

Winter Newsletter

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Vaulting

The Group will spend a day at the Corbet School in Baschurch, helping with a Focus Day. They will be taking along videos of vaulting sessions as well as the barrel horse and up to 60 youngsters will have the chance to see what is involved during the course of the day.

The Co-operative has been approached for a grant to help to run a Saturday afternoon vaulting group as well as the Wednesday after school group. It is hoped that more youngsters will be able to access this day and time.

The Group has started to use Goofy as well as Scrumpy in the vaulting sessions and he is proving very popular with the younger members.

There will be a small inter club competition on Sunday 28th January at Walford. Spectators are very welcome to come along and have a look at what we do.

Riding

Anne Browning is planning to enter Murphy in the Freestyle to Music this year. We believe the qualifiers will be in May at Solihull.

The Woodlands School from Wem will be continuing to ride on a Monday, instructed by Judy McKinnon.

Jane Yeomans instructs the Thursday Severndale session and both ladies are working towards taking their Group Instructor exam in the autumn.

Fiona Mosson is a new volunteer with our group. Fiona is a Group Instructor who has moved down to Trefonen from Scotland and her input to our Saturday morning sessions is greatly valued.

Carriage Driving

Training for our Trainee AB Whips has been organised with Edwina Hart in January. Kotti Brewin, Nick Foulkes Jones, Jacquie Holyoake and Jacky Sinclair are all hoping to be assessed as AB Whips this year. We wish them the very best of luck. The Group's record with training for our potential AB Whips is very strong, we are lucky to have help on a regular basis from

Edwina, from Sarah Wildy and also from Margaret Brockie all of whom are extremely knowledgeable.

FUND RAISING EFFORTS

For those of you who were not aware, the potential site for the new Centre at Haughmond Hill has finally fallen through. This leaves us with having to raise an initial sum of money to purchase our own land on which to build the centre. We intend to apply to various trust funds and to charitable institutions for help in this area. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

Help is sought with the Demo at Walford in April. Help will be needed with some of the displays, with raffle ticket selling and refreshments and also with putting out and putting away the chairs. A list will be put up on the Notice Board.

THIS YEAR'S FUND RAISING DATES

Music and Horses Demo at Walford College Sunday 29th April 2007

Group Open Day Sunday 1st July

Family Horse Show Sunday 8th July

CONGRATULATIONS to Denny on the successful arrival of James

BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to the following volunteers

Angus Hannagan	13 th February
Joyce Elliott	21 st February

Judy Mckinnon	3 rd March
Robin Pocock	13 th March

Roy Bayley	1 st April
Avril Pluck	6 th April
Vanessa Gibson	22 nd April