



BERWICKSHIRE GROUP RDA

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first 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**

Borders Intergroup Quiz



The Borders Inter Group Quiz was held on Wednesday 2nd March in the Corn Exchange, Melrose. Eleven teams from the Borders Groups took part and an exciting and enjoyable day was had by all. Teams this year were named after Wild Animals and Berwickshire Badger with Neil, Johnny and Sheena emerged the winners. 3rd was Berwickshire Hedgehog with Bobbie, Harry and Jamie

5th Berwickshire Hare with Carol and Shaun
7th Berwickshire Fox with Alice and Lauren
The day was made more special when Lynda Whittaker our Regional Chairperson visited and presented the rosettes
A huge thank you to all the Group helpers who assisted on the day, it would not be possible to run the Quiz without your input.

Duns Castle Success

Three Group horses, Bart, Rocky and Shamus took part in the Team Event at Duns Castle on Sunday 13th. March and came second.



Important Dates for 2016

MONDAY	(Ride 1.30pm – 3 pm)
Restart	Monday 18th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 2nd May
Berwickshire School Holiday	Monday 30th May
Finish for Summer	Monday 13th June
TUESDAY EVENING	(Ride 7pm – 8.30 pm)
Restart	Tuesday 26th April
Finish for Summer	Tuesday 14th June
WEDNESDAY MORNING	(Ride 10 am – 11:45am)
Restart	Wednesday 27th April
Finish for Summer	Wednesday 15th June
THURSDAY MORNING	(Ride 10 am – 11:45am)
Restart	Thursday 21st April
Finish for Summer	Thursday 16th June

What the committee & helpers have been up to

Sandra and Margaret attended the Edinburgh and Borders Regional dinner at the Mallard Hotel on Saturday 30th January.

Sandra, Fiona and Margaret attended the Edinburgh and Borders Regional Conference at the Drum on Sunday 31st January.

Pat, Shelagh, Fiona, Gillian, Sharon and Margaret attended the Tracker Day at the Border Group on Tuesday 16th. February and all came home with new enthusiasm for this useful tool.

Janice, Neil, Fiona, Jude and Margaret attended the Trustees update day taken by Claire Milican from RDA National Office on Sunday 21st. February

Tuesday afternoon Coach

Sandra our Tuesday afternoon session coach has recently undergone an operation to have a new knee fitted and we wish her a pain free and speedy recovery.

Dates for Your Diary

April 23rd
Duns Coffee Morning
June 11th
Eyemouth Coffee Morning
August 6th
Duns Show
September 3rd
Coldstream Coffee Morning

Tests & Competitions

Sheena has passed her Grades 1 and 2
Barbara, Alice, Sheena and Lauren are practicing for the Regional Dressage Competition to be held on Saturday 9th. at Oatridge College.

Borders County Training Day

Berwickshire Group hosted the Borders County Training Day on Monday 22nd February which was attended by 40 people from Berwickshire, Border, Ettrickbridge & Dryden and Tweeddale Groups. Everyone got the chance to meet the new County Coaches Dhileas Lukas and Katherine Carson and the County Chairman Annette Hammond-Chambers.

For more information and updates please go to the group website :
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or our Facebook Page :
www.facebook.com/groups/berwickshirerda
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Ocarina Joins Berwickshire RDA

Last year we were lucky enough to be given the use of a new horse.

Rocky has been ridden only on a Tuesday Evening so far but is enjoying his new job.

He has started his vaulting training which has been going really well.



Name : Ocarina (Rocky)
Breed : Selle Francais
Bred in France
Date of Birth : 22/03/02
Colour : Bay
Height : 16.2 hh
Sex : Gelding



Congratulations to the Monday vaulters who have all worked really hard and were presented with their endeavour certificates at the end of this term

From left to right: Jessica, Alise, Leona, Gammy, Lanna, Christoffer and Harry.

Fundraising & Volunteers News

As the year begins we continue our fundraising.

As always we have coffee mornings planned for Duns, Eyemouth and Coldstream.

The group also has a stand at Duns Show.

Support at these events is always welcome.

The Smartie Challenge will begin again soon.

The rag bag and stamp collections are ongoing.

We are also collecting foreign currency, both legal tender and old currency.

The ink cartridge recycling is continuing to be successful.

Please get in touch if you have any fundraising suggestions.

We are on the verge of a helper crisis.

Posters have been sent out around the catchment area with an invitation to come and see what we do.

Sessions will be open to anyone interested in helping.

A chance for interested people to see what we do and meet our helpers, riders and horses.