October 2011



This will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> (I think!) and final newsletter that I put together for the Club as I will be standing down as Secretary at the AGM which is being held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November at Lenham Community Hall.

Sarah Leggat has volunteered to take on the task of co-ordinating the newsletter and Karen Newman has offered to take on the role of Club Secretary - thank you very much to you both!

If you would like any items or adverts to appear in the newsletter please send them to Sarah at [sarahleggatbt@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahleggatbt@btinternet.com)

Having distributed the newsletter for the last four years I know how much easier and faster it is to email a copy to all the members. If you have the technology please consider adding your email to the distribution list to make Sarah's job less time consuming (and save the Club printing and postage costs!). Thank you.

Mel Honey

### **NEWS/RESULTS**

#### Results - Combined Training Show - 28<sup>th</sup> August

##### Class 1A

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Fox (Monty)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Hall (Kalli)

##### Class 1B

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie McKenzie (Oliver Twist)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Stewart (Connie)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Moon (Sammy)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Debra Cotton (Mr Darcy)

##### Class 2A

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Fox (Monty)

##### Class 2B

- =1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Byrd (A Story Goes With It)
- =1<sup>st</sup> Justin Byrd (Rolly)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Burden (Interlect)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mireille Applebee (Red Artiste)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jo Cottee (Connie)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sally Patchett (Rebelara Pride)

##### Class 3A

- 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Webb (Irene's Free Spirit)

##### Class 3B

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mel Jones (Grangeford Drifter)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Edwards
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Justin Byrd (Rolly)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kay Lockyer (Muschamp Karismatic)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wendy Thomas (Just A Gigolo)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Lucy Field (Nepos)

##### Class 4A

- 1<sup>st</sup> Heather Edwards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kay Lockyer (Muschamp Karismatic)

##### Class 4B

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mel Jones (Grangeford Drifter)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Hutchinson (Diamond Chance)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kay Lockyer (Muschamp Karismatic)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Burden (Autumn Owl)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sarah Steers (Dapper Dandy)

#### Horse Trials Championships, Aston-le-Walls

This year, we had only one individual who qualified for the Horse Trials Championships - Sophie Leaney and Captain Nemo in the Open Class. Sophie has brought Nemo, who's only 15' 1" up through the eventing grades over the last few years and he was on top form for the qualifier in May - winning the section!

#### **Sophie writes -**

I arrived on the Thursday to a warm welcome, collected my goodies and signed in with Nemo, it was then the fun of unloading the lorry!!

Day One - Friday. Before the trot up and dressage, I was called to the secretary's tent to be notified that one of the Sevenoaks' members was unable to come and could I make up a team for Area 10, which I accepted.

We passed the trot up and did the dressage in the afternoon - an ok test of 35.7 which put us 25th overnight out of about 70 individuals, with the team lying 9th.

Day Two - Saturday - the fun part!! First element, roads & tracks, then onto the steeplechase which Nemo pulled me round, then carried straight on with the second part of the roads & tracks until the 10 min box, where I could catch my breath and have a drink. Nemo was still full of running and took me round the cross country inside the time and clear. This pulled us up to 10th overnight individually plus (although we were only a 3 member team) having all gone clear we went into team 3<sup>rd</sup> position.



Day Three - Sunday. Another trot up - all passed and onto the SJ. Nemo did a lovely round but sadly had just one fence down, however we finished overall 11th individually / 8th in his section and the team was 3<sup>rd</sup>.



It was a very fun weekend, there was a quiz night with band one night and disco, karaoke and hog roast the other night, everyone was friendly and there was also the European CIC 2 Star there, which was fun to watch and GB won the Gold Medal.

Thank you for Maidstone's support, where Nemo and I were pleased to have represented the Club.

Sophie Leaney

#### Ride For Life **PINK RIDE** 2011 - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011, we held our 3rd Ride for Life in aid of Cancer Research UK. Again we had good entries with over 90 riders taking part, many of whom dressed from head to toe and ears to tail in pink!

