

British Horse Society Derbyshire

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Introduction

Welcome to the Spring / Summer Edition of the British Horse Society Newsletter.

Forthcoming attractions

AM, Ashover Parish Hall Fri 14th Oct 2011
Halloween Ride 23rd October

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Chinese Lantern Risks

Would you drop litter? We need to think carefully before releasing Chinese Lanterns. As with balloons and fireworks that are released at outdoor events, Chinese lanterns fall back down to earth and become a source of litter.

The lanterns are engineered from a wire or bamboo frame over which paper is stretched. A wick or fuel pod is attached inside and ignited. The flame causes the air inside the lantern to heat up and subsequently rise like a hot air balloon. They can reach up to 1,000 metres in height and fly for several minutes before the fuel runs out.

The litter left poses a threat to livestock, crops and property. The wire, bamboo and sometimes the hot fuel drops to earth often many miles from where the lantern was launched. The wire can be picked up and eaten by animals immediately or when the grass is cut for winter feed and the wire is chopped up amongst hay or silage and fed to livestock. The remains of the fuel cells have started crop fires and can even pose a threat to thatched roofs. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency says coastguards and lifeboats are sent out needlessly. In 2010 the agency recorded 1,500 flare incidents, of which 500 were believed to be false alarms caused by lanterns, while the CAA says they also pose danger to landing aircraft. In Wrexham, a three-year-old boy's face was badly burned on bonfire night last year when a lantern broke and spilled hot oil.

What can you do?

Petition your local council, MP, MEP or government representative to ban the release of these lanterns. The lanterns are currently banned in Germany and Lithuania.
Ruth Dodd

Correction to BHS Handbook

Because of her marriage earlier in 2010 Ann Wood (nee Lane) was missed from the BHS Handbook. The Derbyshire Access section should say;

Access: Derbyshire North: Dr Karen Hinckley, Amber House, Kelstedge, Near Chesterfield S45 0EA. Tel: 01246 590304;
Derbyshire South and City: Mrs Ann Wood, Cedarville, 1 Draycote Road, Breaston, Derbyshire DE7 3DA. Tel: 01332 873881

Bridleways Report South - Ann Wood

Report to Committee 21/03/2011

In January Karen and I attended a site meeting with labour councillor Robin Turner, at Sinfin Moor lane, Derby, with regard to the development of land adjacent to the lane. Sinfin Moor lane connects Chellaston with Sinfin. A bridleway crosses it and the permissive multi-user route that was once the Derby canal also connects into it. All these routes are used by riders. It will be a great shame if this area is lost to development as it is the only piece of green, an oasis in the middle of urban sprawl.

I have written to Derby City council and told them so. They told me that outline planning had already been passed but that the ROW dept and Environmental planning were keeping an eye on it and would push to protect a green corridor through it. This will mean that riders can still use it which is good, but it will have industrial buildings either side, not green fields.

To all riders out there that use this area, PLEASE LOBBY Derby City Council if you do not want to see this area built on. PLEASE ACT NOW.

The bridleway at Church Wilne, known as the canter track was closed for several weeks for maintenance. Derbyshire County Council were against the reinstatement of a canter surface because of health and safety, so have resurfaced with a hard surface which is excellent for walking and trotting. Unfortunately riders will no longer be able to canter here on a safer off road enclosed track which is a shame because I have already seen young riders cantering along the side of a nearby busy main road which makes a mockery of the health and safety reasoning??????

I attended Council Footpaths and Bridleway meeting and was brought up to date on council projects many of which may be suspended because of council cutbacks.

Hopwell-Dale Bridleway upgrade. All contractors have submitted tenders for the work to be carried out on the path. Work is due to start in May and the path should be open for use in the summer. Bridleway upgrade should then quickly follow for Old Coach road which will connect into Hopwell- Dale from Ockbrook.

DCC modification order 2011 - Addition of a bridleway between far lane Ockbrook and parish of Dale Abbey' known as the Boyah Grange path.

We first found evidence and submitted it to DCC over 15years ago. DCC did not want to make the order, but after written reps to the sec of state for environment they were instructed to make the order. We are meeting opposition to this order however should we be able to get this bridleway open it will form a circuit of routes connecting in to the two other bridleways.

