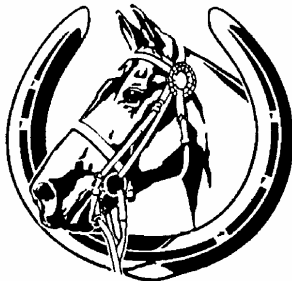


# STAFFORDSHIRE BHS



**The British Horse Society**

Registered Charity No. 210504

## **SUMMER 2006 NEWSLETTER**

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## Advanced Notice

### **BHS Staffs Annual Meeting**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 8pm  
at the Royal Oak, Gnosall

All BHS Staffs members are invited to attend.  
Please come along and find out more about your  
Staffs Area Committee

To register your interests in attending, contact:

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## Website News

The BHS Midlands website has recently been re-designed to be more in keeping with the BHS National website. Take a look at the new website at [www.bhsmidlands.org.uk](http://www.bhsmidlands.org.uk).

Any feedback or suggestions for improvements should go to Alison Curtis [ali@bhsmidlands.org.uk] who is the BHS Midlands Webmaster.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Plenty to mention as we go into the summer. Our Horse Owners Level 2 course went well following on from Level 1 last year and it was good to help genuine horse owners seeking some advice and refresher knowledge on all the day to day areas. Also a success was our inaugural safety and access evening in March which gave members a chance to speak to the experts on all to do with gaining access and improving access to bridleways and where to ride near them and anything to do with riding safely particularly on the road. Thanks to our speakers Brian Smith and Eileen Foy and to all the committee members who gathered together half a rainforest of information leaflets and equipment for those attending. We plan to do similar events in the future and first off will be next autumn so keep an eye on the next newsletter for details.

In this newsletter we have made a point of keeping you up to date on all the work going on, including bridleways and access, the work on Cannock Chase alongside the cyclists and with the forestry commission and a regional update. Hopefully this will give you a flavour of the work constantly going on in Staffordshire by our committee for the good of the horse and horse interests in all areas. If you want to help and get involved please get in touch – we would love to hear from you!

Looking ahead, we have our annual summer show on Marquis Drive on the Chase following on from the success of last year's show. The schedule is enclosed and we look forward to seeing you there, we have show jumping, dressage and showing and as last year look to help those who have limited competition experience throughout the day. Again if you want to help we need a lot of volunteers to run the day!

Details of the next Annual Meeting also in this newsletter and we very much hope you can make it to Gnosall as we look to move the venue around our large County and hear first hand what is going on and contribute yourselves. We are currently working with BHS Proprietors to set up a forum in Staffordshire for sharing best practice and working together more for support which is another exciting development and more on that as it develops.

So have a great Summer, keep in touch with our committee and we look forward to working with you on all the areas covered and seeing you at future events.

Marcus Clinton, BHS Staffs County Chairman

## **ACCESS & BRIDLEWAYS REPORT**

Riders using the Sabrina way last year, reported problems with gates being either hung on string or not hung at all. This problem was mainly in Narrowdale which is in Alstonefield parish. Four field gates are required. An initiative has been launched to fund the purchase and fitting of these gates involving the BHS Staffordshire committee, Staffordshire Moorlands Bridleways Group, the Peak Park Authority and the County Council. Hopefully the work will commence shortly. A further problem on the Sabrina way is the erecting of a parallel barbed wire fence, which is unlawful, erected by the Environment Agency. We have asked the County Council to use its powers to get the fence removed.

A further problem is in Teddersley Park where the way shown on the route map of the Sabrina Way is, and I understand, always has been, obstructed. It appears that there is a possibility that this route should not have been a bridleway at all. Efforts are being made to sort out the problem. In the meantime, riders wishing to use the Sabrina Way can divert using the track from map reference ST 93601545 to Teddersley Home Farm, there joining the bridleway going north until you rejoin at ST95331689 (or the other way round of course). This is with landowner's permission. You must ring Mr. Lees on 07776301334 to get a gate unlocked for your passage through.

We are having difficulty in getting the County Council to accept ancient highway status. This is a way of bypassing the twenty year queue of definitive map modification orders. We are to consult with Stoneleigh about a legal approach which may make them look at the matter again.

We are pleased to report that after four years of trying to get Bridleway 66 in Dimmingsdale brought into repair, the Council have now issued the work sheet for work to commence.

