



BRAES NEWS

The Braes of Derwent Hunt newsletter for farmers and members in the Braes Country

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Declaration Day Meets Hunting on 1st November

The MFHA have organised 12 Mass Meets to be held throughout England and Wales on Saturday, 1st November.

The purpose of the Mass Meets is to focus media attention on the commencement of another season and importantly, on the signing of the Hunting Declaration, which everyone is encouraged to sign.

The Declaration Day meet will be held at 10.00 am and should be complete by 11.00 am allowing hunts to return to their country and hold their Opening Meet, commencing later in the day. The Braes of Derwent together with nine other hunts are to support the North East Meet, which is to be held at Trimdon. It is important that we have a mass turnout so everyone is encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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Membership of the Countryside Alliance (CA)

The MFHA Committee have decided that Hunts must make every effort to ensure that all officers, mounted subscribers and followers are members of the Countryside Alliance. Many hunts already make this compulsory. It was agreed at our recent AGM to encourage all followers of The Braes of Derwent to fall in line with this MFHA instruction and become members of the CA.

To assist hunt officials administer this, could all hunt supporters please provide their CA membership number and date of expiry when paying subscriptions.

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25 OCTOBER**

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Puppy Show

29 June 2003

The Puppy Show was once again held at the Kennels and Mr Jamie Cameron and Mr Simon Hand kindly agreed to judge the 5 1/2 couple of hounds. Thanks to everyone who helped to arrange the day and to all who donated to the tea, which was served in a marquee next to the grass yard. The weather managed to stay dry during judging and turned into a glorious evening. The Kennels and the hounds were once again turned out to a very high standard.

*****Results*****

Doghound Entry

- 1st Ancrum walked by Miss Margaret Hedley
2nd Windmill walked by Mrs Sandra Sherwood
3rd Witton walked by Mrs Sandra Sherwood

Bitch Entry

- 1st and Champion Antic walked by Miss Beth Teasdale
2nd Wideawake walked by Mrs Sandra Sherwood
3rd Active walked by Miss Beth Teasdale

Best Working Hound

Custom walked by Master Joe Taylor

Our thanks to all of our puppy walkers who undertake this very difficult and unseen task. It is the foundation for the Braes of Derwent Foxhounds of the future, a sincere thanks for your support.

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Tickets from Gordon Minto, 01207 239594

Saturday, 15 November

Auction at Blackfyne School, Blackhill

Tickets from Julie Ross, 01207 503614

Thursday, 4 & Friday 5, December

Aladdin Pantomime, Blackfyne School, Blackhill

(In conjunction with Macmillan Nurses)

Tickets from Violet Coulson, 01207 542915

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Saturday, 31 January

Hunt Ball, Ramside Hall Hotel

Tickets from Angela Moralee, 01388 746315



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August

L. Philipson

Sept

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BUTSFIELD YOUNG FARMERS **Bonfire Night**

6.30pm, 4 November,
Houselope Grange, Tow Law

Open Night

for new members

7.30pm, 18 November,

Eldon Lodge

All welcome

For further information contact:

Anthony Walker, 01207 730262

John Chapman, 01207 508520

Point to point **Party Night**

To raise funds for the
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Injured Jockey Fund

Saturday, 8 November
2003

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1. Try to hack to the meet. This takes the edge off the horse. It also takes the edge off the rider when they realise that they're 8 miles from home at the end of the day!
2. Go easy on the hard feed to begin with – adrenalin is powerful stuff and you may end up with more horse than you can hold.
3. Do as much autumn hunting as possible, it will teach your horse to be patient and allows him to watch hounds working as well as being ridden alongside other horses at a less hectic pace.
4. A green ribbon in the tail lets others know you are riding a novice, put a red one in if it's liable to kick. Kickers should stay at the back.
5. Whilst at the back you will be required to shut gates or at least assist the gate shutter, so have a practice at home.
6. Fill your pockets with food – chocolate for you and mints for when you need to catch your loose horse!
7. Leave the flask at home –you'll never get the top back on! If desperate to calm nerves, sample someone else's brew.
8. Extend your vocabulary, "Sorry!" and "I do apologise!" said 50 times in a morning gets tedious. Practice new swear words, as you are sure to use up all your usual favourites on your new horse!
9. When queuing for a hunt jump – stay back if you are nervous, there's bound to be some kind person who will lower it before you get there
10. When training your horse to enjoy hunting don't forget to train your partner to perform certain essential tasks. Like preparing the stable for your return, running the bath, ordering the takeaway and most importantly, fixing that large whisky!!



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Saturday, 1 November

Opening Meet – Apperley Banks
12.30pm (see front page)

Wednesday, 5 November

Opening Meet – Knitsley Mill
Healey

Saturday, 8 November

Satley

Wednesday, 12 November

Snods Edge

Saturday, 15 November

Brancepeth Manor

Wednesday, 19 November

West Ministeracres

Saturday, 22 November

Moorside Farm/Greencroft

Wednesday, 26 November

Newlands

Saturday, 29 November

The Plough, Dipton

Wednesday, 3 December

The Bairns

Saturday, 6 December

Thornley Hall

Wednesday, 10 December

Shotley Bridge

Saturday, 13 December

Castleside

Wednesday, 17 December

Broomley

Saturday, 20 December

Pony Club Meet – Barlow

Wednesday, 24 December

Boxing Day

Friday, 26 December

QueensHead, Lanchester

Saturday, 27 December

Dr Syntax/New Ridley

Tuesday, 30 December

Jolly Drivers, Leadgate

*****Supper Party Time*****

After an exhilarating day's hunting it's time to relax and enjoy good
food and wine.

Tuesday, 30 December 2003 - Grey Horse, Dipton.

Saturday, 10 January 2004 – The Seasons Restaurant, Chopwell.
3 course meal for £20 per head. Contact Julie Ross, 01027 503614.

All meets 10.45am for 11.00 am prompt.

Please do not park near the meet, at gateways, farm access or road
junctions. No dogs except on public footpaths.

Thank You



Braes of Derwent Pony Club

16 November – Team Show Jumping

27 Dec – Xmas Show

1 Feb – Indoor Dressage

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1 Leg of Lamb 5-5 1/2 lbs
 4 Tbsp Olive Oil
 1 Tsp Fresh Thyme
 1 Tsp Fresh Rosemary Leaves
 Oven: Gas Mark 8, 450F,
 220C
 1 Red Wine
 8 oz Small Carrots
 8 oz turnips
 1 1/2 lbs Red Skinned Potatoes
 (leave skins on)
 1 lb Parsnips
 8oz Shallots or Small Onions
 3 Cloves Garlic (unpeeled)
 1 Bay Leaf
 1 Tsp Redcurrant Jelly
 Salt & Black Pepper

1. Cut vegetables into large pieces and roast with the garlic for about 20 mins, then set aside.

2. Put leg of lamb in a roasting tin and rub with olive oil and salt & black pepper.

3. Roast on top shelf for 30 mins until coloured.

4. Spoon off any fat, add the wine and baste the meat with it. Sprinkle with herbs.

5. Cover the lamb with a tent of foil and seal tightly. Cook in center of oven for 1 1/2 hrs.

6. Remove lamb and baste it, add the vegetables, season with salt & pepper, bay leaf and herbs.

7. Cook for a further 1 1/2 hrs. Make gravy by reducing the juices and whisking in redcurrant jelly

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