Midshires way. The Hopwell-Dale is part of Midshires way as is Long Horse bridge which spans the river Trent and the canal at Sawley. The bad news is the bridge was demolished last year. The good news is work has now started to build a metal bridge and it should be in place by in a couple of months. Then the footpath can be upgraded by Leics CC and we can have the start of a ridden route for Midshires in Derbyshire.

I am having talks with a local National Trust site with regard to permissive routes for riders. Which would be excellent. Fingers crossed.

Problem Paths are always with us. If you are having a problem with a bridleway PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE call or e-mail your local Parish Council or Derbyshire County Council and report it. Please do not let it fall into disrepair and become unusable. This is how Bridleways become LOST WAYS.

I hope that you will support your local bridleway group, you will find contact details in your year book. They all do a great job like BHS helping to defend and extend our riding network. Also it would be nice to see you on our rides

Happy Trails.
ANN.

Newsletter Production Costs

To produce and deliver this newsletter twice a year costs £900 in stamps for postage. This equates to;

- Approximately 16 sets of horse shoes.
- 112 bags of winter hard feed i.e. pasture mix.
- 2 synthetic saddles.

This is funded through Derby College, events and activities held throughout the year.

Each newsletter has to be printed and put in an addressed envelope, which is currently carried out by Derby College students. In these times of austerity and in an effort to reduce costs, we therefore, ask those of you with email addresses and are willing to receive the newsletter via the internet to send an email to bhsderbyshire@msn.com.

Judith Yeomans



Judith Yeomans who has campaigned to open up bridleways across Derbyshire has been honoured by the British Horse Society for 40 years' service. Judith signed up to the society in 1969 and was involved in a number of campaigns to free up countryside routes for horse riders. One of her best achievements was successfully campaigning for the opening of a bridleway encircling Carsington Water in the 1980s. She has also owned riding schools and was involved in setting up exams to make sure horse riders were safe when using roads. The pensioner, who lives in Windley, has now been given a long-service award for her work with the British Horse Society.

The honour was bestowed at a ceremony at Saddlers Hall, in London, by the society's president, Desi Dillingham. Judith said: "I don't know what keeps me going – I just keep plodding on. "I have dabbled in nearly everything over the years, working on horse welfare, road safety and

doing a lot of work with the bridle paths. An awful lot of it is the friends that you make, all the different people that you meet, and all the fun we have, as well as doing good work." Judith, who has served as chairman of the society's Derbyshire branch, helped transform an overgrown route near Duffield, enlisting the services of a group of volunteers from London. She said: "We were told by the authorities that nothing could be done with the path, that it was too dilapidated and overgrown. "But we spent the time cutting it back and we used old railway sleepers to make steps leading up it so it was easier for horses to climb. "It is absolutely essential to have bridleways in Derbyshire – not only is it a beautiful county to ride through but it also takes riders off the roads and makes them safer."

Horse Owners Survey

The University of Glasgow and the Institute of Animal Health are examining ways to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious diseases of horses and donkeys in Great Britain. We are appealing to you, as a responsible horse or donkey owner, to help us by spending a few minutes completing our online questionnaire. www.surveymonkey.com/s/shorseownersurvey. This questionnaire will take 15 minutes to complete. This survey should be completed only once by an individual family member. The information you provide is completely confidential.

East Midlands Web Site

Watch for details of future events on the web site www.bhsem.org.uk

DRESSAGE WINTER LEAGUE

All through the winter a hardy group of volunteers have been running a Winter Dressage League at Derby College's Broomfield Hall Equestrian Centre to raise funds for BHS Derbyshire.

In all, 5 shows were held from October until the Championship Show on 27th March. Only one show was lost to the 'arctic conditions' in December.

Classes were held to suit the grassroots competitor and many of the horses and riders attending the shows had never competed at dressage before. Most soon found that 'stresage' could actually be good fun! The aim of the competition was to help all horses (and ponies!) and their riders to leave the arena with a smile on their face.

Roger Taylor, Treasurer of BHS Derbyshire, soon became a well known face, stewarding the collecting ring, and giving wise words of advice and support to pale faced nervous competitors. Many a rider went into the arena with "Don't forget to breathe!" or "Give the judge a big smile!" ringing in their ears.