Any one with bridleway problems please get in touch with me. I may not be able to get the job done myself, but may be able to advise you on the way forward.

Brian Smith.

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## **Summer Show Schedule**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

**Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase**

**FOLLOW THE BROWN SIGNS TO THE VISITOR  
CENTRE AND THEN THE YELLOW BHS SIGNS**

**Classes start at 10am sharp!**

## Show Rules

1. All competitors must wear riding hats that comply with current safety regulations chinstraps must be fastened. Riding attire must be clean and smart; jodhpurs or breeches to be worn. Riding boots, or jodhpur boots in the case of children, must be worn.
2. No entry will be accepted without the appropriate fee having been paid. Entry fees will be taken on the ground.
3. The Organiser of the event, The British Horse Society, reserves the right to:
  - a) cancel any class or event;
  - b) divide combine any class(es);
  - c) transfer competitors between sections of a class;
  - d) alter the advertised times;
  - e) refuse any entry;
  - f) ask any person to leave the showground.
4. The Organiser of the event has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the Health and Safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to prevent and avoid accidents. The instructions of the officials and stewards of the Organiser must be obeyed. Horses/ponies must not be taken into the 'Horse Free Area'.
5. No Spurs to be worn by Juniors in showing classes.
6. Competitors are responsible for reporting to their classes. The Organiser cannot be held responsible for classes clashing.
7. The judges or stewards will disqualify any person who is, in their opinion, misusing a horse/pony or if the horse/pony is deemed unsound, or the tack unsafe.
8. No horse or pony under the age of 4 years will be permitted to compete in any ridden event.
9. Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Organiser, The British Horse Society, or any one for whom in law they are responsible, neither the Organiser of the event, the British Horse Society, to which these rules apply, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horse, owner rider or spectator, whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or any other way whatsoever.
10. Care must be taken that horses and ponies are confined to the designated areas and cantering is strictly forbidden outside the show ring. Anyone found doing so may be asked to leave the showground.
11. The judge's decision in all cases is final.
12. All dogs must be kept on a lead.

**RING 1 PONY JUMPING**

**START: 10.00am**

**CLASS 1            CRADLE STAKES                            Lead Rein accepted**

Riders 10 years or under on 01.01.06.  
Height of fences in first round: 1'6".

**CLASS 2            NOVICE PONY                            14.2hh and under**

Riders 16 years and under on 01.01.06.  
Height of fences in first round: 2'3".

**CLASS 3            INTERMEDIATE PONY                    14.2hh and under**

Riders 16 years and under on 01.01.06.  
Height of fences in first round: 2'6".

**CLASS 4            OPEN PONY                                14.2hh and under**

Riders 16 years and under on 01.01.06.  
Height of fences in first round: 2'9"

**RING 1 HORSE JUMPING**

**START: 12.30pm**

**CLASS 5            STARTER STAKES**

For the very nervous rider/horse. This class is to encourage the nervous. No jump will exceed 2'. Help will be on hand for those who need it.

**CLASS 6            NOVICE HORSE**

Height of fences in first round: 2'6".

**CLASS 7            INTERMEDIATE HORSE**

Height of fences in first round: 2'9".

**CLASS 8            OPEN HORSE**

Height of fences in first round: 3'.

*NB: Entries will be accepted in horse classes at 14.2hh if **NOT** entered in pony classes and ridden by rider over 16 on 01.01.06.*

**RING 2      SHOWING CLASSES      START 10.00am**

- CLASS 9**      **BEST TURNED OUT** (Junior and Senior)
- CLASS 10**      **BEST RIDDEN HORSE/PONY** (Junior and Senior)
- CLASS 11**      **FAMILY HORSE/PONY**  
(Cobs, Curlies and Woollies)
- CLASS 12**      **COLOURED/SPOTTED/PALOMINO/DUN** (Ridden)
- CLASS 13a**      **MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND (Small Breeds)**  
**CLASS 13b**      **MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND (Large Breeds)**  
(Classes to be combined if entry small)
- CLASS 14**      **BEST RIDDEN VETERAN** (15 years and above)
- CLASS 15**      **RIDDEN HUNTER TYPE PONY**
- CLASS 16**      **RIDDEN HUNTER TYPE HORSE**

