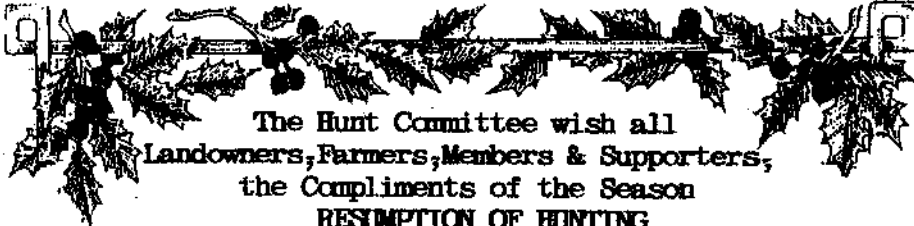


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No. 50 December 2001



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RESUMPTION OF HUNTING

D.E.F.R.A. announced on 15th November their proposals on the resumption of hunting; these proposals are now subject to a 3-week consultation period ending on the 7th December. Hunts and individuals will then be able to apply for licenses with a view to restarting hunting around the 17th December. The resumption of hunting will require the issue of Licenses from DEFRA to hunts that are within "Clean Counties".

The MFHA suspension of hunting, (enforced prior to Government restrictions); remains in place until MFHA conditions for resumption have been agreed and issued. Unfortunately the North of England is not a "Clean Area" at this time and licenses will not be issued within the DEFRA guidelines to allow the resumption of hunting in our Area. However, when all of the above criteria are met the most important part of the process will commence, - permission being sought from the Landowners and Farmers over whose land we hunt.

Although not in a position to apply for a license to resume hunting, the members of BDH Committee wish to visit all Landowners and Farmers within our country. The purpose being to canvass for opinions on the resumption of hunting to ensure we fully understand concerns prior to considering any date for resumption. We look forward to seeing you in the weeks ahead.

The present Committee wish to acknowledge and thank the previous Joint Mastership: Mrs Josephine Aldridge, Miss Gillian Clifford, and Mr Alan Gibson for all the hard work and effort they have put into the Braes of Derwent Hunt.

ALAN CHAPMAN, Chairman & Acting Master BDH

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Editor's comment

*MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR ADVERTISERS who have made the production and distribution of "Braes News" possible.

*And I am enclosing below a letter from BDESC Member:-

Mrs Barbara Sinclair
Crook, Willington,

"Mrs Sinclair would like to thank all concerned for the wonderful weekend she and her sister had in Paris, which was won in the "Braes Valentine Raffle". And a special thank you to the Mason family for donating such a super prize."MIG

** "MARCH ON THE MOUND" ** SCOTLAND - THE WATSON BILL TO BAN HUNTING

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BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Was held at 8 p.m. in the Barley Hill W.I. Hall on 24th October, and the following are extracts of the Minutes which may be of general interest to Members and Supporters.

Following Apologies for Absence, Obituaries List and Minutes of last year's meeting, read out by Hon. Secretary Mrs E A Benson, who has been in post for some 19 years now, Mrs Benson announced she would be retiring. At this point, her successor Mrs Julie Ross thanked Mrs Benson for all her hard work and efforts, & presented a floral tribute on behalf of the Hunt Committee and Members.

The Hunt Chairman and Acting Master Mr Alan Chapman outlined the difficulties experienced since the F & M outbreak in February, and advised that our Huntsman Mr Simon Robinson was the only full-time person employed by the Hunt, and that he had been assisted in many of his duties by "volunteers" without whom the situation would have been much more difficult to cope with.

Thanks were expressed to everyone who had helped with Fund-Raising, time given at Kennels, and to Farmers, Landowners, Members, Supporters and friends, - especially those who had participated in the "hound sponsorship" scheme organised by Tom Coulson. This has enabled hounds to be fed during the past months, and in future until we can hopefully 'return to normal'!

Russell Ross Chairman of the Point to Point Committee was hopeful of a really good turn-out on 14th April, 2002 when we will try and put this year's cancellation behind us so his Committee is looking for as many people as possible to help with Course Duties, and Catering. He also announced P/P Secretary Annette Stenner is retiring, and Mr Steve Sinclair of East Herrington would take over.

Mrs Anne Dale, Hon. Treasurer had produced Accounts for the 2000/2001 Season, these were distributed to those present, reviewed, and questions taken.

Then Mr Mike Coxon explained from Finance Committee that recent Hunt expenses had been met from social events held from March to date & thanked all who had helped in every way.

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A.G.M. Extracts Continued...

On the subject of Subscriptions he explained in an attempt to cover on-going employment costs, sustain horse and hound liabilities, plus other vital general running expenses required, the Committee are suggesting Members commence paying subscriptions NOW at say £30 per month by Direct Debit, or whatever manageable set amount was possible. These payments would be taken into consideration against next Season's Subscriptions.

