



## HEREFORD & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB NEWS

# HDRC NEWSLETTER

### WHY REGULAR WORMING IS RISKING HORSE HEALTH - PROVIDED BY OUR LOCAL VET - HANNAH MITCHELL

In the last few years vets are starting to see a dramatic increase in worm associated disease, even in horses perceived to be 'wormed'. Whilst horses dying from worm burdens did become a thing of the past it unfortunately is becoming a very real risk for the future.

Regular and over-use of wormers (anthelmintics) has led to the development of anthelmintic resistance and damage to the ecosystem. Some worms can carry a gene which enables them to survive anthelmintic treatment. These worms then reproduce and, with no susceptible worms present to compete with them, the population of resistant worms dramatically increases. Whilst resistance is a widespread concern and everyone's problem, it develops specific to your pastures and therefore it is in all of our interests to prevent the situation worsening.

Regular interval dosing with anthelmintics is no longer justified and a more proactive and strategic approach must be taken. Worm egg counting (WEC) is very easy to perform and the results can be utilized to guide necessity of anthelmintic treatment. WEC should begin in March of each year and continue to October with individual horse samples collected every 8-12 weeks depending on level of risk.

Adult horses maintained on well managed pastures in a low stocking density are considered low risk, whereas horses on poorly managed pasture in high stocking density are considered higher risk. As the temperature starts to drop into winter the most common parasite – small redworms – hibernate (encyst) in the gut lining over winter. Without treatment these will erupt in the spring and with large burdens can cause severe disease most commonly diarrhoea and weight loss.

Historically advice has been to administer Equest Pramox during the winter months. This anthelmintic is the only one available with full efficacy against encysted redworm. The pramox part contains praziquantel which treats tapeworm. Since Equest is the only product effective against this stage it is vital that we reduce its use to slow down development of resistance.



## HEREFORD AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

### *Autumn Ball & Awards Night*

TICKETS:  
SENIOR MEMBER- £35 PP  
JUNIOR MEMBER- £25 PP

*Welcome drinks, 3 course meal and disco*

DRESS CODE: DRESS TO IMPRESS!

SATURDAY  
**18<sup>TH</sup>**  
NOVEMBER  
2023

LARRUPERZ CENTER  
ROSS-ON-WYE  
HR9 7QD

*Photographer will be  
in attendance*

**7PM**  
CARRIAGES  
AT MIDNIGHT



NON MEMBER TICKETS - £40 PP

NON MEMBER TICKET SALES WILL OPEN ONE WEEK AFTER MEMBERS TICKET SALES

## WORMING - CONTINUED

Horses with low WECs over the season are unlikely to require this treatment and therefore discuss with your vet a lower risk alternative. It is also important not to use Equest at any other time of the year, unless advised by your vet OR as a quarantine treatment for new horses coming onto the yard.

Tapeworm should be tested or treated for at least once yearly. Testing for tapeworm is very simple using the EquiSal saliva test which can be performed by horse owners. Testing should only be performed if the horse has not received a tapeworm treatment within the last 4 months. Results will then indicate if a tapeworm treatment is required and this can be incorporated into the winter worming regime.

There are many other parasites of horses, namely Bots, large strongyles, pinworm, lungworm etc but this is beyond the scope of this article. Worming plans need to be tailored according to pasture, paddock management, age of horses, stocking density and many other factors, there isn't a one size fits all!

Speak to your vet if you have concerns about any of these parasites and to create a tailored worming protocol specific to your scenario. This will help to reduce the rate of resistance developing on your pasture and maintain your horse's health in many years to come.

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

Don't forget to check out our Merchandise section of the website and follow the link to the Tylers catalogue! Here you can find a wide selection of good quality, HDRC logo'd clothing. Ideal to layer up during Club evenings and shows. We also stock small items such as hats, sew on patches, mugs, pens and much more; which can be purchased at most HDRC shows and events.

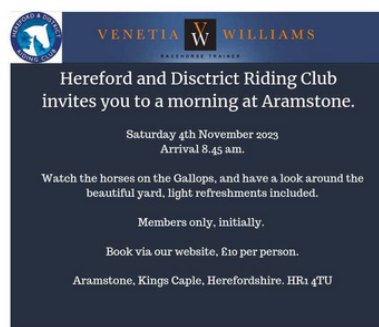
## CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

Get your glad rags on....Autumn Ball and Awards Night, Saturday 18th November 2023.



