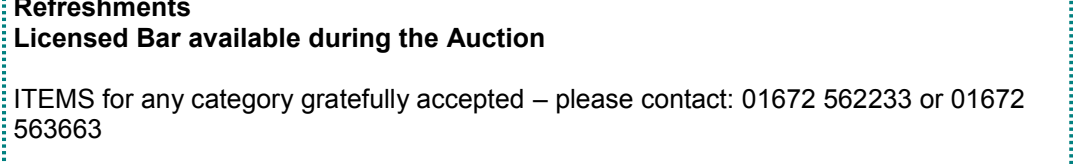



Dear Readers: I don't want to start with an apology, but your November Newsletter is a little late as I was away over the half-term break, riding in Argentina. Nigel Harvey, of Ride World Wide who advertises with us, suggested that I take a trip to Los Potreros, in Cordoba, and it turned out to be one of the most enjoyable riding holidays I have taken. There will be more about this in next month's bulletin. Meanwhile, I was pleased to hear that the Opening Meet and the reeling evening were both successes, and I was sorry to have missed them, but there seems to be so much going on this autumn. I do however, look forward to the Hunt Quiz on Monday night which is being organised at the Fox in Tangleby by Sarah Crean. You will also find me at the Hunt Sale at Bouverie Hall in Pewsey later this month. I did want to remind readers, that this Newsletter fulfils several

**A word from the Editor**   
 functions: from a record of the more significant activities and events in our Hunt, through fondly reflecting the individual and collective idiosyncrasies of older and younger. So please respond positively and continue to send in your contributions to a monthly basis. Do not hesitate to offer up your ideas, stories and amusing hunting happenings which you think will be useful, interesting and/or informative. Just remember that the deadline is always the 26th of the previous month. Happy Hunting. – MK

**Don't Forget!** **Tedworth Hunt Quiz Night**   
 Monday, 8th November  
 The Fox Inn, Tangleby – 7.30pm

**Teams of 4-6 people (£10.00 per head)**  
**General Knowledge Quiz**  
**2 course Thai menu available for £10**  
**For the Tedworth Hunt and Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**To book your team or to join a team, please contact Sarah Crean**  
[sarah@thelaundry.org](mailto:sarah@thelaundry.org) or mob: 07776308241/ 01256 895850

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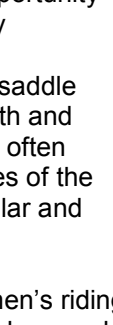


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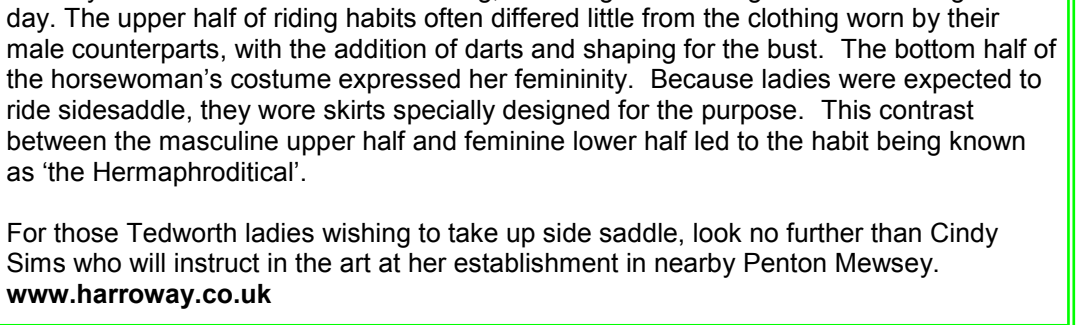
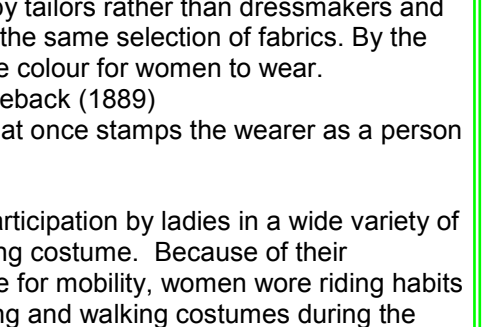
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM is to be held at East Grafton Village Hall on Sunday, 28th November at 5.00pm and is open to all Tedworth Hunt Members, Subscribers, Landowners, Farmers over whose land hounds hunt, and Puppy Walkers.

