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Dear Members,

Hope you are all well and have been able to enjoy the magnificent autumn weather that we have been fortunate to experience over the past month. It has certainly been a perfect temperature for doing anything outdoors including equestrian activities!

It is great to see our club slowly but surely resuming the usual myriad of activities that we all associate with when being a member of HDARC. We are a vibrant, active club that holds weekly rallies, hosts events, and other regular activities throughout the year. It is so good to see everyone out and about again!

Both Wednesday and Saturday rallies have been well attended with a variety of lessons and instructors on offer, including xc, show jumping and 3 Phase Equitation.

Our Mid-Week Dressage competition was held on 13th April. This event was once again co-ordinated by Andrea Barton, along with Jenny Webb (Canteen), assisted by Jenny's daughter Emily and this year Marie Baldwin took on the role of Helpers Roster Co-ordinator and she did a super job! What a capable team these ladies are. Each year they volunteer to run the Mid-Week and we are grateful to them for their commitment and hard work.

Many thanks to you our members who helped run the day by taking on the many and varied roles necessary. Much was achieved at our Working Bee on Saturday, 24th April. Many thanks to those members who attended and thank you to Marg Milner for co-ordinating. Both Pony Club and HDARC worked together to get the jobs done and pony club continued working throughout the following week with major repair work being done to the xc grounds and to the crossover in front of the clubhouse.

Huge thanks must go to Diamond Valley Excavations (Paul & Kylie Christian) for the work done over days with their machine and very experienced operator. Many thanks go to David Hildebrand who has also given up so much of his time repairing culverts and making them safe along with other maintenance jobs.

Another trio of very capable members who are working busily at the moment is the 3 Phase Equitation Sub-Committee - (Trish Kruse, Justyna Echaust and Marg Milner). These ladies' enthusiasm and creative energy are in overdrive at the moment as they plan the theme, course and obstacles for our 3PE comp. We are hosting this event on Sunday, 13th June. Our club are happy to be supporting this new HRCV discipline and we hope to see members from far and wide make their way to Hurstbridge to test their skill and training!

Our Showjumping Jackpot is to be held on Sunday, 29th August, 2021. Sonja Ekberg has kindly put her hand up to run this event, assisted by Loren Wellings and Corinne Normington (Canteen Co-ordinator). This sub-committee are in need of a Helpers Roster Co-ordinator and one other person to assist here. If you think that you could be that person, please contact me in the first instance (melissadawson1961@gmail.com)

Our Dressage Jackpot is to be held on Sunday, 31st October, 2021. This Sub-Committee (Julia Walker and Sheridan King, along with Pauline Nugent (Helper Roster Co-ordinator) are in need of a Canteen Co-ordinator and one other person to assist them. If you are able to assist here, please let me know (melissadawson1961@gmail.com).

As you can see we have a busy year ahead! As always, we rely on you our members to help run these events, so please make a note of these dates when your assistance will be required.

Please be mindful of your membership obligation requirements of a **minimum of 6 hours of club assistance per club year**. These hours must be completed by 31st October, 2021. Some of you will have already made a start on these hours by assisting at our Mid-Week Dressage or our Working Bee.

I am not sure if you were aware that our bench seats outside the clubhouse had been in disrepair for some time. Well not any longer! They have been remade and concreted back into the ground by members Janet Beal and Geoff Rees. They have done such a professional job. Thank you both very much for restoring these seats for us.

Thank you Zoe Warrell for volunteering to co-ordinate our TTT entries – you will do a super job!

Thank you Amy Sutton for sharing your creative expertise with us by taking on the production of our Newsletter. It looks very professional and you have done a superb job.

