



## PERRY GROUP NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2010

Issue 36

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to so many of our supporters having to miss the excellent Christmas lunch, it has been decided to move it to a date in January. A notice will go up in the RDA Hut as soon as this is arranged.

## COMPETITIONS

Perry Group was well represented at the Solihull Regional Qualifiers in May with Delphine, Jacky and Emily (Dressage) and Gail, John and Samuel (Countryside Challenge) going forward to the National Championships at Hartpury in July. All the riders did well, Delphine and Emily coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in their respective competitions and Jacky and John winning theirs. Jacky has a magnificent Cup to defend next year. There were two young teams of vaulters at Hartpury, amongst them were Eliza Grime, Lucy and Cameron Savine, Ben, Jake, Elliott and Owen Thomas, Amy and Emma Sheppard.

Amongst the successes at the Shropshire Fun Day at Prescott on 23<sup>rd</sup> June Natalie Roberts won the Best Overall Adult e Rider and Eliza Grime the Best Overall Junior Rider, Emily Lewis won the Junior Stable Management. I think Eliza and Natalie have trophies which will need to be returned next year.

## FUND RAISING

The Open Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July was very well attended. We were blessed with one of the few fine days that week, the ponies behaved themselves, the riders excelled in their displays, Tea and cakes and the entertainments were great. Thank you to everyone who made it such a successful event.

The riders really turned out in force to support the Sponsored Ride which for the first time was run on Nesscliffe Hill. This was a masterly decision as it was wet and windy on the actual day but riders, helpers and horses and ponies were unaffected by the weather as most of the ride was under the trees. Helpers were really needed as there were 5 horses and ponies, a lot with riders who needed side walkers as well as leaders. Chocolate cake and hot or cold drinks were served back at the lorry in between shifts. Thank you Ken and Sheila for manning the refreshment stand. This raised over £1100 on the day so everyone was a winner! Thanks to everyone who raised such great sponsorship and who turned out to help us.

The Hall Farm Open Day and Plant Sale was a huge success as usual. This is such a relaxed and enjoyable way for the Group to raise some money. The weather was kind to us and the Sale really well supported. Chris and Nick Foulkes Jones are adding in the public collection from their Gold Medal winning Chelsea Garden, various tins for coffee and tea money that they have out round

the Nursery as well as the door money from their talk about their Chelsea success. At the moment the total stands at over £2,500 Thank you Chris and Nick for your tremendous support of the Group.

## **RIDING**

### **THURSDAY PM SESSIONS – Anona White**

We had a great summer season with the weather being on our side every Thursday afternoon; we didn't have to cancel one session. Ten children from Severndale School were able to enjoy the sessions not only did they ride but they also took part in some stable management activities. We finished the term with a games session, I am not sure who enjoyed it the most, the helpers, teachers or the children!

Thanks must go to the great support we have from our helpers, without you all we couldn't have achieved so much with the children. Not to mention Jo, Kate and Jackie who are all training to be Log Book Holders and hopefully RDA Group Instructors. We have just commenced again after the summer break and this term we have 8 children, please come along and see the smiles on their faces, and join us for a cuppa and chat afterwards.

### **FRIDAY PM SESSIONS – Alison Jones**

The enthusiastic and committed group of Friday volunteers with Alison Jones as Coach continue to attend regularly. There has been a constant stream of changes in the riders for that session although the start of the Autumn Term has hopefully brought a number of more regular riders. Welcome to Ken and Sheila Rees and Penny Pearce to the volunteer numbers for Fridays.

All three have also agreed to swell the diminishing ranks of the Fund Raising Committee along with Trish Scott, Kate Wythe and Lynne Munro. Thank you all.

### **HIPPOTHERAPY – Lynne Munro**

Hippotherapy sessions are continuing on Saturday mornings for 12 children. There is a short waiting list for places. Assessment sessions were held in the summer holidays which were taken up by 3 children. We are losing two valued team members this month. Sarah Buckley and Jennifer Eggleton as they are going to study veterinary science and physiotherapy respectively. We wish them well in their studies and very much hope they will come back and see us at Christmas. Level 1. Miriam Evans, Sarah Buckley and Lynne Munro were assessed on the 13th September for Level 1 of the UKCC and subject to moderation have been successful. Welcome to Holly and Anna, new volunteers for Saturday mornings and welcome back to Hazel.

## **VAULTING**

Congratulations to everyone that went to Hartpury. A great day was had by all and to come away with rosettes for all vaulters was a great achievement. We also came first in the Best Presented Vaulting Group so once again well done to all.