If you will be attending, or you would like a copy of the minutes for the 2009 AGM please notify the Hunt Secretary [georgi@wickham.co.uk](mailto:georgi@wickham.co.uk), telephone 01264 737535.

**Congratulations to one of our well known Hunt Supporters, Rosemary Trevor Cox. Rosemary recently graduated with a BA Hons degree in Textiles in Fashion from the University of Winchester.** 

**Eva Militzke completes 100k walk across Jordan for the RDA**  
 A big thank you to everyone who sponsored Eva on her walk, which was completed a week ago. She has raised nearly £ 1000 more for the RDA, which is fantastic.  
 The photos from the trip: one showing the group as they set out, (Eva is in the back row, third from left in the white hat) and another showing us all that you can use anything to cart your horse around in: so no more excuses from reluctant loaders!

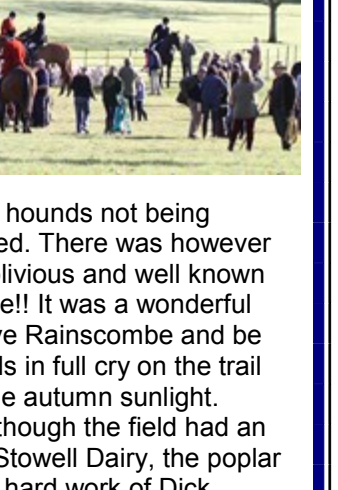


Dear Readers: I have just taken over from Heather Lemon as chairman of the Marlborough Riding for the Disabled Association, and was wondering whether I could use the hunt newsletter to send out an appeal for more helpers, and or, financial help. As you know the Tedworth already provides the bedrock of the local group with stalwarts like Gillian Fallon, Barbara MacMullen, Caroline Pearson and many others. Gilly Carter, and her husband Ken, kindly lend us their indoor menage at Claford. What we need is more people to give us two hours on a Monday morning to lead the ponies, and generally encourage the children, many of whom have learning difficulties. It is really rewarding thing to do as each week which they get praised during a lesson, and it does wonders for their confidence. It's also great fun for the helpers. We could also do with some more ponies, starting from the minis up to 16 hands. All that matters is that they are really quiet when lead, and box easily. It may be possible to arrange transport, though it would be obviously best if the owner can get them to Claford. Heather Lemon has done a wonderful job as chairman. She handed over to me with the instruction to bring in new blood. So please come and join us. It doesn't need to be every Monday as long as you tell us when you are available; there are no lessons during the school holidays.

**Elinor Goodman**  
 01672 870562

**ROGER WHEELER**

Dear Readers, Mark, Monica and all the family would like to thank you so much for all the cards, letters and flowers sent to us in sympathy of Rogers untimely death. We are all going to miss him so much. Thank you again to everyone who attended his funeral and we hope that we gave him the day that he deserved. Thanks to Symon, Ollie and Charlie for bringing the hounds and also to Ollie for blowing the horn. I am sure we all have wonderful memories of a remarkable man and I know he will stay in our hearts forever. Thank you again for all your love and support at this difficult time.



**DOWNTON ABBEY LEADING TO A SHORT HISTORY OF LADIES RIDING HABITS**

Readers may have noticed that hunting featured prominently in a recent episode of Downton Abbey, the regularised ITV drama series on Sunday nights, written by Julian Fellowes. The period drama filmed at Highclere Castle featured a somewhat sparsely attended meet outside the house and a short run across the park, where the field appeared to ride a little too close to hounds. The day's hunting provided an opportunity for the daughter of the house, Mary, to engage in a dalliance with an extremely handsome Turkish diplomat, a Mr Pamuk, but sadly, he did not last the night. Set just before the 1st world war, Mary looked extremely elegant in black side saddle habit but riding habits were not always so drab in colour. In the early eighteenth and nineteenth centuries habits were frequently adorned with gold and silver braid, often imitating the frog-ging on Hussar or other military uniforms. In the early decades of the nineteenth century emerald green habits with short spencer jackets were popular and during the 1830's followed the fashion for leg o'-mutton sleeves.

