

With Membership now over 100 we are pleased to announce that we awarded Chavaunne Thorpe with a £20 Hengest Farm Voucher for being our 100th joiner.

Chavaunne works as a researcher in London, studying tendon injury in racehorses, and said she doesn't have the time (or money!) to have her own horse. She been sharing Betsy, a 6 year old 17h heavyweight coloured cob for the last year. Chavaunne says "she's far too big for me, but has a heart

of gold, and is sensitive and quite light on her feet for such a big girl! We enjoy hacking all round Headley and Epsom Downs, and are just starting to do some intro dressage. Hopefully we will start to do some jumping this summer, if I'm brave enough!"

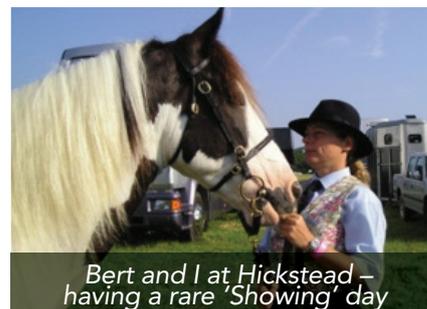


COMMITTEE PROFILE – BECKY LONGHURST – TREASURER

I live in Cheam and my horses live in Headley at the small yard behind the Village Stores. My day job is as a Project Accountant – hence the Treasurer role! I am also a qualified Riding Instructor having taken my BHS exams later in life. I have 3 horses, all geldings, with big personalities and always up to mischief! My oldest is a 22 year old Andalusian/Arab (Cohete) who I have had since he was 3 (my friend bred him). We have competed at most things Riding Club but when he was a little younger did Affiliated Endurance – competing at Intermediate level.

Next is my 16 year old Traditional Coloured Cob (Bert). Expelled from the Riding School I used to work at (for being too speedy!) he loves hacking and sponsored rides and has done some Endurance at Novice level. School work is so boring it sends him to sleep. Lastly we have the 9 year old Coloured Trotter (mostly Standardbred) Harry. He was my rescue coming from local gypsies as a bag of bones. I have shown him in hand, fairly successfully (in that I survived in one piece!) He has lots of 'issues' and thinks he is the yard 'stud' having conveniently forgotten the castration I put him through. I ride almost every day (yes in the dark winter mornings!) and sometimes ride and lead the older two. Lots of people know me as the mad lady on the Coloured Cob dragging the little black 'pony' around....

I always look forward to meeting fellow members at events, and am incredibly enthusiastic about Headley Heath Riders. I hope to be able to inject that enthusiasm to all the riders in Headley and beyond!



Bert and I at Hickstead – having a rare 'Showing' day

NEWS

- The cows have now been moved off the Heath and will be away until September
- We are in discussions with Surrey County Council with regards to resurfacing/fixing the boggy track

by Addlestead Farm – negotiations sounding positive so far!

- We are also investigating if we can do anything not too costly to repair/resurface "June's path" – the little HHRA track that runs down between the Cock Inn and Slough Lane (to Tumber) as it is very rutty.
- The Sixth Valley Track on the Heath is now open for use. It looks like it

has settled well and hopefully the track will be much improved.

- Congratulations to Will Frost and his wife Annabel (and Stan the Dog) on the arrival of new baby Ben. For those of you who don't know, Will is one of our lovely Headley Heath Rangers and they are very supportive to us.

DRESSAGE



Spring Dressage Series at Saddlecombe Stud:

The first competitions of our Spring dressage series have been a great success, with 40 competitors (maximum numbers) at each event. Full results and championship points are now available on the website. Please note only HHRA members are eligible for the Championship. Thank you so much to our organisers Tracey Mitchell and Liz Gill.

Many congratulations to our winners:

Sunday 22nd March:

Intro: Diane Cripps and Toldi

Prelim: Lillian Johns and Archie

Novice: Gabbi Gervaise-Brazier and Almost an Angel

Ele/Medium: Amy Hull and Dolly

A special mention for Diane and Lillian, both were competing their horses for the first time – great results, well done! Liz Gill was the deserving winner of the Easter Bonnet

competition and also did a great test with her first ride on Echo to finish second in the novice.