Now with the holidays over with we hope that training can start for next year. The mechanical horse is already proving to be a wonderful asset to the group. We hope that the weather is good to us this winter and not too wet or cold.

The three Thomas boys, Amy Sheppard, Eliza Grime, Alison Smith, Ben Oakley, Ellie Davenport, Lucy and Cameron Savine.

Following on from the AGM the vaulting is now split between Perry RDA Vaulters and the Shropshire Vaulters both of which have their own logos and team clothing which will be used for any future publicity.

We have said what we hope is a temporary goodbye to Claire Lewis whilst she settles into the shifts of her new job. We hope she will be able to come back to some of the Sunday sessions when her shifts allow and a welcome to Alison Jones and welcome back to Jane Yeomans who have kindly agreed to cover alternate Sunday morning sessions. It will be nice for the riders to have different coaches and the weekend sessions are always a lot of fun and well supported by parents welcome to Nicola Bromley and Elwy Clarke who have just joined the Sunday volunteer group.

## **CLOTHING (List on the Board in the RDA Hut)**

The following items are available, in all sizes, with the Perry Logo and your name. Dark Green and Navy are the colours for the volunteers with Red being available for the coaches.

Fleece £22.50,      Sweatshirt £20,      Polo Shirt £12,      Bodywarmer £22,  
Dayglo Yellow bomber jacket for Carriage Drivers      £22.50

If there is enough interest it is also possible to order waterproof jackets and trousers. Let me know and I will find out the price.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

Julie Pocock 6<sup>th</sup>, Miriam Evans 8<sup>th</sup>, Pam Ward 12<sup>th</sup>, Fenella Davies 16<sup>th</sup>, Dulcie Raynor 27<sup>th</sup>

### **OCTOBER**

Penny Pearce 4<sup>th</sup>, Jenny Sheldon 9<sup>th</sup>, Lynne Munro 12<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Buckley 15<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth Coleman 20<sup>th</sup>, Claire Lewis 25<sup>th</sup>,

### **NOVEMBER**

**Cathy Buckland and Marian Reed 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **DECEMBER**

**Mary Peel 6<sup>th</sup>, Tracey Pritchard 18<sup>th</sup>, Jennifer Bonser 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **JANUARY**

**Trish Scott 14<sup>th</sup>, Jenny Ekstein 18<sup>th</sup>, Ken Rees 30<sup>th</sup>, Anna Clarke 31<sup>st</sup>**

<p><b><u>Committee Members are as follows:</u></b>  <b>Lizzie Lawrence Chairman &amp; Driving Organiser</b>  <b>Deb Daniel Treasurer</b>          Judi Fox          Margaret Green  <b>Angus Hannagan Minutes Secretary</b>          Denny Johnson  <b>Lynne Munro Physio/Coach</b>  <b>Avril Pluck Child Protection Officer</b>          Dulcie Raynor Friday Organiser          Bridget Smith Driving Group          Pam Ward Census Figures &amp; Database</p>	<p><b><u>Sub Committee – Fund Raising</u></b>          Lynne Munro          Trish Scott          Val Fisher          Jane Barker          Penny Pearce          Ken Rees          Sheila Rees          .</p>	<p><b><u>INSTRUCTORS</u></b>          WED PM/SAT VAULTING  <b>Sam Gant &amp; Holly Dormer</b>          THURSDAY PM RIDING  <b>Anona White</b>          FRIDAY PM RIDING  <b>Alison Jones</b>          SATURDAY AM          HIPPO THERAPY  <b>Lynne Munro-Physio</b>          SUNDAY AM RIDING  <b>Alison Jones/ Jane Yeomans/ Claire Lewis</b></p>
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**SPECIAL ROLES** Rachel Neville – **Rota Secretary**

John Foukes - **Yard Staff (5 days)** Alison Smith - **Yard Staff (3 days)**

### **Update on plans to move to a purpose built establishment with indoor and outdoor arenas and an all weather driving track**

This is a good opportunity to tell you that the Trustees are doing everything in their power to make this project happen. At the moment the Group has been offered land at a site nearer to Shrewsbury, the possibility of a development at Walford has been put on temporary hold and investigations are ongoing into the greater suitability of the alternative site.

We will keep you informed as soon as the Trustees know what is going to happen next. The next stages are going to cost quite a large amount of money since legal and technical advice over design and planning issues is going to have to be