



Dear HCTG member,

Welcome to the Autumn 2021 HCTG Newsletter. It's been a busy summer for HCTG with lots of training, competitions, team activities and camp taking place.

We had Combined Training and Dressage in the summer at the Towers field, it was well attended despite some challenging weather we seemed to have a heatwave during the month of July. We also ran our first camp at Epworth, thank you to Bobby for coming up with the idea and actioning it to perfection. Everyone had a brilliant time, it was completely different to our Somerford spring camp, but in a completely positive way. Coaching took place with Richard and Tracy joined by BE coach Sue Chadwick in the arenas and on the BE course, we also had a course walk in the evening, as well as first class food and social time in the café which was really lovely. Bobby has secured this camp to happen for us again next summer so if you didn't make it this year there will be more opportunities. Trish has again offered her services for guided rides and can provide dates for going to Castle Howard and for hacking round the public bridleways by Allerton Park, please contact her directly to find out more.

**Our AGM will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Spofforth Village Hall.** Although we love the Scotts Arms, and that is the natural home of our AGM, in order to make sure we can socially distance and host our usual number of people, we have moved to a bigger venue. Perhaps something to consider for the covid aware future is moving our AGM to summer, so that we can return to the Scotts Arms in the garden perhaps, and enjoy the lovely food drink and social atmosphere on offer. Please let us know your thoughts, this is your club and the AGM is your meeting. You might be impressed to know we currently have 162 members, and more new people joining regularly which is lovely. At the AGM we announce who is standing for re-election and who wishes to stand down. The AGM is your chance to join the committee and put your ideas into action, or help run existing activities. This year Toni Tait and Helen Towers have reached their three year cycle and wish to stand for re-election. Our sad news is that Sue Emsley our wonderful dressage organiser and adder-upper of scores extraordinaire, has finally decided to pack up her score sheet and tape measure and stand down after many years of

dedicated service to the riding club. She's not sure how long she's been on the committee but she thinks its about 25 years! Sue will continue to help with Allerton horse trials and will help train up the next generation of Harewood weekday dressage organisers, so you'll still see her about. We will really miss her great knowledge and advice and practical know how in the riding club. On personal note, I'll miss Sue very much, she and Shirley gave me a lot of support when I became chairman for which I am really grateful.

## **Lessons**

We've had quite a busy few months of the usual lessons, flatwork, polework, jumping etc with our great club coaches. In the pipeline we have themed dressage lessons in groups at Askham with Tracy Garside (course of four beginning in December) , and hopefully dressage to music and drill riding with Peta. If anyone is keen to do rider fitness training we Caroline West is keen to put us through agony (I'm only joking) and use the mechanical horse at Follifoot, Julie has put together three dates for us starting next week – no time like the present. Booking will be by email to Julie and payment direct to Caroline for £10 per session for 20 minutes HIIT. These are great sessions and really help with balance, straightness as well as overall fitness.

All lessons are advertised on our riding club website, [www.hctg.org.uk](http://www.hctg.org.uk) please use this to see whats-on. We no longer routinely use facebook events for lesson advertising because not all the membership have access to it, and we have a very good website designed specifically for this purpose. The facebook events was only a temporary solution while our website was being updated and is no mobile friendly and light so won't use up all your mobile data allowance. We will continue advertise spaces that come up, cancellations, or highlight things on facebook, but it's not the place to look for lessons in the first instance. Remember too that bookings/payments are now made on horsevents which seems to be going well so far, apart from the odd few people who have problems to find it. Therefore, here is a reminder of the links to see whats-on our diary, [www.hctg.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.hctg.org.uk/whats-on) and all the relevant horsevents links are in the individual adverts. I'm not sure we can make it much easier, but please don't hesitate to feed back to us any negative (or positive ) experiences with using the website. It has all our events and news, including team events and other things that are not bookable by horsevents, so this really is your 'go to' online place for all things Harewood. For events where payment is required, then there will be a link to horsevents where payment can be made, here

is the link to our events booking in page on horsevents if you wish to go straight to payment, <https://horsevents.co.uk/HCTG/>

### **Club competitions**

As you may know, we can no longer hire Jodhpurs for dressage competitions so we have moved to Askham Bryan College for weekend dressage, the price for members remains at £8 per test but we no longer offer two tests for £15. They are still without a doubt the best value dressage you can get anywhere. The next one will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Weekend dressage is organised by Amy, if you have spare time and would like to volunteer to help her don't hesitate to contact her on [dressage@hctg.org.uk](mailto:dressage@hctg.org.uk) We currently don't have any weekday dressage planned but we will hopefully get that back on track in the new year once we decide where to hold it(!)

The Christmas Show Jumping will take place between xmas and new year on the 28<sup>th</sup> December, as usual classes will run from clear round at 40cm for beginners, novice horses, children, etc. Lead reins or assisted are very welcome, running to bigger classes up to 100cm with fillers and of course xmas trees and tinsel! Fun prizes, fancy dress, or dress for the weather. Schedule is available to enter on horsevents so spread the word, all are welcome. These shows help us subsidise the lessons so please support us by competing.

### **Camp**

Our next camp takes place at Somerford on March 17<sup>th</sup>, you will have received Bobbys email last week telling you how to register interest, and she has informed me we are full bar one space! I think that says everything about how well run and enjoyable as well as excellent value the Somerford camp is.