In closing, I would like to draw your attention to the final page of the Newsletter – HDARC Reminders. Please read through this info and ensure that you abide by these requests. Particular attention needs to be paid when leaving our club grounds. I am concerned because twice this week when I have driven home past our club grounds (in the dark) I have discovered that the gates have not been padlocked. We are leaving ourselves wide open to vandalism by not padlocking the gates. So many people's time and effort goes into maintaining our lovely grounds, so please do the right thing and **PADLOCK THE GATE WHEN YOU LEAVE (IF NO-ONE ELSE IS THERE)!**

Kindest regards,

Mel Dawson

PRESIDENT



MIDWEEK DRESSAGE DAY

Mid-Week Dressage Winners

Advanced Jackpot: Amanda Stark

Level 1 jackpot: Jane Hill

Level 2 Jackpot: Rachele Regan

Level 3 Jackpot: Elinor Hannah

Level 4 jackpot: Mikayla Perceval

Level 5 Jackpot: Lucia Oberstar

Thank you to our
sponsors!

Jellis Craig



Rachele Regan
Level 2 - Jackpot Winner

Well finally we were able to run our Mid-week dressage day. The sun was shining, and the day ran very smoothly. The event was well supported by our members with 2 of them taking out the jackpot prize!

We had just over 70 entries and many riders it was their first event back after a long break due to Covid. It was great to see so many riders smiling and catching up and having fun.

The canteen was run again by our wonderful Jenny Webb and her daughter Emily Tuffen. Some homemade treats and healthy options were enjoyed by competitors and of course fresh coffee from Jason in the coffee van.

A big thanks to all Hurstbridge members who filled the volunteer's roster which Marie Baldwin kindly co-ordinated.

I think we are all looking forward to having more competitions and certainly our friendly and lovely grounds are enjoyed by many riders.



Amanda Stark
Advanced - Jackpot Winner

OUT & ABOUT

Results of our Hurstbridge Members

Victoria Eley
Riding Hugo

Hurstbridge DARC Dressage Day

- Level 2 - 5th & 4th
2nd Overall



Amy Sutton
Riding Cougar Colorite Elvis



Mountain District Open Show
Jumping Day

- E Grade – 2nd & 5th
3rd Overall





Well Done to our riders who competed at the TTT Horse Trials over the 24th, 25th & 26th April.

A little sum up of The Hurstbridge Hurricanes at TTT HT this weekend.

“This beautiful rosette belongs to **Rachael Morrison** & Rushmore in level 4B.

A huge testament to the TERRIFIC team they are becoming. Only recently they moved up from level 5. A calm & relaxed dressage had them in 6th ... then a clear SJ round and a ripper XC trip with 4.4 unfortunate time penalties for Rach’s brain blank on her watch time causing her to temporarily slow right down.

Leanne Le Claire

& Bewitched. Well Done on your level 1 win at TTT!

Liane Hensell walked away pumped with her super speedy XC.

Me and my Geegee had a neat and tidy dressage, placing 2nd ... but... unfortunately we wasted that handy score with an elimination at #14 on the XC - the good old water jump. Crazy given we went thru 3 creeks to get to this stage. Incredibly pleased with our rhythm and positivity up until this jump. I have lost sleep at our prior attempts of 80cm XC cause the jumps to have had me terrified. We ended on a good note with a clear SJ.

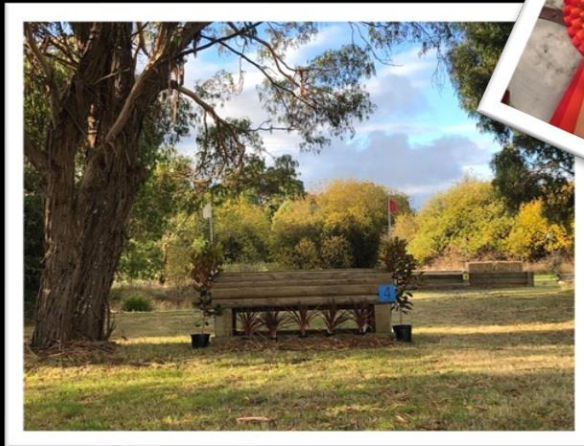
Our 4th team member was Ashlee from Macclesfield who finished 7th in her level 4 group.

Three cheers too **Kelly Rechichi** for driving out to be our official helper. Overall, our team finished midfield.

