

BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT NEWS

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Point-to-Point

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2002, at DOWNHILLS, CORBRIDGE

Please make a note in your diary now to keep 14th April free and come along to the 'Braes' Point to Point for a great and exciting day out.

CAR PASSES:

Would Landowners and Non-Hunting Farmers, please apply to Point to Point Hon. Secretary Mr Steve Sinclair for Car-Parking Tickets NOW on telephone No. 0191-5202170, or Mobile: 0771-0900017. Thank You.

CATERING & COURSE ASSISTANCE: Everyone will appreciate the enormity of organising such an event, and in view of the many tasks to be undertaken to make everything run smoothly on the day, the Committee are inviting anyone who can spare a few hours, or indeed part or all day to assist with on-course services. Assistance is required in all areas, such as Course Duties, Race Card Sales, Parking, and Refreshments. Please Call Steve Sinclair (numbers as above). (Val Armstrong will again be co-ordinating Catering and Bar facilities with the BHDSC), so if anyone is able to help in any way, please ring Val on 01661-844277; The more volunteers we have for all services would mean those people agreeing to help need not be on duty all day, and would get an opportunity to view some of the action.

NEW "TRACK-SIDE" PARKING FACILITY:

As we explained previously there is a new limited car parking arrangement, and those people wanting to take advantage of the new "track-side" car park facility, at £10 per car, (plus £5 per person), should book their places urgently. Tickets are being sold in advance and can be obtained from Russell Ross on 01207-503614 or Steve Sinclair on 0191-5202170.

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"BRAES TOTE"

This new facility will be located close to the Catering Services.

"Tidy and Clear Up Day" Yes, something that must be done after the event! The Committee would be grateful to anyone who can spare the time to help on Monday 15th April. P/P COMM.

BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT

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HUNTING SEASON 2002

The Members of the Hunt would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all who have allowed hunting to take place in February and March of this year. This thank-you extends to the Farmers and Landowners who allowed us to hunt in very wet and difficult times in the Countryside, and to D.E.F.R.A. staff in the issue of Licenses to Hunt.

Thanks also to the many members who assisted in making this possible in a very "condensed Hunting Season". We look forward to next season's hunting, when we hope all conditions are much improved.

B.D.H. MEMBERS.

Below is a brief summary of the few days of Hunt Meets it was possible to enjoy after such a previously dreadful 12 months for so many people who live and work in the countryside:

SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, EBCHESTER, 'MARLEY TILES' It was a pleasant morning, with a mounted field of around 30. About 3 brace of foxes a-foot. It was a busy day through "The Rush", and onto Apperley, with foxes skirting the "DEFRA" boundaries to East and West, but everyone was pleased to have started!

WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, HURBUCK COTTAGES A field of 18 and eager followers watched as hounds hunted the valley from Lanchester to Knitsley Mill. 2½ brace were spotted, again huntsman and hounds struggling to keep within DEFRA boundaries, and 1 fox was accounted for at the end of the day.

SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, WEST MINSTERACRES A pleasant day with 4 or 5 foxes hunted - hounds went well and may have dispatched one fox, but no evidence could be found.

WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY, OLIVER FORD HOUSE. It was half term, and it was good to see the "younger generation" out enjoying the fine day. It was a busy day Hunting a number of foxes through 'Nannies Incline' and Wakerley Fell, which provided some excellent viewing for field and car-followers.

SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY BROADOAK It was a reasonably fine day, hounds found early and hunted about 3 brace in the quarry, one being accounted for.

Hunting Report Continued...

WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY GREENWELL, TOW LAW It was wet and windy, making conditions difficult, but our hardy Huntsman continued to provide a busy day hunting 2 or 3 brace, although with only a small portion of the draws hunted.

WEDNESDAY, 27th February KNITSLEY MILL, First, many thanks to Les Smith for his hospitality to get us all off to a good start. It was a very busy day with lots of foxes, resulting in a brace accounted for after running through Woodlands Park, Knitsley, Hownsgill and onto Rowley.

FRIDAY 1st MARCH HARELAW Another generous "send-off" by our hosts Alan and Lorna Gibson, and although there were many foxes a-foot, due to restrictions, it was a busy day in "tight surroundings", with a brace accounted for.

MONDAY 4th MARCH BARLOW A fine day! and after another good start to the day kindly provided by Linda and Alan, there were a few foxes about, which resulted in a brace being accounted for late in the day.

WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH BRANDON A very hospitable start at Peter Harle's "Local", but it was a very windy and difficult day, however we were on the move all day, and the area provided some excellent viewing at times. There were a few foxes hunted, which resulted in a brace accounted for. And on this day we had a visit from our Hunt Monitor (M.F.H. Assn).

SATURDAY 9th MARCH THE SNODS This was a re-arranged meet with loads of country to try. It was a very busy day with all the elements! - wind, rain, snow, and as cold as I can remember. At one time there were 3 brace of foxes about, and we hunted Blue House, Hammer Mill through to The "Royal Derwent", on to Black Hedley, Summerfield, Fine House and Shotley Field, all being covered on a good day.

SATURDAY 16th MARCH HEALEY CHURCH thanks to Louise and Maria and Members for a lovely Meet. It turned out to be a busy day hunting much of the Healey Estate, with a brace accounted for at the end of the day. That being the day the Braes were famous and given national Television coverage!

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THE BRAES OF DERWENT Many thanks are expressed to Noreen and Brian Bell, and

HUNT BALL Angela Moralee who again made tremendous efforts in organising and ticketing for the Ball at Ramside Hall

It was a great success and substantial profits were

And a message from an equestrian Mum, whose daughters have recently acquired the 'hunting-bug'...

