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Dear Member

I have been putting off doing my newsletter until we had held the area mounted games so that I could share the day with you. Our preparation started on the Wednesday evening with setting the arena out and erecting the marquee – my thanks go to all those who came and helped but special thanks to Chris Trembath and Pete Stonham. On the day, everything went very well thanks to Alyson Parker for doing all the paperwork then passing this on to Jo Marriage who did a splendid job on the day; to Simon Hutley for all the putting together and printing of the programmes and score sheets; to Lesley Wallis for the excellent catering; to Michael Wallis for starting; Alex Stile, Donna Antoniou and Pip Clough for line judging; Heather Brady, Gerry Dobbs and Norman for the collecting ring; Helen Stonham for all odd jobs; Mrs Brett for tack and turnout ring; Tom Chambers for scoring, and a great big thank you to our young members who ran around all day putting out equipment. We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Pearl for sponsoring this event which enabled us to purchase some beautiful rosettes for everyone taking part.

Now to our teams. Our Senior Team, consisting of Daisy Dobbs, Tamsin Hills, Jamie Dorset, Franki Jarvis and Emma Thompson were 2nd – they performed brilliantly – all vaulting on - and some of this praise must go to their trainer Mark Thompson, so thank you Mark for all those hours of practice. They are off to the Zone Finals on 15th July so GOOD LUCK to them!!! Moving on to our Junior Team, this was put together at the twelfth hour and was made up of Mabel Dobbs, Angus McClaren, Grace Trembath, Madeleine Trembath and Abigail Dorset. They were trained by Elaine Dorset with help from all the mums and they did very well and really enjoyed themselves coming 7th! I must congratulate Mabel on her vaulting on, it was excellent.

Last night in the wind and rain, Jo, Karen, Maria, Caroline, Helen, Donna, Andrew, Annabel, Daisy, Zoe, Georgia and I set up for the evening rallies so we are now looking forward to some lovely social evenings, and on the last evening, Mr Miller has offered to do a BBQ.

For those of you who have expressed an interest in being in teams, we will be holding our Show Jumping and Dressage Ride-offs in the early part of July. The Show jumping Ride-off will be held on Thursday 5th July 2007 on a surface and once the novice team of 3'-3'3 and intermediate team of 3'3-3'6 has been chosen, there will be some practices for them to become a team. Please ring me to confirm your interest in show jumping teams so that I can make necessary arrangements. The Dressage Ride-off will be held on Tuesday 10th July. Please contact me for the correct test sheet to learn, and ring for your riding times two days before (Sunday 8th July). You will need to be turned out as for a competition with ponies plaited, and riders in correct dress.

Please support our One Day Event on 24th June as this helps us for the eventing teams, also each member who enters our junior and senior one day event needs to provide a jump judge. This is what happens in every club – please phone Lesley Wallis with the name of your jump judge.



Once again, I am looking forward to the Tetrathlon on 7th July, and this year we have opened it to other branches as well to offer even more competition. Please support the Parris family who have kindly offered to run this.

Summer Camps are being prepared at this moment – juniors at Bigods Farm and seniors at Moor End Farm. More details will be provided once you have booked your place. Following these, we have numerous rallies. Please remember to be on time so that tack and turnout can be judged fairly first thing as there are cups for this at prize giving. This year we are providing bright yellow shirts for our instructors so that you can easily spot them in a crowd and will be trying out a system of colour coding our rides and using coloured boards to identify meeting points. We are such a large branch, it is an ongoing challenge to make sure that everyone knows where they should be at any given time!!

Our website is full of news, reports and schedules, not to mention some lovely pictures of members so please do continue to keep Alyson and myself in touch with how well you are doing and let us know of any news so we can keep our website up to date. We have quite a few advertisements now on the adverts page so it is worth keeping an eye on.

So it just leaves me to say look after your ponies by getting them fit, your tack checked for stitching and correct fit especially the saddle over the withers. If you need help please call me, I am very willing to come and help. Also if you are buying a new pony and would like some extra information about one you have found, I can phone the DCs of other branches for you and be an extra pair of eyes. Please do not hesitate to ask.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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