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To all friends and supporters

I would like to begin this newsletter with a sincere "Thank you" to all those of you who have supported us through what has been a very difficult year for many people. As most of you are aware, Chigwell Riding Trust can only continue with your support and whether that support is financial or time given it is vital to the running of the riding centre.

We were very fortunate to have a visit from HRH the Princess Royal on 30th September in celebration of the RDA's 40th anniversary. Although her visit was brief it included meeting the trustees and the riders. She then presented long service awards to 42 of our volunteers which ranged from 5 years up to Marilyn Gamble's incredible 39 years.



Fund raising 2009 included many of our regular events - The Rotary Club of Loughton and Buckhurst Hill Race Night was very popular. The Art and Craft Fair attracted many exhibitors and visitors and Open Day was once again a great success.

Later in the year we had our annual Barn Dance which as ever was a complete sell out.

All these events will be held again throughout 2010, all details will be on our web site.

As well as these large events there have been many individual contributions - three very adventurous supporters climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of Chigwell Riding Trust.



Simon riding William on Open Day. Simon is totally blind

Sainsburys of Loughton have taken on as their charity for a year. In addition to fund raising and helping, Sainsburys also supply the horses with cases of vegetables every week.

We are still supported by several local schools, Chigwell School, Forest School and Oaklands School deserve a very special thank you for their support.

Horses and Ponies

All of our horses and ponies had a well earned rest during August.

We have had many changes with our horses and ponies this year and inevitably some were very sad.

We said farewell to a very special little pony, Poppet. This pony gave so much in so many ways, whether it was on a lesson, standing outside supermarkets fund raising or taking part in our Carol Service. A new pony, Tansy, has joined us

and has taken on many of Poppet's fund raising and riding tasks. Tansy is 14 years old and is very popular with the children.

The horse Badger became a little too lively for us and has moved on to Woodredon Riding School near Epping where he is very happy.

Archer did not turn out as we had hoped so he has taken up a new career in showjumping. He is replaced by Yanto who has recently retired from showjumping. Before that he was a police horse.

The pony Floyd found our work a little slow for his liking so he went off to a new home.

Our three latest arrivals are De Niro, a piebald cob. Jimmy, a black Irish cob and Tim, a bay gelding.

All of these horses and ponies can be sponsored either by individuals or by companies.

Pictures of all of these horses can be seen on our web site www.chigriderg.org.uk

National Dressage Championships

Last summer four horses and five riders travelled to Hartpury College in Gloucestershire for the annual National Dressage Championship. It was a very successful weekend that was enjoyed by all.

Vicky Barrick had a 1st and a 5th on Smartie. Jenny Brown came 4th on Jake. Jason Marques had a 7th on William and was highly commended. Sophie Lingfield came 1st on Roger. Hannah McGlynn rode a lovely test but was not placed.

Well done to you all.



Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service was very well attended - about 300 people braved the cold to support this magical event. The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies, kindly donated by Sainsburys of Loughton.

2010 Ilford Mall

The Mall in Ilford has chosen Chigwell Riding Trust as their charity of the year.

For those of you who are not local this is a large shopping centre in Ilford. We could fund raise there all through the year if we can find enough volunteers willing to take part.

This could be a wonderful opportunity for both fund raising and generating support from the local community. I know that the very enthusiastic management team at the Mall want to be involved fund raising for us too. What we need are names from volunteers or riders who would be happy to help in any way. Please contact Deborah or Pat if you can help. We are very excited about the possibilities of this opportunity.



Marco the Clown on Open Day

Grange Farm

The development of Grange Farm is continuing at a somewhat slower pace than was originally planned. Four large houses are being built at present, the football pitches have been seeded and work has started on the sports pavilion.

The development company, Ardmore Ltd., have been extraordinarily considerate towards us - even to the extent of sending their massive road sweeper down to us for the royal visit.

Dates

Golf Day	14 May
Chigwell Challenge (Dressage weekend)	15 / 16 May
Amble Ramble	19 June
Race Night	TBA
Art and Crafts Fair	20 June
Open Day	4 July
Grand Ball	17 July
Barn Dance	3 September
Carol Service	12 December

Please check our web site www.chigrade.org.uk for any changes to these dates and for more details.

It is hard to believe that a year ago I was notified about my MBE. I received it from Her Majesty The Queen on 15th July. It was a wonderful occasion, which I will remember forever. I feel sure this only happened because of all the wonderful people I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. Thank you to you all.

Deborah Hall