**RING 2      NOVELTY CLASSES (After showing classes)**

- CLASS 17**      **DOG WITH WAGGIEST TAIL**
- CLASS 18**      **DOG MOST LIKE OWNER**
- CLASS 19**      **SCRUFFIEST PONY**
- CLASS 20**      **FRIENDLIEST PONY**
- CLASS 21**      **FANCY DRESS**  
(ALL AGES, SHAPES, AND SIZES OF HORSE/PONY AND RIDER)

**CLEAR ROUND FOR A POUND!**  
**THE CLEAR ROUND RING WILL BE OPEN FROM**  
**9.30AM UNTIL 3.00PM**

**UNAFFILIATED DRESSAGE COMPETITION**  
**Under British Dressage Rules**

**RING 5**                      **COMMENCING AT 10.00am**

**JUNIORS**                      Under 16 years on 01.01.06

**CLASS 22**                      Prelim 10

**CLASS 23**                      **Prelim 12**

**RING 5**                      **COMMENCING AT 1.00pm**

**SENIORS**

**CLASS 24**                      **Prelim 10**

**CLASS 25**                      **Prelim 12**

Entries for the dressage must be made no later than 30 June.  
We regret that no refund of entries can be made.

**NOTE:** No horse or pony may be ridden more than once in the same class.

For dressage times please ring Doug Smith on 07771 915020 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

Entries to:  
Doug Smith, 11 Belmont Avenue, Shoal Hill, Cannock, Staffs.  
WS11 1JQ

If space is available entries may be accepted on the day

# COMBINED TRAINING

Riders who wish to enter both dressage and show jumping classes may enter the combined training class.

The dressage class will stand alone.

The show jumping class will stand alone.

However, for those who wish to enter the combined training class, the first round will be marked twice – once as a conventional jumping class and once for the combined training class where points are taken off the dressage score for a fence down or a disobedience (refusal).

## COMBINED CLASSES

### DRESSAGE

### JUMPING

#### JUNIORS

**CLASS 22 (Prelim 10)**

**with**

**CLASS 2**

**CLASS 23 (Prelim 12)**

**with**

**CLASS 3**

#### SENIORS

**CLASS 24 (Prelim 10)**

**with**

**CLASS 6**

**CLASS 25 (Prelim 12)**

**with**

**CLASS 7**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO RING RE SHOW:**

- DOUG SMITH - 07771 915020
- LESLEY SIMMONS - 01785 665670
- MARCUS CLINTON – 07779 325308

**ENTRY FEES:**

**£5 FOR ALL CLASSES, EXCEPT:**

**DRESSAGE £7**

**COMBINED TRAINING £3 extra**

**i.e. £15 in total for 3 classes (£5+£7+£3)**

**NOVELTY CLASSES £3**

**CLEAR ROUND £2**

**STAFFORDSHIRE BHS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL JUDGES, SCRIBES AND HELPERS  
FOR THEIR SUPPORT—WITHOUT THEM THERE WOULD BE NO  
SHOW.**

**DON'T FORGET TO JOIN IN THE RDA RAFFLE  
The chance to win a Mitsubishi Shogun  
The BHS is proud to support the RDA**

# **WIN A £50 BHS BURSARY**

**OPEN TO ALL BHS MEMBERS (JOIN ON THE  
DAY)**

**JUDGED AND ANNOUNCED ON SHOW DAY**

**TWO RIDERS (NOT NECESSARILY THE  
WINNERS OF CLASSES) WILL EACH WIN A  
BHS BURSARY WORTH £50**

**WANTED - VOLUNTEERS!**

**Your Committee Needs YOU!**

to assist at our Summer Show (and other events)

Come and learn the ropes!

Help with stewarding – learn from the judges

Contact Marcus Clinton for more information

(☎) 01785 220330

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## **News from the Access and Riding and Road Safety Evening Held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

A successful Access and Road safety event was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at the Bull's head in Trentham. The event had two purposes:

- to allow people the opportunity to find out about the work done locally by BHS Access Officers and where to ride in their locality;
- to provide an opportunity to discuss road safety issues.

The event was attended by both BHS members and members of local Bridleway Groups. Brian Smith, Staffordshire Access Officer, gave a talk on work he was doing locally with regard to the problem area bridleways and this illustrated the depth of knowledge needed for this work. Throughout the evening there were DVDs playing with road safety issues and an opportunity to talk to Eileen Foy, the Road Safety Rep. Local saddleries also provided road safety gear which could be purchased at the event. There was also a very successful raffle and buffet.