We hope to see many of you there to celebrate the successes of the year with fellow members.

Bookings are open online already and places are selling like hot cakes, so please book soon as places are limited. Head to our website or email [hdrcvicechair@gmail.com](mailto:hdrcvicechair@gmail.com) for more info!



### BRC NATIONAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

So much has been going on over the Summer with fantastic success and lots of fun. Charlotte Smith and Ronie Thomas represented HDRC at the NAF Five Star BRC National Show Jumping Championship at Lincoln earlier this month, in the 90cm and 100cm respectively. Congratulations to Charlotte who, after a triple clear round, was placed 6th out of 110 starters. Ronie was so unlucky just rolling one pole. Both girls should be so proud of their performances, its a huge achievement just to qualify.

### BRC DRESSAGE TO MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday 1st of October, 3 HDRC members will be heading to Bury Farm Equestrian Village, Buckinghamshire to take part in the BRC Equilibrium Dressage to Music Championships. We wish Kate Brown, Helen Lipscomb and Rachel Ashton all the very best of luck. Have a wonderful time ladies ! We're looking forward to hearing all about it. If you subscribe to Horse and Country TV you can see this event which is being streamed live.



Charlotte Smith  
individual 6th at  
BRC NAF Show  
Jumping  
Championships.

### BLENHEIM PALACE EVENTER CHALLENGE

Eight members competed last week at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock in the exciting Riding Clubs Eventer Challenge. A course of show jumps followed by a course of cross country fences, including water certainly was a challenge at this iconic venue and we had a fantastic competition.

Our 90cm Team, Sarah Mitchell, Charlotte Smith, Kara Jenkins and Alice Garfield, came 26th out of 46 teams. With Kara Jenkins coming 3rd individually out of 174 riders who completed the course. This is a totally awesome result.

Our 100cm Team, Julie Mackay, Ronie Thomas, Lucy Boulton-Brooks & Chloe Williams, came 13th out of 16 teams.

With our best placed individual rider in the class was Chloe Williams who came 18th out of 59 riders who completed the course.

Such a great experience and lots of fun. It was certainly competitive and challenging. Blenheim, we will be back.



This is our 90cm Blenheim Eventer Challenge Team. Kara Jenkins came 3rd out of 174 She's picture right of centre, with her team mates Alice Garfield, Charlotte Smith and Sarah Mitchell.



## BRC ARENA EVENTING AND COMBINED TRAINING QUALIFIERS.

BRC Winter series qualifiers have started and we kick off at David Broome Event Centre with Arena Eventing and Combined Training Qualifiers on Saturday 21st October.

The Arena Eventing consists of a show jumping round straight into a cross country round all on a surface. Class heights ranging from 70cm – 100cm.

The Combined Training is a dressage test followed by a single round of show jumps, 70cm & 80cm.

## REGIONAL SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HARTPURY 2023

Style Jumping 75/85 Team 1st place Stuart Sayce Alice Garfield, Tracey Nelmes & Beth Crozier and Team 6th place Bridget King, Fiona Garfield, Amy Lewis & Beth Mills

Individual 1st Alice Garfield 2nd Tracey Nelmes 5th Stuart Sayce 5th Amy Lewis 6th Fiona Garfield.

80cm Show Jumping Team 6th.  
Individual 3rd Alice Garfield.

### Riding Test Team

1st Place - Phil Norrish, Sharon Norrish, Megan Havard & Beth Mills.

Individual Novice Dressage 2nd Beth Mills 3rd Megan Havard.

Please do drop Jo an email to [hdrcteams@gmail.com](mailto:hdrcteams@gmail.com) if you'd like to join a team. It's friendly and fun.



Beth Mills riding Miss Mystride on her way to 2nd place in the Novice Dressage.



CAMP 2024 - 27th June to 30th June!

Yes that's right, we've managed to book Camp 2024 over a weekend!!