### **Teams Update from Toni Tait**

Since the last newsletter we completed the Summer Season with the National Championships at Lincoln Show ground, with the Novice Dressage Team, (Katie Dixon, Hannah Joliffe and Angela Burrows) and the 110 SJ Team (Louise Wilson, Mandy Gray and Rebecca Mountain) in attendance. Harewood achieved great results with Angela and Dylan taking 3rd place (and more importantly getting a SASH) and the Show Jumping Team took 3rd place, with Mandy and Amaretto taking 2nd place individually while Louise and Fred were 3rd ! Well done to everyone, especially last minute stand-in Rebecca with Nova making her team debut. We even

featured in Horse & CountryTV. Helpers on the day were, myself, Bobby and Sophia and got to show-off the new club Ruff-neks too!

Now we are into the Winter Season Competitions, getting off to an interesting start with the new Combined Challenge at Epworth. We entered 70, 80, 90 & 100 teams. The 70 team included Susannah Franks, myself (Toni) and new member Charli Cripps, the 80 Team comprised Bobby Good, Mike Cairns, Cat Carter and Sarah Jones, while the 90 team was made up of Beth Povey, Allison Knights, Amy Sherrard and Emma Tibbett. Finally, the 100 team included Claire Coning, Zoe Laver, Mandy Gray and Angela Parkin. We had some mixed results, mainly because the optimum time required a very steady XC pace, however, we were placed 4th for the 70 team, 2nd for the 90 and \*\*\*\*drumroll\*\*\*\*1st place for the 100 Team! Allison Knights and Red also secured 2nd place individually.

So off to the Combined Championships they will go! It was a fun day, made funnier when Mike wondered why his HCTG was on the wrong arm from the rest of us having put his XC shirt on back to front. Or was he right and the rest of us wrong? Thanks also to Anne and Mark Land for covering the helping for the day, and cheering us over the last XC fence!

The Novice Winter Dressage at Bishop Burton took place on Sat 6th November, saw two teams go forward to compete, The Rockstars included Bobby, Anne Land, Beth, and Jake Bradley (another new member) and the Bright Stars, Amy Shackleton, Charli, myself and Charlotte Ward competing on a very windy but dry day. No prizes or qualifications, but we had a fun day out, with Anne and Mark Land hosting 11'ses complete with Colin the Caterpillar cake!

Next up is the Intermediate Dressage Qualifier at Manor Grange on Sunday 14th, updates on the Teams and results will follow.

Finally, a quick reminder of the dates of the remaining Winter Qualifiers:-

29/30th Jan – Winter SJ @ Bishop Burton

5/6th Feb – Arena Eventing @ Richmond (tbc)

2nd Apr – Combined Training @ Port Royal

If anyone is interested in putting themselves forward for selection for any these qualifiers, even if you have never done teams before, please feel free to get in touch with me [toni.tait@btinternet.com](mailto:toni.tait@btinternet.com), as now is always a good time to start! Lastly from teams news, Beth Eyeles, Ruth Schofield, and Rebecca Mountain have very kindly written their personal accounts of riding on teams this year on the different disciplines they participated in. They will be

shortly available on the website under news, and emailed out to the membership, we're sure you will agree they are fascinating to read.

Don't forget please come to the AGM if you can. Spofforth has a large hall which facilitates social distancing. Every year three members either put themselves forward for re-election or stand down. This year we have Sue standing down, and Toni Tait and Helen Towers wish to go forward for re-election. If you would like to know any more about being on the committee, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any other committee member for a chat about it. If anyone would like to join the committee please put your name forward to Helen Macrow for voting. That's all the news we have for now.

**Sophia Ahmed** and the Harewood committee.

#### Events in the diary

##### **November**

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> November Rider HIIT classes with Caroline West at Follifoot, 20 minutes in group of 3, book with Julie Curran and pay directly to Caroline.

20/11/2021 Grid Jumping with Tracy Garside at Ledston

21/11/2021 Training with Hazel Towers at Allerton Park

##### **December**

8/12/2021 Flat work or jumping with Jane Bartle Wilson at YRC

10/12/2021 Members Christmas Dinner at the Scotts Arms £25 each

11/12/2021 Pole work with Tracy Garside at Howe hill

16/12/2021 Group dressage lesson with Tracy Garside "Transitions - the mirror of training" at Askham Bryan

28/12/2021 HCTG Christmas Fun Show Jumping Competition, Askham Bryan

##### **January**

6/1/2022 Group dressage lesson with Tracy Garside "Lateral Work - Demistifying Shoulder-In and Travers" at Askham Bryan

26<sup>th</sup> January AGM at Spofforth Village Hall 7.30pm

27/1/2022 Group dressage lesson with Tracy Garside "Rein Back and Counter Canter - how to achieve successful results" at Askham

29/30<sup>th</sup> January Area 4 Quals Winter SJ @ Bishop Burton

30<sup>th</sup> January Weekend Club Dressage at Askham Bryan

##### **February onwards**

5/6<sup>th</sup> Feb Area 4 Quals Arena Eventing @ Richmond (tbc)

13<sup>th</sup> February Weekend Club Dressage at Askham Bryan

27<sup>th</sup> March Weekend Club Dressage at Askham

2<sup>nd</sup> April Area 4 Quals Combined Training @ Port Royal

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