

BRAES OF DERWENT NEWS



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GEORGE'S 60th

December 2nd was the 60th birthday of George Tomlinson, Joint Master of the Braes of Derwent. At a meet at the Three Horse Shoes, Maiden Law, followers of the Hunt presented George with a painting in appreciation of his services to the Hunt. George has hunted with the

Braes for nearly 40 years having turned up at his first meet on his grey horse with black and white checked riding breeches, and farmed all his life at Sunnyside Farm, Knitsley. We all wish him many more happy birthdays.

M. G. Miller, Chairman



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HUNTING REPORT

You all, of course, noticed that there was no hunting report in the last *Braes News* I hear it is being put about that no-one told me that the *News* was coming out and I missed the deadline. Just between you and me, this is totally untrue the real reason being that having paid the air fare for a correspondent to go to Australia to hunt with the Ellerslie, they couldn't afford to pay my modest fee.

Cub hunting was generally dull-as in "lacking excitement". I has ten to add that this was not due to any lack of effort or enthusiasm on behalf of hounds or huntsmen. Hounds were, on the contrary, full of enthusiasm and hunted with discipline and diligence (and as you all know, Ed. has a never-ending supply of enthusiasm even in the face of horrendous odds). There was quite simply NO SCENT (yes, I know you heard this before, Lisa unfortunately you are likely to hear it again). This situation was not unique to the Braes and applied to all the northern packs - one well-known and respected northern Master has offered the opinion that this was the worst scenting cub hunting in the last 20 years.

We started on Monday, 7th September and hunted 23 mornings in varying weather conditions. Despite the hypotheses of the experts the varying weather conditions had no predictable effect on scent - it was as contrary as ever. We had good mornings from:

Hurbuck Cottages	a shirt sleeve day;
Five Lane Ends	-RAIN;
Mereburn Crossroads	-damp after heavy rain; and
High Stoop	-cold.

Our young entry, the "Rs" - Radar, Racey, Rapture, etc. have entered well - those interested in these matters will know that they are by Raglan who was by Bedale Radnor - which bring me to tell you that Colin Hicks has kindly sent us a hound, Agent (he is already well known by the experienced car followers!). It is interesting that this deal was struck not on the hunting field - but on the shooting field.

The opening meet at the Hollings provided a good, solid, workmanlike woodland day - in the Rush, Broadoak and Milkwellburn plenty of foxes and hounds ran with drive and enthusiasm all day. This promising start continued in the morning of the Wednesday opening meet at the Tomlinson family's Sunnyside Farm. In dry and warm conditions we had a tight, fast hunt. Unfortunately, in the afternoon everyone (including your staff) declined to go on the best hunt as eight couple slipped away from Boggle Hole unseen - even by the car followers. (You thought it was impossible? - so did I!)

Saturday, 7th November saw us well entertained at the Mano House and afterwards in the hunting field. I ran say this with some confidence - by 2.30 only three stalwart ladies remained the remainder of the field having gone home, certainly not cut of boredom! The Martell estate hosted us nearly all day. In warm conditions hounds hunted neatly and with some confidence on tight, twisting foxes.

No long points to report to you, but hounds have on occasions covered great distances - unfortunately on very tight running foxes.

Limerick

*The Chairman, Masters and Members of the
Hunt wish all farmers and landowners a very
happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year*

Recession, E.R.M., C.A.P., Gatt, Maastricht, Major, E.E.C.

Do you ever get totally confused by all these initials? Does anyone ever explain what they are all about? It is assumed that we all know.

Recession: rhymed with depression and has about the same effect.

ERM.: A Government's Easy Road to Money.

C.A.P.: Could be Andy, the Sheepdog, or does it fit?

Gatt: Message left at home, gone away to town, back in a few years.

Maastricht: A town perhaps, but could be a weapon or a threat.

Major: The effect is rather minor.

E.E.C.: Easy entry to confusion.

Thank goodness for hunting, where there is little change. Where is the money coming from?? Can I pay my subscriptions, will the horse stay sound, will there be any scent, good days, bad days, the same every year.

I am sure the same worries featured during the great depression and after the war, but hunting

survives because of the love of the countryside by all those many thousands of people involved in it upkeep, be they farmers or sportsmen.

If you really care about something, you really look after it no matter what all there "instar experts" (who seem to have appeared suddenly out of the woodwork) have to say. The very countryside that has become a so called "problem" only there because of the very people who live in it and from it.

It is vital that all countrymen force themselves and stand up and speak out against this ill informed and narrow minded minority who hogged the mass media. We are not confused and never have been but we have not told anyone so yet.

So now is the time to seize every opportunity to speak up for the countryside where tradition; occupations are its lifeblood.

