



The end of the year is upon us again!

Thank you for your time & support through 2008. We have a fantastic group and have had a busy year.

Important dates

- Last Saturday riding day – December 6th
- Last Thursday riding day – December 11th
- Christmas party – combined groups Saturday December 13th
- First Saturday ride 2009 – 7th February
- First Thursday ride 2009 – 12th February
- Saturday March 14th 2009 – Regional games day at Cambridge!

We've had a request to inform you of the committee members and their duties again, so I have dug into the photo archive (lucky to have a photographer as a husband) and have dug some absolute crackers out for you!

PRESIDENT: Sue Duncan 07 827 8788



Our super leader who ends up doing anything and everything that the rest of us can't seem to do! Even managed to fit being our "pres" in amongst doing her final midwifery exams! What a women?

SECRETARY: Deirdre Grant 07 854 7130

The person behind the RDA paperwork! Someone has to do the minutes for our meetings and make sure things are done on time. De is also our rider representative so all rider queries to her.



TREASURER: Angela Geddes 07 823 6605



The lady who ensures the bills get paid and we can afford to function. Ange collects all the membership and rider fees and is our farm/horse manager. A very busy lady!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Hilary McPherson 07 827 6804

Any potential volunteer enquiries go to Hilary. She makes sure all the new members to our team feel welcome, and does a great job organising the volunteers for riding days.



FUNDRAISING COORDINATORS: Hayley Wilson & Rachel Leatham

A new committee member this year, Hayley brings enthusiasm and optimism to our team. She is helping out Rachel with fundraising at the moment. She has developed our RDA website with the assistance of one of our junior volunteers, Nicole Lovett. Heather Derbyshire is also on the fundraising team. Any ideas about fundraising or comments about the website, their ears are open!





ASSISTANT COACH – Vanessa Donnelly

Another super enthusiast- full of ideas for riding classes! Vanessa has done some of the assistant coaching training and keeps me (Kat) inspired! She has been the chief organiser and motivator for the Thursday riding classes.



COMMITTEE: Beth Smith



No official title but Beth does a great job of reminding us what a wonderful group of people we work with at Cambridge RDA! Always welcoming, always committed, always in 100%!

COACH: Kat Roberts (roberts@farmside.co.nz)



I'm the Saturday coach. Any queries about new riders can come to me or Vanessa. Carol Penman has joined our Cambridge team this term from Te Awamutu. Carol coaches on Tuesday with Te Awamutu and coaches with us on Thursdays.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ho! Ho! Ho! It's that time again! This year as we are having a combined Christmas party but the kids aren't going to ride at the Christmas party, as there are so many now! There will be games, food, fun (perhaps a parent's ride again!) and perhaps a special guest! It will be great for our Thursday and Saturday groups to mix and mingle too! From 10AM. Bring a plate to share for lunch.

CAR RALLY

To all the parents riders, volunteers and committee who came along to the car rally on Saturday – thank you again. We think we raised approximately \$10,000. This is the start of a long journey of fundraising for our indoor arena.



REGIONAL GAMES DAY

14th March 2009 here at Cambridge RDA!

Please let Kat or Vanessa know if you are wanting to ride. Start time 10am. There will be a dressage test, a cross country ride and a couple of games. Our committee is organizing the event so we need to know numbers ASAP. If there are any parents/carers that are willing to help organize the event please let one of the committee know. Remember we came Runner up last year so we want 2009 to be one better! We will most likely run evening practice rides once school starts back, like we have in previous years. If you are interested please let us know.

A big thanks to the Genesis team for donating their volunteer day to Cambridge RDA! A huge effort from you



***all for tidying the place up, painting the bus shelters, weeding, mowing etc
Thanks to Beth for organizing this too!***

Welcome to Paki – he's the new boy on the block! If you haven't met Paki yet, he is just lovely – a big BIG softie! Will have photos next time ☺

We also have said Goodbye to Misty and Paddy 2 for the moment. They have gone home to spend time with Rachel and her family. A big thanks to both of them for their commitment to the RDA team.

Before next year starts...

We plan on meeting with the Saturday riders, parents and volunteers before the year begins to come up with some goals for the riders to achieve. The aim of this is to keep riders challenged, volunteers enthused and parents aware of what their child is achieving. This will probably be a week before riding classes start and there won't be any riding on this day, as the horses distract us!

We also plan on doing a bit of a reshuffle with the Saturday riders, as some have swapped to Thursday riding and some riders have improved and need to change class. We have also had some horse changes which require some thinking.

See you at the Christmas Party!