At last we heard that hunting was to commence, much to the excitement of two of my daughters, Frances and Harriet but much to the trepidation of Mum! I once again had to ask Linda Philipson, (their adopted 'hunting Mum', if it was OK just to leave the children and pop back later to collect them - and as usual, Linda could not have been kinder - (not another babysitting day)! The big day arrived and the children were quite nervous, Mum got the lorry stuck (again), and the children had so many clothes on that it was quite difficult to ride. However manage they did and what a time they had! I can't thank the Members of the Braes of Derwent Hunt enough for the kindness shown to Frances and Harriet (the Troll); the time given to them explaining the reasons, techniques and calls of the Huntsmen and hounds - (these cries are continuing to be perfected daily, by next season they will drown the hounds out), and the enthusiasm and encouragement that was given to them and their ponies.

On behalf of all my family, I would like to thank The Braes and knowing the huge amount of effort that is put into the Hunt by the fund raising and organising Committees, we are all looking forward to the Autumn with confidence. SUSAN MOISER, South Causey Equestn. Ctr.

COLLECTION OF FALLEN STOCK

D.E.F.R.A. have recently confirmed that hunts may now pick up from various farms without returning to the Kennels between each visit. It is the Braes of Derwent Hunt's intention to carry out collection by this method provided farmers are happy with this.

Pick-up points should be as near to the boundary of the farm as practicable. If any farmer objects to this would you please make kennel staff aware of this when notifying of the collection. Cattle under 24 months can only be collected.

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FOR THE RECORD

The BDH were invited to the Zetland Inter-hunt Show Jumping Challenge competition held at Stainsby Grange Equestrian Centre last month, and won the event!

Our thanks and congratulations go to the team of Keith Anderson, John Brannen, Julie Chapman, Lynda Davies, Rachell Marley & Linda Philipson, who gamely set out at very short notice on a horrible, windy, rain-stormed evening - just what you wanted after a hard day's work!

Not only did they win the competition, but the highlight of the night was a cracking performance by John Brannen who out-jumped the BSJA maximum height to win the high jump class. Well done everybody.

BDISC DARTS MATCH: This competition was held at the Punch Bowl, Satley in January and was won by the Haydon Hunt Team, "Blanchland" were runners-up.

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By

Christopher Curtis

Are you saddle-bound hunters just waiting until
The last flash of scarlet has gone from the hill?
When the last horn has sounded, the last hound has cried,
Will you wait till the echo has finally died?



Standing all in a line will you shooters just wait
For the end of your sport in commons debate?
Will you wait till the moors and the coverts are bare,
Until only the magpies and crows take the air?



Can it be that you fishermen don't give a jot
If your fishing's allowed to continue or not?
Will you wait till its prison, or maybe a fine,
When you're seen catching tiddlers or casting a line?



If you run with the beagles or fishing's your fun,
If you course with a whippet or shoot with a gun,
If you hunt from a car, on your feet, or are mounted,
For God's sake don't sit there-**STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.**
(Another 'gem' by Bob Morgan)

Braes of Derwent Hunt
Supporters' Club



"BDHSC 100 CLUB" Winners Nov'01-Mar'02

- NOVEMBER 2001 - Mr T Coulson
 DECEMBER " - Mrs L Kristiansen
 JANUARY 2002 - Mr W Bleamings
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And don't forget you may join the "100 Club" at any time. (Obviously instead of £12 which is the yearly renewal subscription, due each October, anyone joining in April would only pay £6 which would take you up to renewal in October.) If you would like to join, just ring our Treasurer Mrs Margaret Smales on 01207-509266.

"BDH SUPPORTERS CLUB"

In addition anyone wishing to join the BDHSC may do so at any time. The current yearly Membership fee is £5 per person which covers Membership and includes "Braes News". Usually Braes News is issued 3 times per year in October, December and February in order to carry hunting meet dates and social events, so all Landowners, Farmers Members and Supporters are aware of the Hunt's activities within our country. However as you will all appreciate the last year has been anything but "usual", and the Committee are issuing the April edition in order to keep everyone up to date with our own and neighbouring organisations social events throughout the coming Spring and Summer months. Again Mrs Smales our Treasurer will be able to arrange this for you if you call the above number. Thank you. MIG

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| 14.4.02. | <u>BDH POINT TO POINT</u> at Downhills Course, Corbridge,
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| 17.4.02. | <u>'ORIENTAL EVENING'</u> at the Pavillion Cantonese Rest.
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| 28.4.02. * | <u>BDH COUNTRY FUN RIDE</u> Approx. 10 miles starting
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| 28.4.02 * | <u>BDH CLAY PIGEON SHOOT:</u> at Hownsgill Farm, Nr 
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| 9.5.02. | <u>WEARDALE & TEES VALLEY BEAGLES:</u> PROMISE AUCTION at
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| 18.5.02. | <u>BDH/SUNNYSIDE RIDING CLUB QUIZ & SUPPER NIGHT</u> at
'Huntley Wells' Winlaton Mill. Tks from Linda
Philipson, 01207-545686 |
| 2.6.02. | <u>BDHSC TERRIER SHOW</u> AT Kennels, Telephone Andrea
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| JULY 2002 | <u>BDH ANNUAL BBQ:</u> Date & Venue to be confirmed -
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| JULY/AUG '02 | <u>BDH SHOW AT SOUTH CAUSEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE,</u> Date
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| 10.8.02. | <u>BDHSC FOREST RIDE:</u> For details & Schedules Call
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