We were blessed with glorious weather and everyone returned smiling after enjoying a 10 mile ride on land and toll rides surrounding Tilmangate Farm near Ulcombe.

We are very grateful to all the land owners for allowing us to map out a lovely ride - a big thank you to you all. A special mention goes to Chris Maddocks who generously lent us his field for parking. He had to leave a section unploughed for us so we do appreciate the trouble he went to

Thanks also to our sponsors - Lillico's of Aylesford, Gillett & Cook of Faversham who generously donated gift vouchers for various prizes, including 'The Pinkest Riders in various categories such as Pinkest Male Rider'. We were able to award 12 bottles of pink fizz to riders who raised over £100, and a special award to Jan Barlow for raising the most - over £500 and also being one of the pinkest riders of the day.

The riding club committee would like to thank all the friends and members of Maidstone and District who gave up their time to help steward and organise the ride - you all helped raise a wonderful amount of money for Cancer Research. With sponsor money still coming in we are expecting to reach nearly £5,000.

If you would like to see photos of the ride please check out our website and Facebook page. Keep an eye out for next year's ride - we look forward to seeing you in 2012!

#### BRC/BE 80 Championships - 25<sup>th</sup> September

This acronym is the British Riding Clubs / British Eventing 80 Championship series. Yes it's quite a title! This is a new competition where all the 'normal' BE80 classes around the country are qualifiers for the Championships. (You can enter a BE80 class on a day ticket). The two best Riding Club members then qualify for the Championships.

As a club we did not actively promote this competition this year, but had one member Wendy Thomas and Nick, who qualified at the Chilham BE80 competition in August. The Championship was held at Brooksby Melton College in Leicestershire on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. This Championship event was a normal one day event, but as it was a long distance away, we went up the night before - Nick had a nice stable booked at the college (rubber matting floor and an automatic water drinker - a new item to him - that he thought was great fun). Wendy (and Sue Stewart who came along to be the groom) had a tent for the night! We had a good journey up and got our camp all sorted etc before it got dark. (We had made the mistake of tent erection in the dark on a previous occasion - ending up covered with saggy tent cloth rather than the traditional airspace between occupant and roof of tent!!). Nick was very happy in his stable - so we went out to the pub for dinner!

The next day we had plenty of time and could walk the course at our leisure, re-wash Nick (who'd have a grey) and plait up etc. We warmed up for the dressage and did a really good test for 32 penalties. Next, the dreaded show jumping - Nick's least favourite bit, but he kept his cool and jumped a lovely clear round. Finally, onto the cross country - storming round clear in the time. So we finished on our dressage score of 32. The standard was exceptionally high and this score gave us a final placing of 12th (but as this was a national competition - that's out of the whole country, really). A great performance and we were very pleased - I couldn't have asked for more.

Thanks to Sue Stewart for her time, assistance and catering! A long drive home arriving at gone 10pm and Nick was anxious to get out in the field and tell his mates all about it!

If anyone thinks this series may be of interest to them next year - please drop an email/text to indicate interest and we can then build some training around this, or assist with any info etc.

Wendy Thomas

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING**

##### Winter Showjumping Team

If you are interested in being part of a team at the Winter Novice Qualifier at Ardingly on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December please either call me on 07932803436 or email me at [ask4thenat@aol.com](mailto:ask4thenat@aol.com)

A contribution from each rider will be required. Training will be organised for October/November at times and venues to try and suit everyone.

Novice Seniors & Juniors - max height 1st round = 80cm, 2nd round = 85cm.

No BS Winnings!

Natalie Harrison

Chef D'Equipe - Showjumping

### XC Rallies at Lodge Farm, Matfield with Wendy Neath

We are holding another session at Lodge Farm on Saturday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Cost is £36. Please send cheques payable to MDRC to Wendy at Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL.

