



BERWICKSHIRE GROUP RDA

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Berwickshire Group RDA Newsletter.
The newsletters will be published 4 times a year.
Any volunteers, riders, vaulters, schools, parents or friends, who have any stories or pictures you'd like to be included in the newsletter please make sure they are submitted before the end of each term.

Articles to be considered for inclusion can be emailed to either admin@berwickshirerda.org.uk or judelogan@aol.com

There is widespread delight in Berwickshire at the news that Margaret Morgan, a stalwart of the local Riding for the Disabled Association group, has been made a Member of the British Empire (MBE).



Thursday vaulters have worked really hard this year towards their grade tests and the newest vaulters did Endeavour Awards. Studying for grade tests involves learning parts of the grooming kit, points of the horse, different colours of the horses, different markings on the horse, parts of the bridle and vaulting tack, looking at the horses feet and different feed. Vaulters also have to learn different moves on the horse from running in towards the horse to doing various gymnastic moves whilst on the horse.

All Thursday vaulters passed their tests.



Important Dates for 2016

MONDAY	(Ride 1.30pm – 3 pm)
Volunteer Training Day	Monday 29th August
Autumn Term Start Date	Monday 5th September
TUESDAY EVENING	(Ride 7pm – 8.30 pm)
Volunteer Training Day	Tuesday 30th August
Autumn Term Start Date	Tuesday 6th September
WEDNESDAY MORNING	(Ride 10 am – 11:45am)
Volunteer Training Day	Wednesday 31st August
Autumn Term Start Date	Wednesday 7th September
THURSDAY MORNING	(Ride 10 am – 11:45am)
Volunteer Training Day	Thursday 1st September
Autumn Term Start Date	Thursday 8th September

The Monday afternoon vaulters stepped up to the mark during their end of term competition with each of them giving their best. They looked so smart in their matching green outfits and everyone behaved perfectly in what was for some their first competition. Huge smiles and full rounds of applause for each vaulter helped to create such a happy atmosphere, all are looking forward to returning in September.



End of Term Competition Results

The end of term competitions are a great way to celebrate how hard all the vaulters & riders have been working.
Everyone & every horse receives recognition for the hard work they have put in during the year.

Monday Vaulters

Class 1

- 1st Alise & Jean
- 2nd Jessica & Anthea
- 3rd Finian & Sharon
- 4th Charlie & Lucy
- 5th Jokubas & Gillian
- 6th Christopher & Diane

Class 2

- 1st Harry & Sharon
- 2nd Cammy & Diane
- 3rd Lanna & Deb
- 4th Emily & Claire
- 5th Leona & Claire

Judged by Lucia

Tuesday Evening Dressage Competition

Dressage

- 1st Neil with Sarah & Bart Simpson
- 2nd Sheena with Jenny, Jamie & Shamus (Bankie Moon)
- 3rd Alice with Janice, Cicely & Houston (Mahon Vale)

Judged by Susan & Jock

Dressage to Music

- 1st Neil
- 2nd Sheena
- 3rd Alice

Judged by Stacey & Steven

Wednesday Morning Handy Horse Competition

- 1st Lauren
- 2nd Shaun
- 3rd Gregor
- 4th John

Judged By Sandra

Thursday Vaulters

- 1st Corey & Ian
- 2nd Cameron & Jill
- 3rd Kade & Fiona
- 4th James & Lynn
- 5th Kayden & Lynn
- 6th Oskar & Fiona
- 7th Bobbie & Irene

Judged by Claire

Trophies

Borthwick Trophy for most improved Monday vaulter - Emily

Most improved rider in 2016
The Andy Millar Quach - Sheena

2016 winner of the Domino Trophy - Lauren

Tony Trophy for most improved Thursday vaulter - Cameron

The Tullie Trophy Group
Volunteer of the Year - Sarah

2016 Winner of the Poppy Drysdale Trophy For Citizenship - Sandra

The Caffrys Trophy -
Jock Hay & Steven Swanson

Barnaby Baloo Presented with his
5 Year Long Service Medal

The Nisbet Trophy -
Groups Favourite Horse
Royal Dalton

Volunteering with RDA

A couple of years ago I happened to mention to one of my yoga friends that I loved horses...but that I was really insecure around them. Sharon (Baker) suggested I try volunteering with the Berwickshire RDA group and I would soon get the hang of them. To my own amazement, I decided to give it a go...and I've never regretted it! Everyone was so supportive; I've been able to develop at my own slow pace thanks to the patience of Margaret, the other volunteers and of dear old Baloo! I've learned to groom, and to lead, (that was a scary day the first time I did this!). Last week, our new horse, Seamus, decided to take a hike after Houston with me holding the lead rein...I didn't panic (well, only a bit), and successfully walked him round and back into place! I've learned much about riding and horsemanship, even though I don't ride myself, and about the nature of horses as a prey and herd animal. I've seen how they respond to human emotions and experienced their gracious support during some sad moments of my own. I've really enjoyed learning how to work with people with a range of disabilities, and to observe humans and horses interacting. We all get so much from these sessions...both riders and volunteers! I've been pleased that some of my skills from my previous career have transferred to be useful here at RDA, taking on the role of Safeguarding Officer with the Trustees. Why not give it a go yourself... you might be surprised!

Susie

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