



**CHRISTMAS**



**Very Best Wishes to all our friends and supporters for this  
Christmas and the New Year**

**PERRY GROUP NEWSLETTER WINTER 2010**

### **RIDING**

Following a successful outing to the RDA National Championships where John Foulkes won the Countryside Challenge on the Saturday on Scrumpy and Jacky Evans won the Grade IV Walk only test on Spanner and the 2 very young vaulting teams really excelled themselves, it has been a fairly quiet autumn. The Group put on regular All In Have a Go mornings on Wednesdays through August, well taken up by special needs children. Spanner has been off work with recurring lameness but seems to be sound now following remedial work on his feet. Cricket is now being used for two ladies with chronic arthritis and only able to work in walk.

Cruckton School have been bringing five boys on a Tuesday morning to follow the AQA awards in stable management and horse handling. The school also has three boys riding on a Monday afternoon and Sam Willacy who comes for work experience and a lesson on a Wednesday morning. The autumn term has seen an average of 6 children from Severndale for the Thursday session and there are 4 young people for the Friday pm session. The Saturday morning Hippotherapy sessions and the Sunday morning riding sessions are always well attended by youngsters from mainstream education who can't access the weekday sessions.

### **DRIVING**

Carriage driving is continuing to be provided in the 3 outlying groups – with Deb and Avril at Whixall, with Bridget in Newcastle on Clun and with Jacquie Holyoake at Meverley.

### **VAULTING**

The Shropshire vaulters meet on a Wednesday afternoon after school and now number 10, Vaulting continues through the holidays and when the weather is fine the vaulters come for a whole day's training and also help with the younger, beginner vaulters who usually attend on a Saturday afternoon. There are 13 Saturday vaulters. Shropshire vaulters are working towards competing next year and RDA vaulters to taking part in Hartpury,

### **PERRY THE MECHANICAL HORSE**

This has really been a fantastic addition to the group. A lot of people have visited just to have a go at being able to canter, which is something they might never have been able to do otherwise. The vaulters are finding it is helping with their training during the dark evenings and on windy and wet days it has come into its own with the other sessions too.

The sponsored ride took place mid August on Nesscliffe hill which proved a huge success for walkers, riders and horses alike. It raised over £1,000

Hall Farm Nurseries repeated their incredible support of the group at their September Plant Sale and there was a Limited Edition Raffle for 6 bottles of champagne donated by Tanners, which was won by Jo Grandfield. There is a new and enthusiastic fund raising committee who are exploring new (and old) ways of fund raising for next year.

### SOCIAL

Following the decision to hold an event in late January, early February to replace the annual Christmas Lunch, we await suggestions of what folk would like to do. Suggestions received to date have been a hot pot supper with some sort of music, games and a horse race evening. This would be held at Nesscliff Village Hall. The date has not yet been set. Please do get back to me with your preferred dates and any ideas.

### BIRTHDAYS

**December** - 6<sup>th</sup> Tracey Pritchard, 18<sup>th</sup> Mary Peel, 24<sup>th</sup> Delphine Wise (Rider),

**January** - 14<sup>th</sup> Trish Scott, 18<sup>th</sup> Jenny Ekstein, 31<sup>st</sup> Ken Rees

**February** - 4<sup>th</sup> Emily Neville and Jill Harrison, 13<sup>th</sup> Angus Hannagan, 26<sup>th</sup> Jacqueline Lever, 28<sup>th</sup> Sheila Rees

**March** - 13<sup>th</sup> Robin Pocock, 16<sup>th</sup> Elle Smart Wright, 31<sup>st</sup> Anna Angell James

### VOLUNTEERS

Interested Volunteers are warmly invited along to view a session and meet our members. Welcome to Elle Smart Wright as a new helper for the Thursday session. Detailed is a list of Committee members, everyone is very friendly and helpful and if you need to know anything, please ask. We are only too willing to include you on the fund raising sub committee, or onto our volunteer training programmes – Instructor training/AB Whip training/First Aid and Child Protection courses are currently covered.

<p><b><u>Committee Members are as follows:</u></b>  Lizzie Lawrence <b>Chairman &amp; Driving</b>  <b>Organiser</b>  Deb Daniel <b>Treasurer</b>  Judi Fox  Margaret Green  Angus Hannagan <b>Minutes Secretary</b>  Denny Johnson  Lynne Munro <b>Physio/Coach</b>  Avril Pluck <b>Child Protection Officer</b>  Dulcie Raynor  Bridget Smith  Pam Ward <b>Census Figures &amp; Database</b></p>	<p><b><u>Sub Committee – Fund Raising</u></b>   Lynne Munro  Trish Scott  Kate Wythe  Ken Rees  Sheila Rees  Penny Pearce</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  HIPPOThERAPY  <b>Jane B Lynne Munro-Physio</b>  SUNDAY AM  RIDING/TUESDAY AM HORSE  CARE <b>Alison Jones/Jane B</b></p>
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**SPECIAL ROLES** Rachel Neville – **Rota Secretary** John Foukes - **Yard Staff (5 days)** Alison Smith - **Yard Staff (3 days)**