The course at Woody Yallock is super fun and mostly flat sometimes following mowed trails through grassland ... into different sections of jumps... a few little ‘man from snowy river’ type dips thrown in ...and several creek crossings to trot through... it is lovely going underfoot.

Last week, I thought it was too far to drive but I will be racing back again for another go next time I see a horse trials at those grounds.

Fri night was at the local pub & Sat around a campfire with some wine. In total, we had a brilliant weekend away” - **Rachelle Regan**.

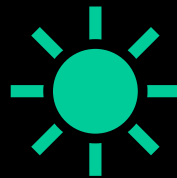


Leanne Le Claire & Bewitched Level 1 Winner TTT





Bianca Kreuzer - Level 5 Jackpot Winner



WINNERS CIRCLE

A Big Congratulations to some of our Hurstbridge Members who have been taking out some big wins lately!

Congratulations to...

Bianca Kreuzer Riding Beltana Grace for taking out the overall Jackpot Win at **Whittlesea HRC**AV Dressage Day and at her first competition!!

Well Done!



Congratulations to...

Victoria Eley Riding Hugo taking out the Jackpot Winner at **Hurstbridge Pony Club & Open Dressage Day**, back in the Novice ring after 2 years off competing!!

Well Done Ladies!



Victoria Eley - Novice Jackpot Winner



OUR SATURDAY RALLIES



RALLY INFORMATION

Could all riders, guests and instructors upon arrival **log your contact details to our grounds by scanning the QR code displayed on the door of the outside toilet.**

You scan the **QR code** by opening your smartphone's camera and allowing it to focus on the code. The smartphone will then identify the code and direct you to a form requesting you to fill in your name and contact phone number details. I am sure most of you will already be familiar with this method used by many businesses to record contact tracing.

Every person who attends the grounds is required to scan the code. If you have a support person\partner\friend accompanying you to the grounds, that person will also need to scan the code to log their contact details.

If you have any difficulties checking in via scanning the QR code, please contact Kerry Cooke (Pony Club Secretary) 0400 303 700. She will be happy to assist.

All the same guidelines that we are aware of, still apply to riding at our grounds:

- Members feeling unwell or displaying symptoms such as runny nose, fever, cough, sore throat or breathing difficulties must not come to the grounds.
- Social distancing - avoid close social contact, keeping the preferred social distance of 1.5 metres away from each other.
- Please keep a 4-metre distance between parked floats.
- Every second yard to remain vacant.
- Continue to use hand sanitiser.
- The approach of "ride and leave", minimising unnecessary contact remains.

Thank you and enjoy your lesson!



Saturday Rally May 1st

The sun was shining as all our members enjoyed a warm day of pole work with Carly Reid and 3 Phase Equitation training with Trish Kruse. Plenty of new learning activities currently available for riders and their horses, so make sure you book into our next Rally Day to secure a spot.

Next Saturday Rally - 15th May 2021



CAN YOU HELP?



MEET MIKEY!!

Mikey's race name was Anthracite. 16HH
16yo TB gelding

He used to come to HARC. He is currently strictly not a riding horse and as such is looking for a paddock companion placement.

He is good to float, farrier, dentist, lead, handle, gentleman on the ground. He is a smooch.

He is healthy, had a hock issue once but is sound, just a little stiff behind.

He eats grass with a piece of lucerne and block of minerals in the summer, in winter he is rugged with a canvas and gets 1 1/2 scoops of gumnuts with chaff & vitamins and a piece of lucerne, hay bale if no grass.

He deserves his retirement, so I hope someone needs him in their paddock!

Kindly Astrid

Please contact Astrid via Email
astridwater@gmail.com





Harrowing Roster & Information

Each year a harrowing roster is made that allocates (alphabetically) financial members to harrow our club, to harrow the grounds once in a membership cycle. This equates to around once every two years.

Harrowing duty is your responsibility to do in that week and if you cannot do it, you will need to find a replacement or organise a swap with another member.