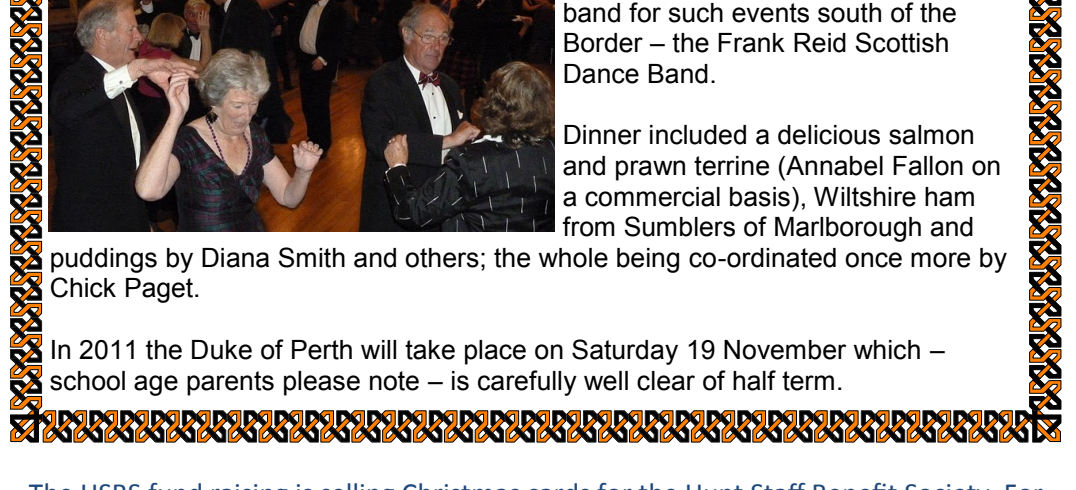
During the Victorian period, as men's dress became more somber, so did women's riding habits. This is because riding habits were made by tailors rather than dressmakers and cut and fashioned with the same techniques from the same selection of fabrics. By the end of the century, black was the most appropriate colour for women to wear. Mrs Power O'Donahogue wrote in Ladies on Horseback (1889) 'A gaudy "get-up" is highly to be condemned, and at once stamps the wearer as a person of inferior taste. Therefore avoid it.

The emancipation of women and the increased participation by ladies in a wide variety of sports changed women's relationship with the riding costume. Because of their practicality, lack of decorative detail and allowance for mobility, women wore riding habits not only on horseback but also as visiting, travelling and walking costumes during the day. The upper half of riding habits often differed little from the clothing worn by their male counterparts, with the addition of darts and shaping for the bust. The bottom half of the horsewoman's costume expressed her femininity. Because ladies were expected to ride sidesaddle, they wore skirts specially designed for the purpose. This contrast between the masculine upper half and feminine lower half led to the habit being known as 'the Hermaphroditical'.

For those Tedworth ladies wishing to take up side saddle, look no further than Cindy Sims who will instruct in the art at her establishment in nearby Penton Mewsey. [www.harroway.co.uk](http://www.harroway.co.uk)

**THE OPENING MEET AT RAINSCOMBE**

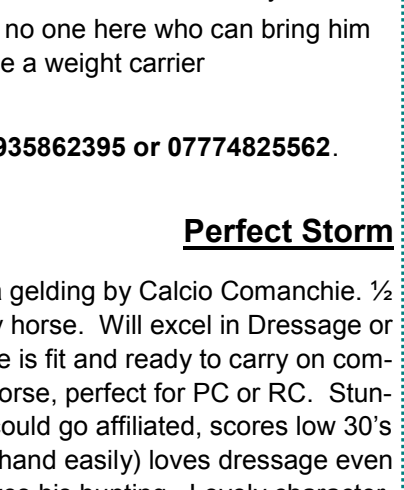
We were blessed with perfect weather for our Opening Meet at the end of October at Rainscombe Park. It all looked like picture postcard, beautifully dressed in autumn colours. Robert and Julia Hiscox generously hosted the meet in this most idyllic setting, which was well supported by approximately 60 mounted followers, plus many more friends and families on foot. We were thrilled there were so many visitors, and a wide selection of younger riders.



