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WOW, I can't believe Christmas is here and 2016 is almost at an end – where does the time go?!

A very Merry Christmas to all of our members and we hope you have a healthy, prosperous and successful 2017 with your equines!

What a year HHRA have had – so many exciting events. The dressage has, as always, been very popular and it's been lovely to see the improvement in the horses/ponies and the confidence rise in the riders. Well done to all of you who have competed and I hope that we will see you again next year. There was also the very popular fun ride which this year, included the gallops at Loretta Lodge. There were nerves and excitement from the riders and such a different start on the gallops from everyone. Some people popped straight into canter while others walked, trotted and then cantered, but every single person arrived at the finish with a great big smile on their face which was so lovely to see. The horses/ponies looked like they had really enjoyed themselves too. There was the fun dog show, again always very popular. We met lots of lovely dogs and they were all so well behaved. We held a dressage clinic and some gridwork clinics, all of which were well attended. A polework clinic was also sneaked in at the beginning of December and a big thank you to Matthew Hayes for teaching it. There were also two quiz nights, two vet talks courtesy of Priory Vets, the Summer BBQ and the AGM where Emma Trace from Surrey Equine Massage came to talk to us. A big thank you to everyone who has supported our events this year and an even bigger thank you to everyone who has helped at the events, you know who you are; we couldn't put events on if it wasn't for you giving your time to generously, so THANK YOU! I would like to thank the Committee who have organised and worked so hard to put all the events on. I would also like to say a personal thank you to everyone who has brought photos from the events. As some of you will know, I give a donation to HHRA for every photo that I sell and this year I was able to donate £63.25 so THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

The Committee are already working on the schedule of events for next year, so keep your eyes peeled so that you don't miss out. All I can tell you is, it will be packed full of fun things to do. If you haven't done dressage before, think about coming along to have a go – it's very friendly and you can start by doing a walk and trot test. We have some great judges who come to judge for us and they are always very encouraging and supportive. If you're worried about forgetting the test, don't because you can always have it called for you. If there is an event that we don't do, but you would like us to, please do let us know and we'll see what we can do. The events are put on for you so don't be shy if there is something you want to see on the events schedule.

As it's Christmas, I thought we would have a bit of festive fun – see page 4. There is also another little competition – details are on page 6.



RESULTS

DRESSAGE — 2 OCTOBER
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INTRO B — JUDGE: Tuppence Silverio

- 1st Abbie Heaver & Robin
- 2nd Bev Taylor & Tripellino
- 3rd Emma Terry & Ymir

PRELIM 14 — JUDGE: Tuppence Silverio

- 1st Irina Yukaits & El Cid
- 2nd Rachel Philips & Karaoke
- 3rd Livvy Hammond & Hazelhurst Earla

NOVICE 27/ELEMENTARY 44
JUDGE: Tuppence Silverio

- 1st Fiona Prophet & Jim (N)
- 2nd Carolina Daubeney-Bruil & The Rocket Man (E)
- 3rd Liz Gill & Maximus (N)



DRESSAGE — 23 OCTOBER
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INTRO C — JUDGE: Paola Farrugia

- 1st Jane Tucker & Talula
- 2nd Alexandra Cornwell & Comeen Lass
- 3rd Bev Taylor & Tripellino

PRELIM 2 — JUDGE: Paola Farrugia

- 1st Irina Yukaits & El Cid
- 2nd Jane Tucker & Talula
- 3rd Isobel Kellermann & Indubitably Samuel

NOVICE 34/ELEMENTARY 50
JUDGE: Jo Ivimey

- 1st Carolina Daubeney-Bruil & The Rocket Man (E)
- 2nd Sandy Loedolff & Toscance (N)
- 3rd Amy Hull & Dolly (E)

Winners of the Autumn Dressage Series Trophies



Intro: Bev Taylor & Tripellino
Prelim: Irina Yukaits & El Cid
Novice: Liz Gill & Maximus
Elementary: Carolina Daubeney-Bruil & The Rocket Man



DRESSAGE — 2 OCTOBER 2016

There were more entries in the second of our Autumn dressage and we were once again lucky with the weather. Thank you so much to Tuppence Silverio for giving her time so generously and kindly judging all the classes for us. It was lovely to see some new faces, both equine and human and also lovely to see the familiar faces — I think I have the best job!

