



PERRY GROUP NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

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RIDING

Sessions currently take place with individual riders on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, with group rides on Thursday and Friday afternoons and with individual riders on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

RESULTS of the Qualifier Competition for the National Championships at Hartpury Riding Stubbs Delphine Wise qualified in the Grade 1a class and Sharon Caunt qualified in Class 6. Riding Spanish Heights (aka Spanner) Sheila Graham a rider from the Rea Valley Group also qualified in Class 6. All will be riding on Saturday 11th July. Please come along and support them if you can. It is a great day out and not too far to drive!

Saturday Hippotherapy

Hippotherapy (Horse Assisted Physiotherapy) is continuing to be very popular. The young volunteers who help on these sessions have been attending a Basic First Aid Course to add to their skills. We have had funding from a Trust that encourages training for volunteers and we are in the process of registering these youngsters for their UK Level One Assistant Coach Qualification.

VAULTING

The Perry vaulters are going to Myddle Fete on Saturday 4th July. Anyone who would like to go along and watch/help would be very welcome. They will be taking Stubbs and Murphy with them. The Sport Unlimited funding has paid for Sam and Holly to be registered as level Two UK Vaulting Coaches. They have been working hard towards this qualification and will soon be undergoing their final assessment. Good luck to them in that.

The funding has also paid for some impressive new leaflets which Sam has been busy sending out to all the local schools. We really hope there will be a good take up on this new opportunity.

DRIVING

Every effort is being made to encourage new people to join our driving groups, both Wednesday and Friday mornings. A Fun Competition was held by kind permission of the West Midland Show Authorities on the Wednesday of Half Term. Ten turnouts were present for a Dressage and Cones competition. Avril Pluck generously provided a bale of haylage as First Prize to Tracey Pritchard a worthy overall winner. An article has gone to the Shropshire Star to try to encourage some more younger drivers into the Group.

FUND RAISING

- ❖ A Dressage Competition scheduled for Sunday 5th July will not now be taking place. Entries were very disappointing. It may be decided to run something different later in the year
- ❖ The Annual Long Mynd Ride will take place on Wednesday 5th August. This is always really well supported and we take 6 horses and ponies and ride 16 miles across the Long Mynd. All helpers welcome.
- ❖ We are not sure whether to produce a Calendar again this year. Any ideas or suggestions would be gratefully received.

The “SPRING CLEAN” plea from Lynne Munro

Has continued to raise funds for the Saturday Horse Assisted Physiotherapy sessions (Hippotherapy) for children with a disability at Perry Cottage, Yeaton. Lynne has attended several Car Boot Sales on our behalf and my personal heartfelt thanks go out to her. Not a job that I would willingly undertake!

Please leave bags of items at Perry Cottage with Jane Barker, at the Glebe Centre in Wellington or phone me on 01588 673257.

Thank you on behalf of the children who have fun on the ponies.

VOLUNTEERS

Interested Volunteers are warmly invited along to view a session and meet our members. 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.

We have the impressive total of 62 volunteers at the moment, although not all of these are currently helping. This total was boosted by the fantastic response from a plea for Sunday helpers in the local press. We welcome Mary Price and Rita Scott for vaulting, Barbara Ashton, Lee Collyer, Jackie Cutcliffe, Kirsty Feltus and Andrea Price for the Sunday session

CLOTHING

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 £22.50 Yellow bomber jacket for Carriage Drivers

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.

<p>Committee Members are as follows: Lizzie Lawrence Chairman & Driving Organiser Deb Daniel Treasurer Judi Fox Margaret Green Angus Hannagan Minutes Secretary Denny Johnson Newsletters Lynne Munro Physio/Coach Avril Pluck Child Protection Officer Dulcie Raynor Bridget Smith Pam Ward Census Figures & Database</p>	<p>Sub Committee – Fund Raising Kotti Brewin Dawn Dormer Val Fisher Sam Gant Jacqueline Holyoake Anona White</p>	<p>INSTRUCTORS MON PM/TUES PM VAULTING/IND RIDING Sam Gant WED PM/THURS AM/SAT VAULTING Sam Gant & Holly Dormer THURSDAY PM RIDING Anona White & Wendy Challinor FRIDAY PM RIDING Jane Barker & Alison Jones SATURDAY AM RIDING Jane B Lynne Munro-Physio SUNDAY AM RIDING Jane B & Lynne McKissick</p>
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SPECIAL ROLES Rachel Neville – **Rota Secretary** John Foukes - **Yard Staff (5 days)** Alison Smith - **Yard Staff (3 days)** Clive Gant **Mr ‘Fixit’**

BIRTHDAYS

Sorry I am having huge problems with the database – will try and get it sorted for the next round of birthdays.