### **Welfare Update:**

The BHS can give you leaflets on a large range of equine welfare issues. Your welfare representatives will be happy to bring some along to any event you may be organising. In April these free leaflets were well received at an equine table top sale and talk by a local vet on Laminitis, and this summer we will be making them available at shows in the area. We prefer the friendly approach so rather than stand behind a table, we will probably be handing them out whilst wandering around having a good look at all the horses we'd love to own!

Please remember this; though you may know all there is to know about Strangles/Colic/Worms etc. there maybe someone back at your yard whose horse may benefit from a leaflet you didn't really need.....feel free to take some to leave *'just lying around your tackroom'*. If you know someone who's buying or has recently bought their first horse, the BHS has a 'First Owner Pack' available free of charge and full of helpful information,

Best wishes and happy riding *Wendy Webb and Natalie Gill*

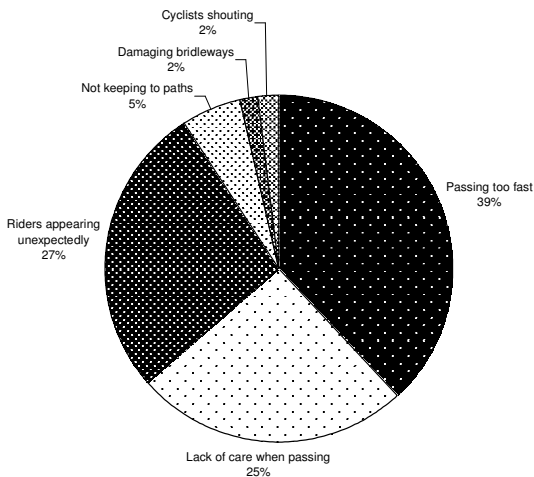
## Cannock Chase Update

Following the recent meeting with the Forestry Commission, a 'Drop In' day was held at the Birches Bridge Centre. The day was well attended by local riders and some interesting results emerged. We are following up with the Forestry to improve facilities for riders on the Chase.

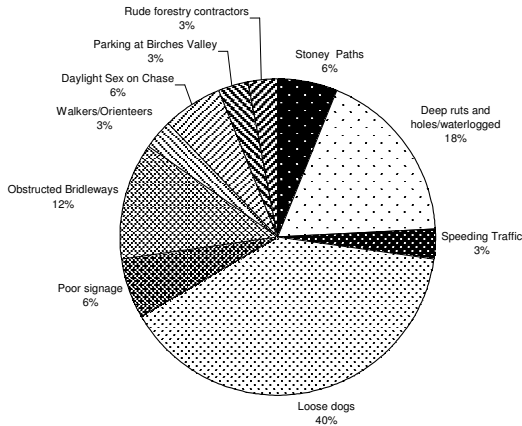
The planned day with the cyclists did not take place simply because of lack of support from horse riders. This was a missed opportunity and we shall be working towards holding such an event next year. The cyclists are very keen to participate and I think it would be a great pity if we did not make the most of the chance to improve the harmonious use of the Chase by all parties.

Below is a sample of the results from the 'Drop In' day

What problems do you have with cyclists?



## What other problems do you have on the Chase?



Further details will be given in future newsletters – and we would welcome your ideas and support. Working together, we can improve the situation. For instance, the BHS was instrumental in getting the maps of the Chase altered to show bridleways correctly.

[www.coursesforhorses.co.uk](http://www.coursesforhorses.co.uk).

Are you a proprietor of a riding school or livery yard in Staffordshire, West Midlands and East Shropshire? If so, Mary Stitson from Courses for Horses would like to hear from you. Mary is organising a proprietors' meeting to discuss matters of mutual concern:

- 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7.15 - 9.30 p.m. at The Catch Corner.  
(Turn off M6 at Junction 13 (Stafford South) on to A449 going towards Stafford. Pub is on right hand side just after the roundabout.)

In addition, Courses for Horses are running the following:

- Riding and Road Training (30<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July) and test 28<sup>th</sup> July (book directly through Courses for Horses)
- 2 day Equine Specific First Aid course – 16/17<sup>th</sup> August.

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