A big well done to everyone who took part and I would like to make a special mention to Livvy Hammond whose little horse, Hazelhurst Earla, was rather unsettled and threatening to buck, but despite that Livvy stayed calm and they came a very respectable 3rd in the Prelim.

The winners of each class won a bottle of Prosecco and a big bag of treats for their equine plus a lovely rosette, courtesy of Bowles & Co Solicitors.

Remember what I always say, it's good to get the judges comments but at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter what the judge says and I don't mean that rudely. As long as you are happy with how you and your horse/pony performed that's what's important. Your horse/pony is not a machine and like us, they have their off days, so if it didn't go quite as planned, just take a deep breath, stay relaxed and work towards the next one because next time it will be FAB!

As always, I must say a big thank you to Mrs Diana Bartolini-Samuel for the use of Saddleocmbe, Tuppence Silverio for her expertise and for judging all the classes. Also, thank you to Tracey and Liz for organizing the event, Karen, Helen, Glynis, and of course Bowles & Co Solicitors for their continued sponsorship, and to anyone I may have missed, my sincere apologies and thank you.

BOBBY'S BLOG

I've been in my retirement home since July and have settled in really well. I was a little bit shell-shocked at first, but it helps that I have a rather handsome friend sharing my field. His name is Jamie and he hasn't been there much longer than me. The owner of the farm was worried that Jamie might get a little bullied by the other, stronger characters in the field so was really pleased when she got to know me because she decided that I could live with Jamie and we could have a field all to ourselves. I did have to put him in his place a few times, but I've grown very fond of him and I suppose you could say he's my 'boyfriend'.



I am being very well looked after and my ex-rider comes to visit almost every weekend, bringing us some carrots or herbal treats. I am always really pleased to see them (she brings her friend) and I always call to her. I do sometimes miss the attention of being groomed every day but my ex-rider says that I need the mud and dirt to help keep me warm and protected. Because of this I tend to roll a lot and am usually very muddy when she comes to visit but she doesn't seem to mind. I still get lots of cuddles which I really love.

This will be the last of my blogs as there isn't really much exciting news that I can talk about now but my ex-rider says that you may have Nosey's Notes to look forward to in the future and Nosey will give you updates on how I'm doing.

DRESSAGE — 23 OCTOBER 2016

The 23 October held the last competition of the Autumn Dressage Series and it was very well attended. I would like to make a special mention to Anne Van Ysendyke and her young horse, Referent, who has competed in all three of the Autumn series and has settled a bit more each time out. It's been lovely watching him getting more confident — well done Anne, you're doing a great job with him. It was also lovely to see Sue Holbrook (ex HHRA Committee Chairman) competing on her lovely Silver Dollars. From what Sue had said I didn't expect him to be so relaxed (apparently he was a bit full of it the last time he went into the indoor school!). Apart from the lovely rosettes, courtesy of Bowles & Co Solicitors, the winners of each class got a bottle of champagne.

Huge congratulations to the winners of the series dressage trophies:

Intro: Bev Taylor & Tripellino

Prelim: Irina Yukaits & El Cid

Novice: Liz Gill & Maximus

Elementary: Carolina Daubeney-Bruil & The Rocket Man

I would like to say a BIG thank you to the judges, who so generously gave their time to come and judge for us; Paola Farrugia and Jo Ivimey, thank you to Tracey and Liz for organising the event, to Mrs Diana Bartolini-Samuel for allowing us to use Saddlecombe's facilities, Karen and Helen for once again being there to help, Karen as super-steward and Helen for writing and providing the dressage sheets, Glynis for scoring and Bowles & Co Solicitors for their generous sponsorship. Again, if I've forgotten anyone, please accept my apologies and thank you.