# 2023 SHOW SEASON RESULTS

Ridden Showing					
Rider	30th April	16th July	12th August	23rd September	Total
Donna Thomas	8	7	0	0	15

In Hand Showing					
Rider	30th April	16th July	12th August	23rd September	Total
George Tolley	10	0	35	0	45
Beth Crozier	0	0	22	22	44
Chloe Martin	0	0	21	19	40
Donna Thomas	9	10	0	0	19
Megan Havard	9	0	0	9	18
Tina Barker	0	16	0	1	17

50cm/60cm					
Rider	30th April	16th July	12th August	23rd September	Total
Zoe Atkinson	10	0	10	0	20
Angela Williams	6	11	0	0	17

70cm/80cm					
Rider	30th April	16th July	12th August	23rd September	Total
Zoe Atkinson	9	19	6	16	50
Jay Tolley	22	0	20	0	42
Stuart Sayce	13	0	8	9	30

Intro					
Rider	30th April	16th July	12th August	23rd September	Total
Megan Bennett	20	0	0	21	41
Karen Howells	0	11	0	11	22
Trish Yeadon	0	11	8	0	19
Sarah Cosker	0	5	11	0	16

Prelim					
Rider	30th April	16th July	12th August	23rd September	Total
Elizabeth Zygmuntowski	17	11	19	18	65
Bridget King	0	0	22	21	43
Sarah Cosker	0	8	11	13	32
Karen Howells	0	10	0	9	19

Well done to all those who took part in this years Showing Season. Some amazing achievements and results, and of course we couldnt do it without the support from our volunteers.

## 2023 Members Trophies Won at the End of Season Show

### In Hand Showing

Millbrook Song Trophy - Highest Placed Member in Veteran Class – Bethan Eckley

### Ridden Showing

Archie Pontin Trophy - Highest Placed Member in Riding Club Horse/Pony – Sarah Canning

Marcus Memorial Shield - Highest Placed Member in Veteran Class – Becky Richards

Lance Anderson Cup - Highest Placed Member in RoR – Not Won

Anne Crowther Cup - Highest Placed Member in Championship – Not Won

### Showjumping

Count Time Shield - Highest Placed Member in the 60cm – Georgia Hagan

Viv Taylor Cup - Highest Placed Senior Member in 70 cm – Zoe Atkinson

Padmore Trophy - Highest Placed Junior Member in 70cm – Not Won

Keen Cup - Highest Placed Member in the 80cm – Zoe Atkinson

Ginger Pudding Shield - Highest Placed Member in 90cm or 100cm – Stuart Sayce

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS!

## October 2023:

Sunday, October 8 - Mercian Dressage, Hosted by Worcester RC at Allens Hill

Sunday, October 8, - Clearing away Show field at 11am. Volunteer opportunity! Please email [hdcvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:hdcvolunteers@gmail.com) if you can help!

Sunday, October 15 - Flat Work with Victoria Powell at Weir End \*\*Members Only\*\*

Friday, October 20 - Mercian Quiz, Hosted by Shropshire South Riding Club, WR15 8TB

Saturday, October 21 - Area Arena Eventing & Combined Training, David Broome Event Centre

Sunday, October 22 - Showjumping, with Emma Slater at Moore's Equestrian \*\*Members Only\*\*

Saturday, October 28 - HDRC Winter Dressage Bromyard Equestrian

## DO YOU WANT TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEE?

If you are interested in joining the HDRC committee for 2024 (and beyond!) we have some vacancies coming up, please email [hdcvicechair@gmail.com](mailto:hdcvicechair@gmail.com) to register and interest and find out more!!

## VOLUNTEERS

If you can help at any of our Winter Dressage dates at Bromyard Equestrian, please drop us an email on [hdcvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:hdcvolunteers@gmail.com)

## November 2023:

Saturday, November 4 - Morning at Aramstone Racing Yard at Kings Caple

Sunday, November 5 - Flat Work, with Kristina Pukstys at Weir End \*\*Members Only\*\*

Saturday, November 18 - Awards Night Autumn Ball and Awards night with Dinner and Disco. A family event to celebrate everyone's achievements thought the year.

Sunday, November 19, - Area Novice Dressage

Sunday, November 26 - HDRC Winter Dressage Bromyard Equestrian

## December 2023:

Monday, December 4 - Christmas Wreath Making, at Bridstow Village Hall

Sunday, December 17 - HDRC Winter Dressage Bromyard Equestrian

## January 2024:

Saturday, January 13, - HDRC Winter Dressage Bromyard Equestrian

## February 2024:

Sunday, February 11, - HDRC Winter Dressage Bromyard Equestrian

Saturday, February 17 - Area Novice & Intermediate Showjumping, at Hartpury International Arena

## March 2024

Sunday, March 10 - HDRC Winter Championship Dressage, Winter championship at Bromyard Equestrian