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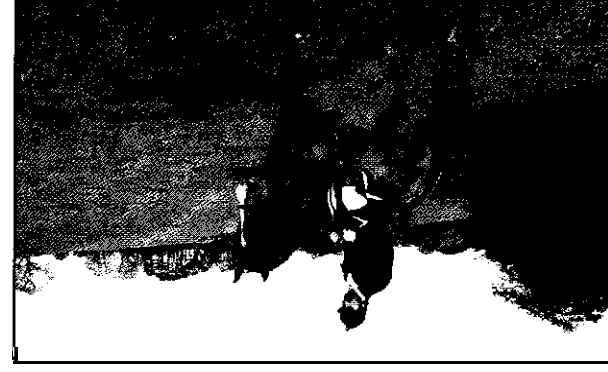
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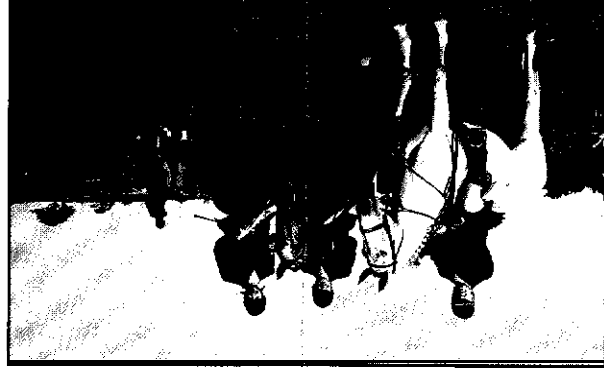
The 'E' Team



Maurice with his favourite hound 'Racey'



Kenny 'The Leaf' trying to do dressage



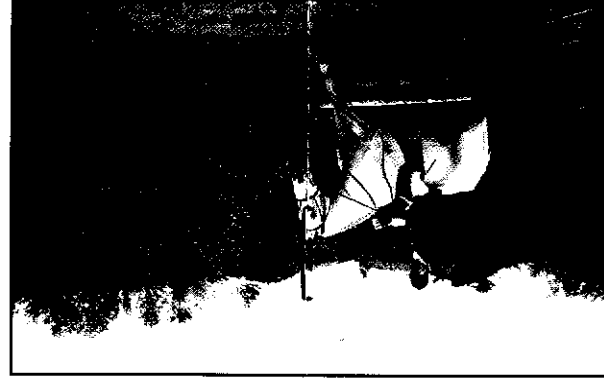
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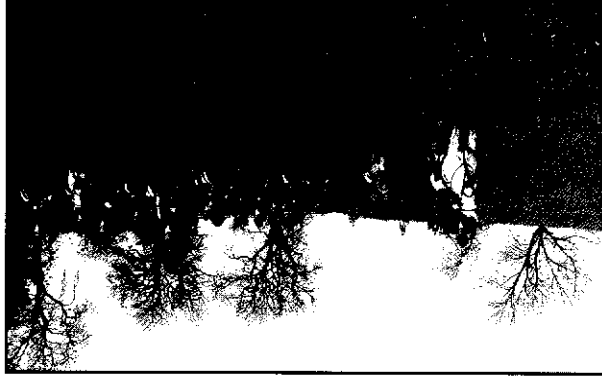
Bobby and Bobo in action



Double U-A (T. Scott, owned by John Hope) takes a tumble in the Derek McVickers Adj. Confined Maiden Race, Tranwell, April, 1992



Style ... as always



Saturday Field get started ...



MEET DATES

Monday, Dec. 21	BARLOW
Wednesday, Dec. 23	ROWLEY
6 ✓ Saturday, Dec. 26	QUEEN'S HEAD, LANCHESTER
Monday, Dec. 28	BROAD OAK
Wednesday, Dec. 30	EAST EDMONDSLEY FARM, Pony Club
Friday, Jan. 1	SATLEY, PUNCH BOWL
Monday, Jan. 4	CROWN & CROSSED SWORDS, SHOTLEY BRIDGE
Wednesday, Jan. 6	LORD BUTES CROSSROADS
Saturday, Jan. 9	THE ROSE & CROWN, SLALEY
Wednesday, Jan. 13	HIGH STOOP
Saturday, Jan. 16	FOUR SEASONS (THE BAIRNS)
7 ✓ Wednesday, Jan. 20	JOLLY DROVERS, LEADCATE
Saturday, Jan. 23	SNODS
Wednesday, Jan. 27	BAAL HILL, BRANCEPETH
Saturday, Jan. 30	HEDLEY NORTH FARM
Wednesday, Feb. 3	LOW ROW
Saturday, Feb. 6	BROOMLEY

SOCIAL

19th DECEMBER

BRAES OF DEKWENT PONY CLUB DISCO, Snods Village Hall

27th DECEMBER

BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT v. WOLSINGHAM PHOENIX (Hockey)

Wolsingham Grammar School followed by liquid lunch at Bay Horse, Wolsingham. If anyone is interested in running off their Christmas turkey or getting away from kids/husband/wife, contact Phillip Walker, 0388 730262.

NOTICE TO RIDERS AND CAR FOLLOWERS

Owing to complaints from members of the public regarding the hold-up of traffic from riders and cars while out hunting, please can I ask co-operation from you all. Would riders please observe the BHS rule not to ride more than two abreast on the road. Cars are not to follow close in behind hounds and horses. Please, everybody help keep traffic moving. Acknowledge all through traffic – it helps the reputation of foxhunting.

M. G. Miller

CAMPAIGN FOR HUNTING – Urgent

All contributions (£10) to the Campaign for Hunting are now overdue. If you have not paid please send a cheque payable to the Campaign for Hunting immediately to Mrs. R. E. Dale, The Old Presbytery, Minsteracres, Consett DH8 9RU. A list of those who have not paid will appear in the next *Braes News*.

M. G. Miller, Chairman