



# HACKS & TRACKS

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Please don't forget your high viz and flashing lights now that the dark nights are drawing in!

## COMMITTEE PROFILE – JANICE JOSEPH

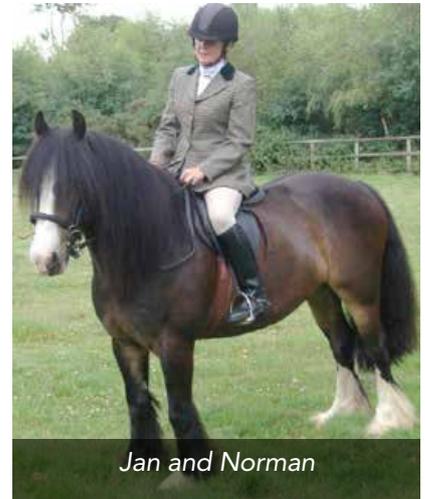
Hi, my name is Janice Joseph and I am the Secretary to HHRA. I have been in the Headley area for 30 years now, firstly Tumber Farm, then Tumber Stables, onto Headley Heights and now at Five Acres where I have been for the last eight years. Having moved to Box Hill a couple of years ago, I can now walk to the stables which has proved fortunate due to the cycle races that cut me off completely!

My horse is called Norman who is quite well known in Headley (I like to think because of his striking looks, but then I am biased!) He's uncomplicated and a wonderful character. Any dressage result sheet has described him as "a cheeky chap" which partially compensates for the very low marks I get!

I was around at the time HHRA was first set up, as you know due to unfortunate circumstances, but the Association has proved its weight it gold not only from a safety aspect but also from a social aspect, bringing us all closer and aware of what is going on in the area.

The new committee has been tremendously successful in carrying on the good work of the former committee and I hope they are proud of our work so far. We are always looking for helpers for our events. No one has to commit themselves on a regular basis but we do have a some very dedicated helpers who come along on an "as and when" basis which is truly appreciated.

We have hit our target of 100 members (as I write this, we have 101) so we will shortly be cracking open that bottle of champagne. Cheers !!!



Jan and Norman

## Polo Shirts:

We now have our very own HHRA polo shirts. These are available in small, medium or large in navy with our logo. They are good quality Fruit of the Loom brand and are for sale at £15. Please email us if you wish to order one at [headleyheathridersassociation@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:headleyheathridersassociation@yahoo.co.uk)



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# AGM & ALOE VERA TALK

Our AGM took place on Weds 21st October at Headley Village Hall. We are pleased to say it was well attended with 28 people.

We held a short AGM with a look back over works done over this year and events held. Our club finances are looking good due to our growing membership and fundraising through our events. A copy of the accounts are sent to you accompanying this newsletter.

We are proud that HHRA continues to be a success and are keen for it to keep growing. We plan another full diary of events for 2016. We are hoping to reach 110 members shortly as our next target.

## Your committee was re-elected as follows:

Janice Joseph	Committee Secretary
Glynis Bunch	Membership Secretary
Becky Longhurst	Treasurer
Sam Davis	PR/Comms/Facebook
Liz Gill	Dressage
Tracey Mitchell	Dressage
Lucy Jones	Committee

We have lost a couple of committee members this year so are keen for additional help in any way shape or form (ideas could be running or helping at events, publicity, helping to encourage new members, assisting working with the National trust, sponsorship, contacting the council when jobs need doing, writing articles for the newsletter, etc).

Janet Figg who takes photos at our events kindly made a donation to HHRA of £26.75 from her photos sold this year.

The AGM was followed by an informative talk by Jane Spanton on the history and medicinal properties of Aloe Vera in horses. Among many other facts we learnt that Aloe Vera is a member of the lily family, and that it is to this day featured in the Royal Veterinary College Coat of Arms. We also heard various interesting case studies. Various Forever Living Aloe Vera products were available to purchase and Jane was kind enough to donate 10% from all products sold on the night to HHRA.



## HHRA NEWS

Karen Kemp is now the new Face of HHRA and her picture features on the front page of our website. You may remember that Karen won our raffle for this some time back.

HHRA have funded clearance work on several of the paths around Headley to make sure they are safely passable. Thanks to Malcolm Jolly for the works undertaken.

We are thrilled to announce that after much lobbying from Becky Longhurst, Surrey CC have finally repaired the boggy Addlestead Farm track and it looks amazing! No more desperately trying not to bang your knees on the trees while your horse flounders through – yay! Thanks to Becky for all

her hard work on this. HHRA agreed to donate £500 towards the cost of this work to assist in actually getting it done.