SOME FESTIVE FUN



- 1) What is the top selling Christmas song of all time? What is your favourite Christmas song of all time and is it in the top 20?
- 2) Which of the following countries criminalised the celebration of Christmas?
 - a) England
 - b) Scotland
 - c) Germany
 - d) Poland
- 3) The "traditional" portrait of the American Santa Claus was created by artist Haddon Sundblom as part of an advertising campaign for what product?
 - a) Fisher Price toys
 - b) Raggedy Ann dolls
 - c) Coca-Cola
 - d) Nutcrackers
- 4) The portrayal of Santa Claus as a jolly old elf began with a famous poem originally known as "A Visit from St. Nicholas". What other title is the poem also known by?
 - a) A Christmas Carol
 - b) Old Santeclaus
 - c) When Salta Claus Comes
 - d) Twas the Night before Christmas
- 5) Who was the first U.S. President to decorate a Christmas tree in the White House?
 - a) George Washington
 - b) Franklin Pierce
 - c) Abraham Lincoln
 - d) William Harrison
- 6) What country made the first artificial Christmas trees?
 - a) France
 - b) Austria
 - c) England
 - d) Germany
- 7) If you received all of the gifts in the "Twelve Days of Christmas", what would be the total number of gifts you would receive?
 - a) 111
 - b) 52
 - c) 364
 - d) 422
- 8) What year was "Silent Night" written?
 - a) 1818
 - b) 1915
 - c) 1790
 - d) 1800
- 9) How much did the largest turkey on record weigh?
 - a) 86lbs
 - b) 62lbs
 - c) 23lbs
 - d) 47lbs
- 10) More diamonds are purchased at Christmas than any other time of the year. What percentage of diamond sales are made at Christmas?
 - a) 78%
 - b) 31%
 - c) 68%
 - d) 23%
- 11) Mistletoe is the state flower of which state?
 - a) Hawaii
 - b) Florida
 - c) Arizona
 - d) Oklahoma
- 12) What's your favourite Christmas movie? Is it in Timeout's top 10 list?

See page 7 for the answers.

EVENTS

Volunteering Day—15 October 2016

We had another volunteering day on Saturday, 15 October, well a volunteering morning really as it was 10am to 1pm. A lot of people kindly turned out for it, around 10 of us. A few of us went to the edge of the heath (near to High Leas Livery Yard) where we dug a massive hole, by hand, in order to put a new, higher mounting block in. It was hard work but well worth it and we got a great routine going, swapping what we did so that everyone got a bit of a rest. Mark and Henry provided all the tools for doing the work and gave up their time to be there. The rest of the gang went down the Jubilee track to cut back the overhanging branches of which there were many. Hopefully, you will have noticed a big difference when you ride along that track now.

A big thank you to Lucy for not only organising this, but also for providing tea and cake, which was scrummy! An even bigger thank you to everyone who turned up to help!



Vets Talk — 1 November 2016

Joe Sharps, a Senior Vet at Priory Vets kindly came to talk about Laminitis EMS and Cushings (PPID), a major problem for horse owners these days. There is always new information and research to be found on Cushings and it's a nightmare for horse/pony owners to manage, especially with the added and constant threat of laminitis. I was gutted that I wasn't able to attend but from the feedback received, it was a very interesting talk and enjoyed by all who did attend.

A huge thank you to Joe for giving his time and expertise so generously and also thank you to Becky for arranging it.



AGM — 17 October 2016

Our AGM took place on Monday, 17 October at Headley Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who attended and I hope you left feeling that you know more about what HHRA are up to and what our plans are for the future. I was able to present a cheque to Becky, HHRA's Treasurer, for £63.25 which was my donation from selling my photos from the events held during the year. A big thank you to everyone who has purchased photos so that I was able to do this. Emma Trace from Surrey Equine Massage very kindly attended to give a talk on the Benefits of Equine Massage. It was a very interesting talk and a big thank you to Emma for taking the time to pass her knowledge and experience onto us.

Thank you to Becky and Lucy for putting the presentation together and to Janice for arranging for Emma to come along.

NEWS

The Oyster Hill track has now been resurfaced so your horses/ponies should all find it much more comfortable to walk down. Thank you to Malcolm Jolly for arranging and doing the work for us.

The National Trust have advised that some Tree Felling will be undertaken on the Heath in the new year. They have assured us that they will provide us with details of the work, and any impact it will have, so that we can let you know in plenty of time. Once we have more information, we will let you know, including dates that the work is scheduled for and the areas of the Heath that will be impacted.



HORSIN' AROUND FOR A SMILE!

What is the difference between a horse and a duck?

One goes quick and the other goes quack!

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What do you think Bobby and Jamie are saying?

Email your captions to me by 2nd January 2017 at Janetfigg@hotmail.co.uk. Feel free to enter as many times as you want – it's just a bit of fun and will give you something to think about when you're sitting on the sofa full of Christmas dinner.