If you are unable to do your harrowing duty you need to let a committee member know or contact

Sheridan_king@hotmail.com

Phone: 0431 344 474

Harrowing requires a vehicle with a tow bar. The harrows have chains that loop over any tow bar (does not matter the size or type of car) and you need to drive slowly around both (top and bottom) arenas to smooth out the sand surface.

Jumps do not need to be removed off the arena, just push ground poles close under the jumps and harrow around each jump.

If harrowing in summer, please be mindful of dust and travel no faster than 5km, to keep dust down.

The HDARC grounds have two harrows. One for the top arena and one for the bottom arena (see pics to the left).

- The tyre harrow for the bottom arena can be found near the bottom arena shed.
- The top arena harrow can usually be found to the left of the top arena.

Bottom arena harrows Top arena harrows

If you are unsure of how to harrow, please contact Sheridan King for more information.

Thank you.



Bottom Arena Harrows



Top Arena Harrow

2021 HDARC Membership Harrowing Roster

* STAR = NEW MEMBER

WEEK STARTING	MEMBER		
22 FEBRUARY	CLAIRE CONDRON *	5 JULY	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW
1 MARCH	KYLIE CHRISTIAN	12 JULY	LOUSIE BARRY
8 MARCH	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW	19 JULY	MARIE BALDWIN
15 MARCH	LYNDEN CALDWELL	26 JULY	CHARLOTTE ASHTON
22 MARCH	LOGAN BROWN *	2 AUGUST	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW
29 MARCH	LILY BROCKSOPP	9 AUGUST	MICHELLE ANDERSON
5 APRIL	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW	16 AUGUST	SHERIDAN WYATT
12 APRIL	TBC	23 AUGUST	SHARLENE WRIGHT
19 APRIL	ANNA BOLMAT	30 AUGUST	ASHA WOOD
26 APRIL	ANN BOLAM-MARSH	6 SEPTEMBER	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW
3 MAY	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW	13 SEPTEMBER	RAY WONG HEE
10 MAY	JODIE BISSICKS	20 SEPTEMBER	FIONA WINCHESTER
17 MAY	LISA BEATON	27 SEPTEMBER	HEATHER WILSON
24 MAY	JANET BEAL	4 OCTOBER	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW
31 MAY	ROCHELLE BAXTER	11 OCTOBER	DI WILSON
7 JUNE	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW	18 OCTOBER	RACHEL WILLIAMS
14 JUNE	JEANINE BATCHELOR	25 OCTOBER	NATALIE WILLIAMS
21 JUNE	ANDREA BARTON	1 NOVEMBER	#PONY CLUB TO HARROW
28 JUNE	KATRINA BARTROP *		





Hurstbridge Adult Riders Reminders



Every now and then we all need a little reminder - so here it is!

Please read the following and ensure that these requests are abided by:

If you are the last to leave the club grounds, please ensure that you padlock the front gate. The grounds are NEVER to be left unlocked if there is no-one there.

Whilst horses are on the premises, the front gates MUST remain closed (other than when driving in and out of course!).

Please make sure that you secure the chains into the fittings that lock them in place on the front of the yards. Never just leave the chains laying on the ground. If you have used the yard and taken your horse out of the yard to float home, please check that you have:

- (a) removed any manure from the yard, and
- (b) locked the chains in position.

Please ensure that if you turn on the light in the outside toilet, that you also turn it off when leaving the toilet. Always check that the door has properly closed as well.

If you are jumping on the bottom arena and your horse drops manure there whilst riding, please ensure that you go back to pick the manure up. Please do not leave any arena with manure on it. It is your responsibility to sort out your own horse's poo and nobody else's!

For our newer members - please note that Hurstbridge Horse & Pony Club hold their rallies on the first Sunday of every month (except January). Pony Club rally starts early in the morning and the grounds are unavailable from 8.00 am until approximately 4.00 pm. You are welcome to ride after their rally ends on these Sundays.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

Kindest regards,

Mel Dawson & HDARC Committee

Thank you to all Hurstbridge ARC Members & Happy Riding!