Sunday 19th April:

Intro: Dianna Cripps and Toldi

Prelim: Margaret Vickery and Wonderland Sapphire

Novice: Carolina Daubeney-Bruil and The Rocket Man

Ele/Medium: Carolina Daubeney-Bruil and The Rocket Man

A big thank you to our judges Madeleine Herridge, Allie Phipin, Eileen O'Connor and Jackie Selway. Thank you also to Count Colonna for use of Saddlecombe Stud. Janet Figg's photos are available to purchase via the HHRA website photos page.

Lastly, many thanks to our very good humoured and loyal helpers, Helen, Miranda, Zoe, Patrick, Liz and Karen and to our sponsors Bowles and Company for the lovely ribbons.

May dressage write up and Championship results will be included in the next Newsletter due to print deadlines.

VOLUNTEER DAY

Volunteer Day with the National Trust on Headley Heath Saturday 7th March

"Myself, Lucy, Debbie Haine, Jenny Hermoso-Perez and junior member Gemma Doe met Mark Dawson (NT Warden) on a glorious spring morning. We repaired mounting blocks at four of the gates on the Heath, mainly around the High Ashurst area. We also cleared away bracken and overhanging branches to make the area around the mounting blocks safer."

Glynis Bunch, HHRA Membership Secretary



DRESSAGE CLINIC

Our dressage clinic with Lesley Whipps was held at Hallega Livery yard on Sunday 4th March. Attendees were very positive about their classes. Thanks to Lauren Burtenshaw for organising and to Hallega for allowing us to use their premises. We look forward to our future clinics.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 2nd June

Liphook Talk and Tour

Saturday 13th June

HHRA Fun Ride Boxhill/Headley

Saturday 27th June

HHRA SJ Clinic

Saturday 4th July

HHRA Bar B Q (Headley)

Saturday 11th July

HHRA Dog Show (Headley Heath)

Saturday 8th Aug

HHRA Dressage Clinic

Sunday 30th Aug

HHRA Adults and Kids Gymkhana including Fancy Dress class (MSPC Field)

Sunday 12th Sept

HHRA SJ Clinic

Full details, entry forms etc. on our website as they become available www.headleyheathridersassociation.co.uk

QUIZ NIGHT

This was held on Tuesday 10th March at Headley Village Hall. It was a well supported fun night with over 50 people present. Special thanks to our fabulous organisers Becky Longhurst and Janice Joseph, to Tracey Mitchell for arranging the food, Quiz Master Dave Figg and his super assistant Claire. The Posh Plaice Fish & Chip shop served us very well and we rated them highly.

Congratulations to our winning team Floyd's Fillies, consisting of Jeni Stammers, Julia Cummins and Cathy & John Shaw. Smartypants!



ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Janice Joseph, Secretary for HHRA, had the great honour of being invited along to represent HHRA at the Annual Village Parish Council Meeting on the 14th May at the Headley Village Hall. Janice was asked to speak at the meeting and talk about HHRA's first full year with the new Committee.

Janice relayed how we had progressed with the work on the Heath, albeit with some challenging moments, but that the outcome had generally proved successful. She also advised we were working on bridle paths both in and close to Headley with the co-operation of Surrey County Council and more importantly,

Malcolm Jolly (a local yard owner), who had willingly come to our assistance on occasions when repairs were required.

Janice advised of the future events that we had coming up and directed interested parties to our website for further information. We noted that through the past events and increasing membership we have managed to improve our bank balance which will help us to promote/assist with road safety for both drivers and riders in the area.

The whole meeting with extremely informative, with a speaker from Headley Court advising of the future

for the Trust. As for the future of the actual premises, this was not expanded upon as the speaker concerned didn't know himself - so no news there.

It was amazing how many little groups that Headley have and we hope to be able to represent HHRA again at the meeting next year. It is a very interesting evening as it provides a great insight into the goings on in Headley.

Thank you Janice for representing HHRA at this meeting.

ANY EXTRA HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED

Is there anyone out there that would be interested in joining our committee or anyone who would be able to assist the committee with some of our events or tasks? Suggestions could be offering to help at an event/task, assisting finding us sponsorship or sponsoring an event or perhaps take on the organising/running of an event for us?

Since we set up the new committee we have lost a couple of people and the current committee are finding it a bit of a struggle to do everything so we would really appreciate it if you can help in any way, even if it is only for a limited amount of time. Please do email us or speak to any of the committee if you might be able to help us out.

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**HORSIN' AROUND
FOR A SMILE**

**Q: What cheese can you hide a horse in?
A: Marscapone!**