



## Maidstone & District Riding Club - Newsletter September 2010

### 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.

Wendy Neath is currently responsible for updating and adding to the site - please email any items in either pdf or word format (photos should be in jpeg format) to [wendy.neath@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.neath@btinternet.com)

### BRC Area 10 Training

It's worth checking out the Area 10 website for information on training events as these are often subsidised and therefore good value! Go to [www.brcarea10.org.uk](http://www.brcarea10.org.uk) for more information.

### Area 10 Dates for the 2011 Championships

Winter Championships - 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Festival - 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> June  
Horse Trials - 4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> August  
Lincoln (TBC) - provisionally 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> September  
Dressage to Music - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October

### Lovely, lovely Volunteers!

When you hear those few words 'can anybody help out next weekend?' are you the sort of person who tries to become invisible and shrink in the hope that someone else will volunteer. Well don't ..... Having recently helped out at Borde Hill I can honestly say it was nothing but fun. Yes, we were blessed with sunny weather, Bonus No.1. Myself, along with a non-member friend were put in charge, and I use that term loosely, of organising the entrants into the show jumping arena. Firstly we were made to feel most welcome by the organisers and breakfast, together with a packed lunch, was on offer, Bonus No. 2. The buzz in the tent from the competitors' nerves charged the atmosphere. Next, off to walk the course, well you have to know what they're letting themselves in for. As a helper I decided to treat the whole experience as a learning curve, and gained a lot by watching. Bonus No.3.

Like clockwork, the teams were frantically changing out of dressage calm into jumping mode, followed two minutes later by a frenzy of transformation into XC colours.

At times it was reminiscent of Thelwell, with mums running around fussing over their offspring and team members encouraging each other with enthusiasm. Reminding ourselves that we were representing M&DRC at all times, we exercised discretion on the rare occasion when there was the odd disappointment tantrum.

In no time the day's events were over and we were in the car heading for home. We chatted all the way, exchanging ideas and opinions from our day.

M&DRC is your chosen club which offers a diverse schedule of events which couldn't run without volunteers. So next time you hear that plea for assistance, please don't shrink, volunteer.

Hilary Jewiss

### PINK RIDE - HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

(especially if you haven't helped this year at any M&DRC events).

The Club raised over £5,500 last year for this very worthwhile cause but it wouldn't have been possible without volunteers.

We need stewards for road crossings (any time slot between 9 am and 4pm) at our

Ride For Life 2010 sponsored ride in aid of Cancer Research UK.

SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

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CONTACT Wendy Neath for more info.

[wendy.neath@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.neath@btinternet.com) 07802 676 896

### **NEWS/RESULTS**

Fourth Show in the Series - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Manor Farm, East Sutton

Maidstone & District Riding Club held its first open combined show of 2010 at Manor Farm, East Sutton on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

With over 50 competitors, organiser Karen Newman and her team of helpers were kept very busy, but the day ran smoothly and thanks to some efficient judging from Pippa Doran and Carol Rennison the show finished on time!

Three of the classes (Intro B, Prelim 4 and Novice 24) were also qualifiers for the Sunshine Tour. Good luck to those competitors who qualified.

#### **Class 1 - BD intro test B**

1<sup>st</sup> Justin Byrd Wilbur (Q)

#### **Class 2 - Prelim 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Justin Byrd Wilbur (Q)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mel Honey Hess (Q)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Leggat Patsy (Q)  
4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Fox Saracen  
5<sup>th</sup> Marissa Badcock Frisky  
6<sup>th</sup> Lettie Head Barney  
6<sup>th</sup> Kate Connell Rosie

#### **Class 3 - Prelim 12**

1<sup>st</sup> Ellie Byrd Sasha

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarah Leggat	Patsy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mel Honey	Hess
4 <sup>th</sup>	Marissa Badcock	Frisky
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Fox	Monty
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lettie Head	Barney

### Class 3 b - Prelim 12 with show jumping

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Hetherington	Jigsaw
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brenda Hawkes	Rolo
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Claire Carr	Jelly bean
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Johnson	Double Oh Seven
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Rivett	Tinkers By
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Hall	Kalli

### Class 4 - Riding Test 11

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jenny Hutchinson	Diamond Chance
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarah Wallace	Medley Michagan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah Leggat	Patsy
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mel Honey	Hess

### Class 5 - Advanced Riding Test

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Leggat	Patsy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarah Hall	Kalli

### Class 6 - Novice 24

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Hetherington	Jigsaw (Q)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sarah Wallace	Medley Michagan (Q)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lesley Lambell	Esterella (Q)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Johnson	Double Oh Seven
5 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Cotton	Mr Darcy
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Hall	Kalli

### Class 7 - Novice 28 or Elementary 42

1 <sup>st</sup>	Debbie Riley	Kelly J
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lesley Lambell	Esterella
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bradley Brett	U no the One
4 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Cotton	Mr Darcy

### Class 7 b - Novice 28 and show jumping

1 <sup>st</sup>	Claire Carr	Jelly Bean
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenny Hutchinson	Diamond Chance
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hilary Moon	As Time Goes by
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie Harper	King of Dreams



Jenny Hutchinson - Diamond Chance

### Kent County Show - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Maidstone Riding Club entered one team for the Riding Clubs Show Jumping Team Competition at Kent County Show on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Our team was short of one member as Sophie Brooks's horse unfortunately had a problem and was unable to compete. We were therefore without a discard score and just failed to be in the ribbons by finishing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams. Melanie Jones rode a lovely clear round but both Jo Cottee and Jen Hutchinson had 4 faults, leaving us on a team score of 8.

