



## Bannockburn Riding for the Disabled Newsletter June 2010



### **REGIONAL DRESSAGE**

30 riders from Bannockburn RDA entered the Regional Dressage Qualifiers, which we hosted on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We also had entries from five other RDA groups, which made for a great competition despite the rain! There were 8 championship qualifier classes and we won all the tests we had riders in – a great achievement! No-one left empty handed, and a fun day was had by all. Special thanks to everyone who helped out, particularly the Cafe ladies who did a brilliant job with a mountain of egg mayonnaise and a lot of rolls!

### **PARA DRESSAGE**

We hosted a Para Dressage training weekend on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June, including a workshop with Chris Porterfield, a top para judge. This was a great opportunity for the Centre to develop our links with Para Dressage. Well done to Leanne and Fraser for riding your tests in front of an audience, not to mention Puzzle and Nelly who were fantastic. Sunday was a day of lessons for visiting para riders from all over Scotland. The weekend was a great success, and two more training dates have been set up here at Sauchieburn – details to follow soon.

### **DRIVING**

We are hosting the Regional Driving Competition on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Come along and get involved – all helpers will be very welcome, particularly in the cafe!

This year's Driving Holiday will be held from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> August, please

contact Patsy Muir-Simpson for further information on 01786 870351.

### **HORSE NEWS**

Forget-Me-Not has gone back to her owner, and Monty has returned to the Centre. He has started his groundwork training and is enjoying being back out in the field with Casper.

Coco has settled in well with her new owner, and is enjoying making friends at her new home – there are some photos of her on the noticeboard.

### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

We are holding 4 training sessions for volunteers this month. 2 sessions on Methods of Mounting and Dismounting will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, from 1 - 3pm each. The following week we are holding 2 sessions on Horse Awareness / Psychology, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Places can be booked through the office.

### **CENTRE CLOSED**

The Sauchieburn Centre will be closed the whole of the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. All classes during this week are cancelled, we will be opening again as normal from the 30<sup>th</sup> August. Reminders of this will be posted on the website and around the Centre nearer the time.

## **FUNDRAISING/EVENTS**

### **Munro Climb**

Have you ever wanted to bag a Munro? Now is your chance to do it with a qualified hill guide! On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August we plan to climb Ben Chonzie, the walk will be led by Gavin Clarke. Entry is free but we ask you to raise at least £20 in sponsorship. Contact the office for further details and sponsorship forms.

### **ASDA Bag Packs**

Thank you to those who gave up their free time to pack bags at ASDA in Falkirk on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June. £512 was raised for the Centre - not bad for a few hours work. Please try to support these initiatives where possible. Your Centre can't operate without raising these vitals fund, and we really need everyone - especially riders – to get involved.

### **Collecting Tins**

Could you take a Collecting Tin to your place of work, or perhaps you have links with a local shop, hotel or business establishment who would be happy to display one in a prominent place? If so, please speak to Colleen in the office.

### **Grand Summer Raffle**

There is still time to sell Raffle Tickets before the draw on the 24<sup>th</sup> June in the cafe. There are some great prizes to be won, including a Luxury Hamper, entry to Blair Horse Trials, and bottle of 21 year old Glengoyne whisky and a voucher for the Hollybank restaurant.

### **Tesco Vouchers**

Don't forget to check your wallet or purse for any Tesco vouchers which might be hiding away at the back!

## **VISITOR'S BOOK**

ALL visitors to the Centre, including riders, volunteers, parents and carers, should please SIGN IN AND OUT of the Visitor's Book. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **LOCKER KEYS**

A gentle reminder that the lockers in the cafe are for the use of everyone – please do not take keys away from the Centre. The keys should be returned to the locker at the end of the day, and all contents removed for the next person's use.

## **GRASS VERGES**

Please ensure that you do not drive on the grass verges and always use passing places. If any vehicle is seen to be driving on verges, the driver **WILL BE CHARGED FOR REPAIR.**

## **NEXT NEWSLETTER**

Please hand any contributions to Jen by the end of July. Thanks!