Two new Members were elected to the Hunt Committee - Mr David Smith - Member, and Mr Anthony Crozier, Farmer. (Dave Smith you will recall is the person who created the "Braes Website", so sending the Braes 'round the world.) The full list of Hunt Committee Members are listed at the end of this section.

Many will recall Mr Maurice Miller retired last year as Hunt Chairman, and during the previous months a presentation fund has been operating, so it was with grateful thanks that the Hunt Chairman Mr Chapman and Committee were able to present Maurice at this A.G.M. with a memento in recognition of his long and faithful service. (a silver photograph frame engraved with Braes Mask and Whip).

The Present Committee Members are as follows:-

MR ALAN CHAPMAN, Chairman and Acting Master

MR PHILIP WALKER Vice-Chairman & Field Master (Co-opted)

MRS ANNE DALE Hon. Treasurer

MRS JULIE ROSS Hon. Secretary

MR KEITH ANDERSON Field Master (Co-opted)

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MR FRANK WHITFIELD "

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MR KEITH HARRISON "

MR ANTHONY CROZIER "

MR ALASTAIR BARNETT Chairman BDHSC (Co-opted)

MR RUSSEL ROSS Chairman Point/Point Committee (Co-opted)

MR MIKE COXON, Finance (Co-opted)

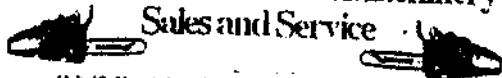
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Many thanks to Tom Coulson who has put so much effort into getting the hound sponsorship scheme "off the ground" - as we explained in the Summer for the sum of £36 everyone participating in the arrangement would be making a vast contribution towards the feeding of hounds in the desperate situation our Huntsman had to deal with in recent months. In addition to the most important aspect of literally "feeding hounds", it was possible to make a monthly "draw", so that someone would have the chance of winning £36. Well, yes this did happen, but (to date), the first three draw winners, all generously gave back their prize to the main fund. So many thanks, Mrs Armstrong, Mr Hurle, and Mr & Mrs Painter. During the Spring and Summer, our Huntsman Simon Robinson who is the only full-time Hunt Employee at present has been kept very busy trying to keep hounds fit and well, and with the assistance of many valued "volunteers" walked out, exercised and disciplined hounds in very constraining circumstances, (ready for the day we can return to normality!). Simon particularly wants to express his appreciation to everyone who has helped, including all the people who have "painted" and generally "repaired all kinds of things" where required. Of course due to the local restriction problems it was inappropriate to hold a "Puppy Show" this year, but as you would expect "life carries on", and the young entry were generously taken on by Puppy Walkers as usual, who especially this year have made such a contribution in providing the care and attention required in the early stage of hound development. So, - just waiting for the "OFF" now! MIG



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Serves 4

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15 ml/1 tbsp Oil

4 Pork chops

Salt and pepper

150 ml/¼ pt Whisky

150 ml/¼ pt Beef Stock (page 24)

25 g/1 oz Soft brown sugar

15 ml/1 tbsp French mustard

5 ml/1 tsp Cornflour

15 ml/1 tbsp Water

Melt the butter with the oil and fry the chops until browned on both sides, then season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the whisky and simmer until the aroma subsides, then stir in the stock, sugar and mustard, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 15 minutes until the chops are cooked. Mix the cornflour and water and stir it into the sauce, cooking until the sauce thickens.



Spiced fruit punch

- 1 bottle of port, or sherry
- 1 can orange juice (19 fl oz)
- 1 can pineapple juice (19 fl oz)
- about 1 pint white wine
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 strips of lemon peel
- 1-inch piece of stick cinnamon
- 2 oranges (sliced)

Method

Put all the ingredients except the sliced oranges into a large pan. Simmer for 3-4 minutes. Remove lemon peel and cinnamon stick, pour into punch bowl, add orange slices. Serve with a ladle into warm glasses.

OBITUARIES

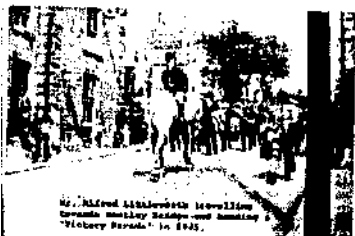
JOSEPH LAWSON GREEN: It is with sadness we report the death of 'Larry' Green, a staunch supporter of the Braes of Derwent Hunt. Larry passed away in University Hospital Durham on 4th November. He will certainly be missed by many. In his working life, Larry was a commercial traveller in the ceramics industry, and the following is a poem written by him on his own retirement:-

"A piece of card, a pen, some ink, a word or two to make you think.
Of happier times that lie ahead, once you've left that dreary bed.
Forget the past, its deeds are done, a better life has now begun.
Goodbye sales, goodbye work ties, welcome blessing in disguise.
Goodbye damned ceramic tiles! Appointments, phone calls, office files.
Time to stand, to stare, to think-a piece of card, a pen, some ink.
Profound few words, and a large part of his "new life" was his hunting.