It was an enjoyable experience, the course was lovely and the going remarkably good. We were well supported by the Riding Club with several members there on official duties. We were particularly delighted to see our President, Peggy Skinner who had pride of place seated in the collecting ring along with my mum, Bessie Dean.



The competition started about an hour late with an overrunning class and a wait for a tractor and trailer to bring in the jumps. We got going about 5.30pm so it made a late night for all of us who were due to ride for the Club again on the Sunday in the Area 10 Dressage. Typically my times for Sunday were early, just after 9.00am but it made for a great horsey weekend.

It is quite a thrill to ride at Kent County and I can recommend it for next year. Besides we do want that trophy back next year!

Jo Cottee  
Club Chairman



Sarah Hetherington - Jigsaw

Results of the Dressage Teams Area 10 Qualifier, Speedgate, 18<sup>th</sup> July.

This year the event was held for the second year running at Speedgate which is a lovely, local venue for us all.

Everyone had a fabulous day with 3 of the teams coming second so just missing out on qualifying for the Nationals. We had to make a couple of late team amendments, so thank you to Mel Honey for stepping in with 2 days notice and doing the Riding Test, Mel came 8<sup>th</sup> in her arena out of over 24. Also I had to ride an Elementary test which was interesting as the last test that I rode was in October and I had not even practised as I only got back from holiday at 7.30pm on the Saturday!

At this point I would like to add a plea to all members - if you do agree to compete for the Riding Club in an area event that you commit for that event and put the date in your diary, as if any members pull out at the last minute it does affect everyone that is in the team and as an organiser it is a nightmare pulling in the reserves to cover.

Thank you to the following for helping all day - Sarah Hall and Kay Lockyer. Also for Debbie, Jenny and Marion for reading tests as I was stuck helping in the secretary's tent checking flu vaccinations!

The results of the senior teams were as follows :-

**Novice Dressage Team** - came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team consisted of Michelle Yeo (came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her section), Heather Edwards (came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her section), Brenda Hawkes (came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her section) and Alex Taskin.

**Open Dressage Team 1** - came 8<sup>th</sup>. The team consisted of me (Karen Newman), Di Blackburne, Martin Cotton and Debbie Garland (came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her section).

**Open Dressage Team 2** - came 7<sup>th</sup>. The team consisted of Jo Cottee, Sarah Leggat, Claire Carr (came 5<sup>th</sup> in her section) and Lucy Field.

**Open Dressage Team 3** - came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team consisted of Sarah Wallace (came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her section), Melanie Jones (came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her section), Jenny Hutchinson (came 6<sup>th</sup> in her section) and Lesley Story (came 4<sup>th</sup> in her section).

**Riding Test Team 1** came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team consisted of Sarah Wallace, Jenny Hutchinson (came 6<sup>th</sup> in her section), Marion Bush (came 4<sup>th</sup> in her section), Sarah Leggat.

**Riding Test Team 2** came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team consisted of Michelle Yeo, Mel Honey, Lucy Field (came 4<sup>th</sup> in her section) and Jo Cottee (came 6<sup>th</sup> in her section).

Lucy Field also came 6<sup>th</sup> and Lesley Story came 7<sup>th</sup> in the medium qualifier.

If any member would like to represent the Club at the Winter Dressage Qualifier in November 2010 or February 2011 - please can you contact Karen on 01622 859971.

Well done to everyone that came along!

Karen Newman  
Dressage Teams Organiser

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING**

Open Combined Show - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Manor Farm, East Sutton

The final show in the Dressage Championships series will be a combined show with clear round jumping and classes for pure dressage, dressage with show jumping and riding test classes. There will also be a fun dog show for the non-horsey. If you haven't already entered Karen may be able to squeeze you in as a late entry (£2.00 extra). Ring Karen on 01622 859971.

Area 10 Unaffiliated Horse Trials - Borde Hill - 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October

Details for this event are on the Area 10 Website - [www.brcarea10.org.uk](http://www.brcarea10.org.uk)

The club is not organising a team this time but Wendy Thomas is very happy to point you in the right direction if you are interested.

Wendy Thomas - 07968 354783 or [wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk](mailto:wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk)

Lodge Farm Festival of the Horse Qualifier - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Lodge Farm, Matfield

An Eventer's challenge style competition - show jumping and cross country.

The classes are:

Junior Novice	Height SJ - 0.85m XC - 0.90m.
Junior Pairs	Height SJ - 0.85m XC - 0.90m.
Junior Open	Height SJ - 0.95m XC - 1.00m.
Senior Novice	Height SJ - 0.85m XC - 0.90m.
Senior Pairs	Height SJ - 0.85m XC - 0.90m.
Senior Open	Height SJ - 1.00m XC - 1.00m.