Horses have been seen using the little footpath track on Church Road between the Rectory and the Pony Club track that is clearly marked “no horses”. Pretty please do not use this path. We know it would be great to be allowed to use it but Surrey CC have categorically said no. HHRA worked so hard for their successful campaign to be allowed to ride on the footpath right by the Old Rectory leading to the cricket pitch which keeps horses off the blind and dangerous bend. We would hate to get this permission withdrawn if the council feel that it is being abused.

Riders have also been spotted electing to ride on the road around the blind bend rather than on the permissive path. Please protect yourselves and your horses by using the path we have managed to get use of.



# GYMKHANA

This took place at the Mid Surrey Pony Club on Sunday 30th August. The fancy dress section was won by Evie Evans riding Crunchie with her sister Lily Evans as groom. They took home the Fortnum and Mason Hamper prize worth £60 kindly donated by Randstad CPE recruitment consultancy. Second place went to Erin Walsh & Rhodie, and third to Kezia Arnold & Troy.

This year we ended up with more "biggies than littlies" (the reverse of last year). The fancy dress and the lead rein games sections had lower entry numbers, but the main

gymkhana games section was well attended and a fun afternoon was had by all. Fistfuls of rosettes and smiley faces aplenty seemed to be the end result.

Thank you so much to all those who came and to all those who helped as this event needs an awful lot of helpers and judges on the day. Thank you to Mid Surrey Pony Club for use of their field and equipment and for being so kind to allow HHRA to keep all the profit raised and waiving their hire fee for us.



## DRESSAGE



Our Autumn dressage series is well underway with Saddlecombe Stud dates of 4th October, 1st November and 29th November. Special thanks for Tracey and Liz Gill for organising these events.

### Sunday 4th October:

"Thanks to our judges Allie Phillpin & Jackie Sellway, Helen Turk who wrote for all the classes without a single spelling mistake; our wonderful steward Karen Kemp and Janet Figg for taking photos. Finally thanks to everyone who competed and made it such a great day. Hope to see you all at future dressage dates. " – Tracey Mitchell

### Winners 4th October:

**Intro:** Chavaunne Thorpe & Betsy

**Prelim:** Elaine Stacey & Soldat D'Haumier

**Novice:** Fiona Prophet & Jimbo

**Ele:** Sally Bluck & Brian

### Sunday 1st November:

"Another highly competitive & very successful HHRA dressage! Many congratulations to our winners and big well done to everyone who competed, we hope you had fun.

As always our thanks go to all those that put so much energy into making it a great day: Our judges, Wala Ghandour & Jo Ivemey; Helen Turk & Julie Adams for writing/driving!; Karen Kemp, super steward; Miranda Goulding & Fi Prophet for doing the sums; and the multi-tasking Janet Figg for the photo's (now available to view and buy via the HHRA website) and also managing to fit in a great test. We are already full for our next competition on the 29th November. " Tracey & Liz – Dressage Organisers

### Winners 1st November:

**Intro:** Gemma Doe & Apollo

**Prelim:** Paula Scull riding daughter Bea's Super Brat

**Novice:** Lea-Anne Bailey with the highest score of the day, riding Sharon Walker's Merlyn

**PYO:** Fern Wilson & Charlie

*Full results available on the HHRA Website.*

29th November and Championship results will appear in the Winter 2016 Newsletter.

There are unknown worlds of knowledge in brutes; and whenever you mark a horse, or a dog, with a peculiarly mild, calm, deep-seated eye, be sure he is an Aristotle or a Kant, tranquilly speculating upon the mysteries in man. No philosophers so thoroughly comprehend us as dogs and horses. They see through us at a glance. And after all, what is a horse but a species of four-footed dumb man, in a leathern overall, who happens to live upon oats, and toils for his masters, half-requted or abused, like the biped hewers of wood and drawers of water? But there is a touch of divinity even in brutes, and a special halo about a horse, that should forever exempt him from indignities. As for those majestic, magisterial truck-horses of the docks, I would as soon think of striking a judge on the bench, as to lay violent hand upon their holy hides.

~ Herman Melville, Redburn. His First Voyage, 1849

If your horse says no, you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong.

~ Pat Parelli - Parelli Natural Horsemanship

## HORSIN' AROUND FOR A SMILE

**Q: What do you call a pony with a sore throat?**

**A: A little hoarse.**

## THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Superpet The Horse Shop continue to give 10% off to HHRA Members

Gasston stables offered £2 off hire of their XC Course to HHRA Members for the last 3 weeks of October (reduced to £18) along with a donation of £2 per HHRA Member who hired the course to HHRA

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## SHOWJUMPING CLINIC



HHRA held a showjumping clinic at Saddlecombe on Saturday 12th September with Tony Whipps. This was well attended and enjoyed muchly. Thanks to Liz Gill for organising this event and to Saddlecombe for allowing us use of their premises.