My Greatest Gift by Tirzah Conway

When I received the greatest gift,
Was Christmas when I was ten;
That present gives my soul a lift,
When I think of it now and then;

I didn't see a box with my name,
When I searched under the tree;
I thought my parents were playing a game,
And had hidden it from me;

I waited oh so patiently,
For my gift on Christmas Day;
And when mom put a blindfold on me,
I didn't know quite what to say;

She marched me out the front door,
And held my hand so tight;
Just when I thought I could take no more,
I saw that glorious sight;

My dad was holding the reins,
To a horse with a big red bow;
He had ribbons tied in his mane,
With a coat that seemed to glow;

I burst out into happy tears,
As I reached out to touch his face;
It's a moment I've remembered for many years,
No other could take it's place;

My greatest gift was "Lucky",
My horse so tried and true;
And I hope you'll be as lucky,
To have a gift like that for you!

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And finally...

We would really like you as members to contribute to the Newsletter, so please do feel free to send us any articles, photos or jokes that you would like to share. You may have done your first dressage or clinic and want to share your experience with others to encourage them to have a go.

At least let us know whether you have enjoyed an event or not; if we have feedback we will know if there are areas that need improvement. Perhaps there is a particular event that you would like us to hold - let us know and we'll see what we can do.

If you would like to advertise anything in the Newsletter (members only), let us know - it's free!

We would really appreciate your help at events so that we can continue to run them, so if you are able to spare even just an hour or two to help at any event, do please let us know. If you would like to help but feel worried because you don't know what will be expected of you, please contact us and we will answer any questions you may have and put your mind at rest. We're a very friendly bunch, despite what you might have heard.

You can either contact HHRA at headleyheathridersassociation@yahoo.co.uk or me directly, at Janetfigg@hotmail.co.uk.



ANSWERS FOR FESTIVE FUN

Time to find out who you got on.

1) Top Christmas songs of all time:

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| 1 | Band Aid | Do They Know It's Christmas? (1984/1985/2007) |
| 2 | Boney M | Mary's Boy Child (1978) |
| 3 | Wham | Last Christmas (1984/1985/2007/2008/2009/2010) |
| 4 | Harry Belafonte | Mary's Boy Child (1957) |
| 5 | Band Aid 20 | Do They Know It's Christmas? (2004) |
| 6 | Slade | Merry Xmas Everybody (1973/1981/1983/1998/2006/2007/2008/2010) |
| 7 | Bing Crosby | White Christmas (1942/1977/1998) |
| 8 | East 17 | Stay Another Day (1994) |
| 9 | Cliff Richard | The Millennium Prayer (1999) |
| 10 | Johnny Mathis | When A Child Is Born (1976) |
| 11 | John Lennon | Happy Christmas (War Is Over) (1972/1980/1981/2003/2007) |
| 12 | Jona Lewie | Stop The Cavalry (1980) |
| 13 | Cliff Richard | Mistletoe And Wine (1988) |
| 14 | Mud | Lonely This Christmas (1974) |
| 15 | The Pogues/Kirsty MacColl | Fairytale of New York (1987/1991/2005/2006/2007/2008/2009/2010) |
| 16 | Mariah Carey | All I Want For Christmas Is You (1994/2007/2008/2009/2010) |
| 17 | Paul McCartney | Pipes Of Peace (1983) |
| 18 | Shakin Stevens | Merry Christmas Everyone (1985/2007/2008) |
| 19 | Wizzard | I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day (1973/2007/2008) |
| 20 | Band Aid II | Do They Know It's Christmas? (1989) |

2) England

3) Coca Cola

4) Twas the Night before Christmas

5) Franklin Pierce

6) Germany (the trees were made of goose feathers and dyed green)

7) 364

8) 1818

9) 86lbs

10) 31%

11) Oklahoma

12) Top 10 Christmas movies according to Timeout. Is your favourite in there?

- 1 It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
- 2 Elf (2003)
- 3 Bad Santa (2003)
- 4 Gremlins (1984)
- 5 Home Alone (1990)
- 6 Edward Scissorhands (1990)
- 7 The Snowman (1982)
- 8 Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (2005)
- 9 A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)
- 10 Batman Returns (1992)