The Club can enter teams of 4 or individuals in each class, or (obviously) pairs for the pairs classes.

If a team/individual should qualify - the finals are being held at Aston-Le-Walls on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

**Are you interested in competing for Maidstone at this event ?**

If you might be interested in being in a team, or just want some more information (such as checking on the eligibility rules) etc - please contact us to discuss.

Please let Wendy/Brenda know as soon as possible, but by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September at the very latest.

Seniors Team Organiser - Wendy Thomas - 07968 354783 or [wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk](mailto:wendy.thomas@enterpriseinns.plc.uk)

Juniors Team Organiser - Brenda Hawkes - 07711 435146 [davidjhawkes@hotmail.com](mailto:davidjhawkes@hotmail.com)

### Are you keen to compete but not quite ready for this level ?

Just for you there is also a smaller class - approx 2'6" (in old money) - this will not be an area qualifier, and you will not have to have a flu cert for the horse.

This is a direct entry class - let us know if you are interested or have already entered, so that we can cheer you on if nothing else!

There is also more info/schedule on [www.brcarea10.org](http://www.brcarea10.org)

#### XC Training Bull Farm, Cranbrook -with Wendy Neath

We have arranged training sessions to round off the season. Bull Farm is particularly suitable for novices/confidence building/having a jolly at 2'3 to 2'6, although there are also a fair number of more challenging options at 2'9 +.

Dates and costs are:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11.30am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2pm

£32 cheque made payable to M&DRC

Please book by email and I will request payment when there are enough to go ahead. Please book early - or these will be cancelled if there are not enough participants.

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.

#### 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**

Tuesday rallies are held most weeks at 12 noon. They have become known as 'The over 50's' but are for anyone young at heart who enjoys jumping and has a sense of humour!

Please contact Wendy if you want to know more.

Forthcoming clinics:-  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Parking at Street Farm is a poo free zone! Please pick up droppings - you can put them on our muck heap.

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

If you are a first time participant, send a response form & 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)

#### Style Jumping Clinics

will be incorporated in the usual club training at Street Farm. Please let me know when you book in if this is something you might be interested in.

#### **Important Notice!**

Street Farm events and rallies

They may be called rallies but no need to rally drive!!

When you arrive at Street Farm PLEASE take great care as you drive in around the corner into the car park. Thank you

#### Witches & demons - Fun Quadrille from scratch

Street Farm Burham Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 11am

Following on from the success of our St George's Day quadrille we are running another to celebrate Halloween! Last year we were blighted by weather so let's hope it goes better this time.

We will practice various figures and patterns in groups depending on the numbers involved, and then will put together a short performance. You will be asked to wear either a red or black MDRC top and light coloured breeches, to be smart but not plaited. I will provide a few suitable devilish props! 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, possibly in 2's or 4's. It helps if you know right from left....  
Spectators welcome too!

Entry fee is £10 cash on the day. Please apply by email including details of your horse to Wendy Neath [wendy.neath@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.neath@btinternet.com) Responses by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October please.



Winter Beach Ride, Camber Sands  
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Fancy a paddle, a plunge or a gallop along the beach?

We will be meeting at Camber Sands at 10.00 for 10.30 start.

To book please text or call Jo Cottee on 07710 709 851.

#### Dressage Championships 2010

The Club holds a series of shows (five this year) at which Club members can gain points. Rosettes are awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> place in each class in the normal way but, in addition, the best 5 show results for each horse/rider combination will count towards the Championship.

A win earns 30 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 28 points and so on down the results order to 15<sup>th</sup> place earning 2 points.

For the Championship - a Challenge Trophy and Championship rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place will be presented. (kindly sponsored by Birchalls Riding Shop). Championship winners will be invited to the presentation at the 2010 AGM.

Birchalls Riding Shop will also award a show rug to the Most Improved Combination over the 2010 series. This award will be judged by panel consisting of Show Organisers, Dressage Judges and Vicki Thew (representative from Birchalls). The winner will be invited to receive this award at the AGM.

#### Championship Points So Far

1st -	118	Sarah Wallace (Medley Michigan)
2nd -	110	Mel Honey (Hess)
2nd -	110	Kay Lockyer (Mattie)
4th -	104	Jo Cottee (Premium Blonde)
5th -	102	Diana Ireland Blackburne (Millie)
6th -	100	Caryn Barington-Vowels (Riverstown Boy)
7th -	96	Bill Fox (Monty)
7th -	96	Martin Cotton (Mr. Darcy)
9th -	92	Sarah Legatt (Patsy)
10th -	90	Hilary Moon (As Time Goes By)

Please note, only the best four scores are taken into account, allowing you to have drop scores if you compete in more than four classes throughout the series.

In the event of a tie after the final competition, points from other classes and the number of highest placings will separate competitors. It's complicated but it works!

#### **ADVERTS**

Advertising is free for Club members and £5.00 for non-members. Please send any adverts that you would like included in the newsletter to:

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