For enquiries contact Wendy 07802 676896  
wendy.neath@btinternet.com

### **PLEASE APPLY AND PAY BY THE SATURDAY BEFORE OR I WILL CANCEL IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH!**

Quadrille from Scratch - Witches & Devils on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am at Street Farm Burham  
If you've read about our quadrilles from scratch or you've taken part and enjoyed it - here's your chance to have a go!

You don't need to have a dressage horse but you do need to be able to stay in control, separate from others and move on and slow down in walk and trot. If we have enough with brakes we will do some canter too...It helps if you know right from left..... The theme will be red and black - nearer the time I will let you know what you need in the way of horns / broomsticks etc....

Entry fee is £8 to include a glass of Wendy's magic potion.

For enquiries contact Wendy 07802 676896  
wendy.neath@btinternet.com

### Beach Ride 5<sup>th</sup> November at Camber Sands



Come and enjoy an invigorating ride at Camber Sands on November 5<sup>th</sup>. If horse power is lacking, bring a dog but leave the fireworks at home until the evening!

Meet at 11.30am in the beach car park at Camber. Don't forget to bring coins for the dreaded car parking machines.

Please let Jo Cottee know if you are coming either by phone on 07710 709851 or email [jocottee@hotmail.com](mailto:jocottee@hotmail.com).

Hope to see lots of people and their four legged friends on the beach!

Jo Cottee  
Club Chairman

### Polework/ Jumping Rallies with Wendy Neath

Suitable for all levels, nervous/novice upwards. Usual format is 3 or more groups of up to 4 riders 1 hour each. Occasionally smaller/larger groups will have a shorter/longer session, and start/finish times will be adjusted. Sessions are not always held in order of height. The emphasis is on poles, grids and exercises to encourage athleticism and confidence,

and both competitors and non competitive riders are welcome

**Please note that Saturday sessions will run generally morning to early afternoon due to parking constraints. There may occasionally be early slots for 1 or 2 people sharing with my livery clients.**

Dates for Saturday Clinics:-

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October - morning (afternoon at Lodge Farm)

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - morning

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November - morning

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November - afternoon

Tuesday clinics continue to run at 10.30 am - see the website for up to date information.

### **How to book your place on rallies/clinics.**

If you are a first time participant, send a response form and cheque payable to Wendy Neath with the requested information plus an email address. Include any further relevant information such as any time preferences. Once you have attended a rally you can book by email and pay on the day.

For a weekend rally/clinic I will do times on Monday or Tuesday to email out but it would be very helpful if you would book in sooner rather than later.

Payment of £13 to Wendy Neath is now on the day cash preferred but cheque if this is not possible). If you cancel after I have done times then you may be expected to pay if your place is not filled.

I will be adding more rallies - if you are not already receiving email updates (for rallies and quadrille practices) and would like them, please email me to be included.

Please contact Wendy Neath, Street Farm, Burham, Rochester ME1 3RL. Tel. 07802 676896  
Email [wendy.neath@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.neath@btinternet.com)

### Neil Boorman Clinics

The Neil Boorman SJ Clinics are held at Duckhurst Farm, Staplehurst on Friday afternoons/evenings. Sessions at 4.00 pm, 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm. £18.00 per session.

For more information please contact Julie Offen 01233 770330.

### **ADVERTS**

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**Sarah Leggat**

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**Email [sarahleggatbt@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahleggatbt@btinternet.com)**

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For enquiries contact Wendy 07802 676896  
wendy.neath@btinternet.com

Keeping in touch with your Club  
Don't forget to keep checking our website [www.maidstoneridingclub.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneridingclub.co.uk) for all the latest news, results, membership information, photos, contact details, diary pages and schedules.

Did you know that there is now an M&DRC presence on Facebook? If you are already a member of Facebook you will be able to join the M&DRC Group, see other Members' photos and look at Club results. If you are not already a member of Facebook you may be interested in joining (apparently it's incredibly easy!).

For more information about the Club's Facebook Group contact Wendy Neath 01634 861339 07802 676896  
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