Highlights of the league included Melissa Collins coming down the centre line on a bright pink Mr Todd, having not been able to bath him after a Breast Cancer charity event the day before. Hearts were also melted at the February show by Ewan Jemeriah on April Sunrise. Competing for the first time off the lead rein, Ewan came a very creditable 5th in a large class.

Several of the adults also touched our hearts. For bravery in overcoming nerves, Lucy Stayte on My Carraig who was out competing for the first season after a nasty fall. And for being the proudest rider in the world, Debbie Austin who was in tears as she was awarded a sash for Reserve Champion with her lovely 5 year old, Passion Dancer.

In total, the Broomfield Winter Dressage League has raised £700 for BHS Derbyshire. We could not have done this without the judges who gave their time for free – Val Garton and Michelle Frisby; our writer and scorer Jane Liquorish, and our class sponsors : Georgie Barnes for sponsoring the G.Barnes Pilates for Riders Intro, Emma Jablonski, also one of our judges, for sponsoring the Equine Massage Therapy Prelim; and Tim Stubbs for sponsoring the Tim Stubbs Surveyors Novice. Thanks are also due to Alan Exton for very kindly taking photos of the presentation.

Roger and I are now off to put our feet up and play with our own horses for the summer, but we hope to be back to run another league when the nights start drawing in.

Rachel Collins

Results

G.Barnes Pilates for Riders Intro

Champion	Melissa Collins – Mr Todd
Reserve	Debbie Austin – Passion Hunter
3 rd	Imogen Radford – Sargeant Troy
4 th	Jackie Baker - Charlie
5 th	Jade Atkinson - Sophie
6 th	Sophie Youens - Band

Equine Massage Therapy Prelim

Champion	Charlotte Fretwell - Havana
Reserve	Harriet Collins - Truly
3 rd	Rosie Acton – Red Diamond Cruise
4 th	Terri Atter – Annie Lane
5 th	Bethany Dreher – Hughes Promise
6 th	Carolyn Stubbs - Mackie

Tim Stubbs Surveyors Novice

Champion	Nicola Gibb – Nordic Lad
Reserve	Sue Exton – Conqueror King
3 rd	Rosie Acton – Red Diamond Cruise

Horses Welcome

In 2006 a scheme was started in the South of Scotland where you could register your business as a bed and breakfast or self-catering cottages with accommodation for horses included, this was then displayed on the internet and advertised in equine magazines. Since then this has expanded, first to cover the rest of Scotland and then in 2008 it was opened to businesses in England and Wales.

This website will help you plan and book a trip with holiday ideas, tips for riders and description and pictures of our members. Ride from one venue to another or stay at one and try different rides each day – the choice is yours!

The BHS is keen for more equine B&B's to register. Becoming a member of the scheme demonstrates a commitment to providing a genuine 'home away from home' for horses and provides access to a central marketing opportunity to promote your business. The British Horse Society assesses each to make sure that the stabling, grazing and other facilities for horses are safe and of a required standard.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about those already registered you can visit the website www.horseswelcome.com or for an application form or more information contact Sally Andrews e: s.andrews@bhs.org.uk, t: 01780 784187, m: 07881 956459.

2011 Show Season

The East Midlands Trade Stand will be attending the following events, they look forward to seeing you at one of the following;

4/5 June: BRC Festival of the Horse, Aston-le-Walls, Northamptonshire

22/23: June Lincoln Show

26 June: Derby County Show

4/7 August: BRC Horse Trials, Aston-le-Walls, Northamptonshire

18/21 August: Equifest, East of England Showground, Peterborough

17/18 September: BRC Championships, Lincoln Showground

24 September: Southwell Ploughing Match

29 Sept/2 Oct: Osberton Horse Trials

The BHS Bookshop will also be at: 1/4 September Burghley Horse Trials

BHS Derbyshire AM

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Friday 14th October at Ashover Village Hall. A guest speaker will talk on the subject of Access and rights of way. Further details in next newsletter.

Halloween Ride

Due to popular demand the Halloween Ride for 2011 will take place on 23rd October at the Long Eaton Showground – reserve this date now AND start to prepare your scary costume.

The next newsletter will have further details, but if you cannot wait until then or just want to show your interest ring Ann Wood Tel: 01332 873881

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