



The Headley Heath Riders Association

# HACKS & TRACKS

NEWSLETTER

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## HACKS AND TRACKS IS BACK!!!!

New Year, New Committee, New Newsletter, New Enthusiasm, New Website, New Events!!!

**Headley Heath Riders Association was formed approximately 30 years ago by a group of dedicated women after a rider was killed on Church Lane by the Cock Inn. They have worked tirelessly to raise funds to create bridleways and improve existing ones to make riding safer in Headley.**

Towards the end of 2013, the long serving committee of HHRA retired and a new committee has been formed to ensure that the group continues its good work. We would like to run fun and informative events to raise funds to do this.

Massive thanks to Mary Brooks, Wendy Tickner, Beverlee Edwards, June Waring and Sue Bolton for all they have done for horse riders in the community in the previous 30 years. The new committee have some huge shoes to fill.

### **Objectives of the New Committee:**

The Headley Heath Riders Association's primary objective is to raise funds which will be allocated to initiatives that promote and ensure the safety and wellbeing of both horse and rider in Headley and the surrounding area.

### **Roles & Responsibilities:**

- Oversee membership of HHRA
- Promote and organise fundraising events
- Provide a platform to lobby the council and other organisations, where necessary, to promote safer riding in Headley and the surrounding area
- Establish and maintain good relationships with the landowners, National Trust, Councils and other interested parties
- Develop good relationships with other users of the countryside, for example cyclists and dog walkers, and encourage their understanding of horses
- Work together to protect, maintain and improve riding areas in Headley and the surrounding areas

### **Website:**

Events/schedules/results/news/membership forms can be found on here. Items for sale/classifieds/news items welcome please email them to: [headleyheathridersassociation@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:headleyheathridersassociation@yahoo.co.uk) (free for members of course!)

### **Facebook:**

coming shortly

## **New Committee:**

- Susan Holbrook** . . . Chairperson  
**Lucy Jones** . . . . . Vice Chair  
**Glynis Bunch** . . . . . Membership Secretary  
**Becky Longhurst** . . . . . Treasurer/Website  
**Lauren Burtenshaw** . . . Website  
**Tracey Mitchell** . . . . . Dressage  
**Sam Davis** . . . . . PR/Newsletter  
**Mike Von Gerard** . . . . . Bridleway Liaison  
**Janice Joseph** . . . . . Committee Secretary/Events  
**Becky Seviour** . . . . . Events  
**Liz Gill** . . . . . Dressage

## **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE**

Spread the word about HHRA at your yards. This group once had member numbers in the hundreds and is now at only 67. So many people are unaware of this Association and so many seem to think that all the achievements of HHRA have been council led and funded. A list of our achievements to date can be found on the website. **Your ideas for improvements to spend our future funds on are welcomed plus any ideas for events you would like.**



## Meet and Greet the New Committee & RAFFLE!

**14th December 2013** This was held at Headley Village Hall. Each of the new committee created an "About Me" poster for the event to display. Becky Longhurst in particular excelled herself with cake baking and by making amazing posters showing the work that HHRA have done to date. It was well attended and some new members joined on the day!! Thank you for those that came to show us your support. Bespoke gifts in the form of a decorated horseshoe

in a beautiful box were gifted to each of the previous committee from the new committee, again made by the multi-talented Ms. Longhurst.

### We are holding a raffle for the new face of HHRA.

£1 per strip of tickets available at all coming HHRA events for the near future. The winner will have a photo taken of themselves with their horse to front the HHRA website.

## DRESSAGE



### Dressage Day at Saddlecombe Stud 8th December

**This was the first dressage run by the new committee and it was a sell out! 35 entries were accepted and unfortunately people had to be turned away so please get your entries in early for these events for future!**

Full results are on the website. The inclusion of a new Walk & Trot test and Elementary test, in addition to

the usual Prelim and Novice, have been a hit. Priority entries to members and discounted rates.

*Judge: Madeline Herridge*

### Big well done to the winners of their classes:

**Walk Trot:** Olivia Hammond & Peggy  
**Prelim 14:** Cathy Sargeant & Diva  
**Novice:** Amy Hull & Dolly  
**Elementary:** Sue Morriss & Felix

### Dressage Day Saddlecombe Stud 26th January

**Unfortunately the weather was foul with wind and heavy rain but gosh what a hardy lot these dressagers are! Everyone turned up and got soaked but there were still smiles. Due to the massive entries 2 judges were organized this time and 41 entries taken.**

#### Judges

*Walk & Trot and Prelim: Susie Watson  
Novice & Elementary: Leslie Whipps*

#### Winners:

**Walk & Trot:** Ellie Howick & Prince  
**Prelim 14:** Leslie Whipps & Sharon Edwards' Merlyn  
**Novice:** Philippa Stallard-Penoyre & Clear View  
**Elementary:** Joint 1st  
Tracey Mitchell & Gember and  
Daisy & Archie

Well done to all and special thanks to our dedicated organisers, helpers and judges, in particular Helen Turk, Karen Kemp and Maggie and Jim Parker. Without you these could not run.

## HORSIN' AROUND FOR A SMILE

**Q: What did one horse say to the other horse?**

**A: The pace is familiar but I can't remember the mane.**

#### Current Works:

We are currently part funding the resurfacing of the main bridleway on Headley Heath leading down to the stony hill. This is on hold due to the wet weather/contractor illness but will hopefully resume shortly.

#### Coming Events:

We are in the process of putting together a HHRA diary of events for 2014 which will be sent to you shortly

#### Email Lists:

Events/News/schedule emails will be regularly sent out going forward. If we do not have your email address please email it to: [headleyheathridersassociation@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:headleyheathridersassociation@yahoo.co.uk) for inclusion in our e-shots. Emails of non members who would like to be kept up to date would be welcomed too.

HHRA benefits us all in the area - the safety of our horses and ourselves as riders is paramount and the membership fee is so little. Membership is £20 individual, £15 Junior, £30 family, Associate (non-riding) just £10. Membership forms available from the website.

**Lets make this Association great once again and have fun in the process!**

**Next Dressage Date :**  
**Schedules available on the website for 23rd Feb.**

*Full results are on our website.*