



ADRC Newsletter Feb/March 2010

Welcome to ADRC 2010! We have loads planned for the coming season, although sadly we have had to cease the evening showjumping due to job commitments of committee members. The gymkhana evenings are still scheduled and Teresa has loads of ideas for new races so come along and have a go – we especially want to see you seniors taking part, so come and re-live your youth!!

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Memberships – Please remember to complete and return your membership forms to Carolyn Basham, remember your membership entitles you to discounts on entry fees at all of our events, so is well worth the cost. In an effort to cut down on paper usage we are encouraging members to receive newsletters by e-mail, this helps the club keep costs down too by reducing postage. I am pleased to say that Membership fees have remained unchanged in 2010.

Website All the events planned for this season are to be found on the club's website, which is going from strength to strength, we also have our own dedicated facebook page so everyone can keep in touch and have a gossip – well done Geoff for making this possible. We always like to hear your views so e-mail us at arundelridingclub@hotmail.co.uk don't forget we also accept photos, adverts and any interesting stories you would like included on the website or in the newsletter. It's YOUR club!!

Road Safety Sadly there are still riders who give the rest of us a bad name. Chatting on mobiles paying no attention to traffic, and not wearing Hi viz are my driver's bugbears about riders – also those who never say thank you – very rude, even if you can't take a hand off the reins a smile would be nice.... follow these tips to stay safe on the roads:

Riders – look after yourselves!

Sometimes horse riders don't do themselves any favours on the road and endanger other road users, their horses and their own safety by not taking a few simple precautions or following a few simple rules:

- Always wear a riding helmet with the strap done up – remember it's compulsory for under 14's.
- Wear fluorescent or other bright clothing in daylight – you'll be spotted sooner.
- Wear something reflective if you have to ride in very poor light or at night.
- If you have to ride at night or in poor visibility, make sure your horse has reflective bands above the fetlock joints and that you carry lights – white to the front, red to the rear.
- Make sure your tack, etc. is in good condition before going on the road.
- Give clear arm signals before moving off or manoeuvring.
- Keep over to the left of the road.
- Always ride in single file on narrow roads or bend approaches.

- Don't ride on footpaths, or pavements

Remember horse riders are as much entitled to use the road as vehicle drivers. Each should help the other whenever possible; a little courtesy from both sides never goes amiss.

And show this to the non horsy drivers that you may know!!

Drivers take care!

It may not always be obvious to vehicle drivers why horses and riders are doing what they are doing, although there is normally a good reason.

Remember the following points, particularly whilst driving on roads where you are more likely to meet horses, such as country lanes.

- Take care on approaching blind bends – never go so fast that you can't easily stop, there could be a horse and rider round the next one.
- Drive slowly past horses - give them plenty of room and be prepared to stop.
- Do not scare animals by using your horn or revving your engine.
- Look out for horse riders' signals.
- Take extra care with child and other inexperienced riders and horses.
- Always treat horses as a potential hazard and expect the unexpected.

When you see horses on the road – always slow down!

SPOTLIGHT ON LUKE GEE

LRG-Photography started back in May of 2008, since then we have upgraded nearly everything. We took our horse Charlie to an in-hand event at Arundel, I was taking photos of him and noticed that the photographer who was meant to be there had not turned up. We had a chat to the organisers and they decided to engage me as the clubs official photographer. So my career started with Arundel riding club. At our first event we were using a borrowed laptop which someone had to go and charge halfway through as it had run out of battery, selling the photos next to our horse trailer and using a parasol to act as shade in the sun. We now have a caravan, which we take to most of the big events to sell the photos from. Two selling stations so we can serve people quicker and a much improved camera to capture riders special moments in the show ring, show jumping arena, dressage ring and at cross country courses. We have a basic website up and running so that we can display the photos I have taken at each event. We are now in the process of upgrading the website to make it more user friendly and to include a shopping cart and checkout system so people can pay with their credit cards via pay-pal.

My interest in Photography started as a hobby a few years ago. I started photographing our own 3 horses, friends also invited me to lessons. Taking the photos in the lessons I found out that I was pretty good at capturing the jumps and I loved taking the photos

I would have to say my favourite aspect of the job is seeing how happy my photos make people. I love taking photos and especially love the jumping events.

The worst bit has to be when I'm standing in the pouring rain in the middle of a soggy field knee deep in mud.

I would really like to keep the business going, I really love this job, as the business is growing I am expanding to include more clubs and always upgrading my equipment.

I have my own horse. His name is Charlie Farlie, his a grey traditional cob, lovely flowing mane and tail and awesome feathers. I ride regularly but I have to admit I am a fair weather rider. My fiancé, Donna and her family also have horses.

We have sent this newsletter in printed form on this occasion if however you would prefer to have future newsletters /schedules sent via e-mail please indicate on the membership form.