EDWARD TALLENTYRE: "Ted" Tallentyre was another keen Hunt Supporter, who loved his hunting, mounted and latterly car-following. It was a happy alternative to his years as a Conservative Derwentside Councillor for the Lanchester Ward. Ted and his wife were long-serving Officials of the Lanchester Annual Agricultural Show Society, and will be missed very much. Our sympathies go to all the families.

D HOME HORSC.

Braes Web Site Update



Mr Alfred Littlejohn travelling through Halloway Ridge and hunting a 'Hobby Horse' in 1925.

Since being launched in March last year the BOD web site has been "visited" by people from as far a field as New Zealand and Australia and nearly all of the resulting messages have been with a positive view on hunting. The total number of "hits" is fast approaching 15,000 with an average of nearly 50 per day. The content of the site is now quite large including a selection of historic pictures and a brief history of the Braes. If you have access to a computer make sure you visit the site by typing the following text into the address area of your web browser <http://www.braes-of-derwent.com>

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NORTHERN POINT-TO-POINT ASSOCIATION FIXTURE LIST 2002

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sunday 20th	WEST PERCY	Alnwick
<u>FEBRUARY</u>		
Sunday 3rd	JEDFOREST	Kelso
Sunday 17th	COLLEGE VALLEY/N.NORTH 'LD	Alnwick
Sunday 24th	BERWICKSHIRE	Kelso
<u>MARCH</u>		
Saturday 2nd	TYNEDALE	Corbridge
Saturday 9th	CUMBERLAND FARMERS	Dalston
Sunday 17th	NORTHERN P-P AREA CLUB	Musselburgh
Saturday 23rd	DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH	Kelso
Easter Sat.30th	PERCY	Alnwick
<u>APRIL</u>		
Easter Mon.1st	MORPETH	Tranwell
Sunday 7th	DUMFRIESSHIRE	Lockerbie
Sunday 14th	BRAES OF DERWENT	Corbridge
Sunday 21st	FIFE	Balcormo Mains
Saturday 27th	EGLINTON, LANARK & RENFREWSH	Ayr
<u>MAY</u>		
Sunday 5th	LAUDERDALE	Mosshouses
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BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT SUPPORTERS CLUB

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AT ROYAL DERWENT HOTEL, 21.10.01: Many thanks to all who sold tickets for the above event, and helped to make this a sell-out plus! -- it was a well-supported wonderful evening & a meeting of good friends. Special thanks to all who provided Raffle prizes, and especially to Mr and Mrs Gordon Minto who generously donated a "monster goodies hamper", which was drawn separately, and won by Diane Chapman. Thanks everyone. **NANCY CHAPMAN - BDHSC**

2001/2002 SUBSCRIPTIONS: It was agreed at the recent BDHSC AGM Subscriptions would remain at existing levels, i.e.-£2 per person, or £5 to include "Braes News". So if you have not already renewed, pls. send your cheque to our Treasurer as soon as you can:- **MRS MARGARET SMALES:**

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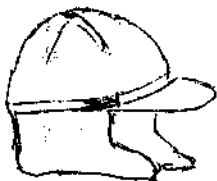
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- 19.1.02. BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT BALL: at RAMSIDE HALL HOTEL Tks.from Angela Moralee (01388-746315)
- 11.1.02. BDHSC DARTS NIGHT AT PUNCH BOWL, SATLEY, PIs.Call Andrea Hodgeson on 01207-255230 to enter teams.
- 16.2.02. "STARS IN YOUR EYES" AT CONSETT CIVIC CENTRE
Tks £7 fm Linda Philipson 01207545686 or Julie Ross 01207-503614
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9.3.02 BDHSC SOCIAL NIGHT AT St Aidens Hall,
Blackhill Tks: from Margaret Smales 01207-509255
- 30.3.02 BDH PROMISE AUCTION: at BLACKFYNE COLLEGE, CONSETT: ANYONE WISHING TO PLEDGE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES FOR THE AUCTION,& OR TICKETS PLS. CALL RUSSELL ROSS ON 01207-503614.
- 14.4.02. BDH POINT TO POINT AT DOWNHILLS COURSE, 
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- POSTPONED BDHSC CLAY PIGEON SHOOT Due to local 
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BDHSC TERRIER SHOW AT KENNELS, Tel.Andrea
Hodgeson for Entry details,on 01207-255230

10.8.01.BDHSC ANNUAL FOREST RIDE:

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