Despite experiencing a testing and worrying week with the hounds not being 100%, the Hunt Staff and hounds were beautifully presented. There was however one humorous moment when a dog hound mistook one oblivious and well known hunt supporter's leg (who shall remain nameless!) for a tree!! It was a wonderful sight (and sound) to see the Hunt move off up the hill above Rainscombe and be silhouetted against the skyline on the ridge, with the hounds in full cry on the trail in the woods below, a mosaic of gold and red glowing in the autumn sunlight. Later, scent sadly proved elusive in the warm sunshine, although the field had an excellent day travelling as far west as Pit House, down to Stowell Dairy, the poplar plantation, then on through Bristows and Park Copse. The hard work of Dick Andrews and Gavin Hudson was very much in evidence, as Erskine Guinness led the field over a number of new and improved jumps, including a new tiger trap below Gopher, which attracted some interest. Best wishes for the coming season to our new huntsman, Ollie Harding, and his team, and we hope the coming months prove happy and successful.

**In praise of....sloe gin**

As the days shorten and autumnal mists twist about burnished trees, gatherers of autumn fruits begin to pay close attention to a particular hedgerow berry – the sloe. Wide-necked jars are retrieved from attics and dusty dark cupboards are made ready to receive this year's stash of that most mysterious tippie – sloe gin. Aside from a 12-year-old single malt, sloe gin is the most likely thing to find in any countryman's hip flask in the frost-hard days of January. But a good one, a real vintage warm-the-cockles sloe gin, is an elusive thing to track down. The secret is whispered down through generations and tucked into the back of old cookery books on yellowed slips of paper. Should you be minded to have a go at your own vintage you'll have to invent as you go along – family recipes for legendary gins are more closely guarded than the holy grail. Two things should be borne in mind when making sloe gin: sloes should not be gathered until after the first frost or they're so sharp they make your teeth squeak; and it's essential to pierce each and every berry, but only with a silver pin, or a thorn from the sloe bush itself. If the hours spent fiddling with this and the prospect of purple fingers haven't put you off, then no less than six months later your reward will be the best winter warmer since the invention of the thermal underwear. But should you add almond essence? More or less sugar? Is six months long enough? Which gin is best? Be patient, true perfection takes time. Lots of it. (From a recent editorial in The Guardian)



**And one reader sent in this recipe:**

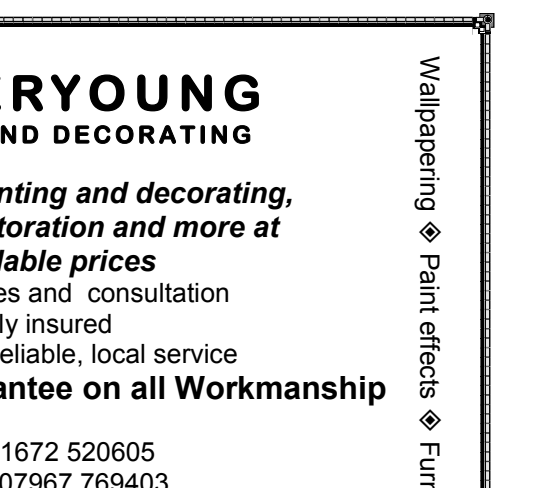
**Best recipe evah, I'm willing to share it for free (largely because that way I stand more chance of getting off the good stuff). First, if the first frost hasn't come yet, put them in the freezer for a week. Second, and this is the really important part, instead of using all sugar, use about half sugar and half honey. Yes, honey. The end result is much smoother and silkier, almost like a high quality liqueur. Oh, and leave it for a year. The honey takes a little longer to dissolve, but the flavour is so much richer and less ginlike; you'll thank yourself for waiting. I discovered this recipe through error (didn't have enough sugar) and apathy (couldn't be bothered to filter it) but it was a truly serendipitous discovery.**

Oh, and there's a recipe out there on the net somewhere for sloe gin Christmas pud, which is FAR superior to the regular sort. Long live the blackthorn bush...

**THE ANNUAL REELING EVENING**

The Duke of Perth Reel Party filled Marlborough Town Hall once more on the evening of Saturday 23 October. Tedworth Hunt Dancers were much in evidence and the event will benefit both fund funds and those of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Richard Paget – the ultimate reel teacher – brought the skills of many of us together – a near nil knowledge of being able to manage the whirling and twirling of the Reel of the 51st. Not only that, but for officianados, we more or less managed the added complexity of the Aberdonian version. Thank you Richard for managing the practices in Marlborough Village Hall and thank you Myffy Sampson for co-ordinating them.



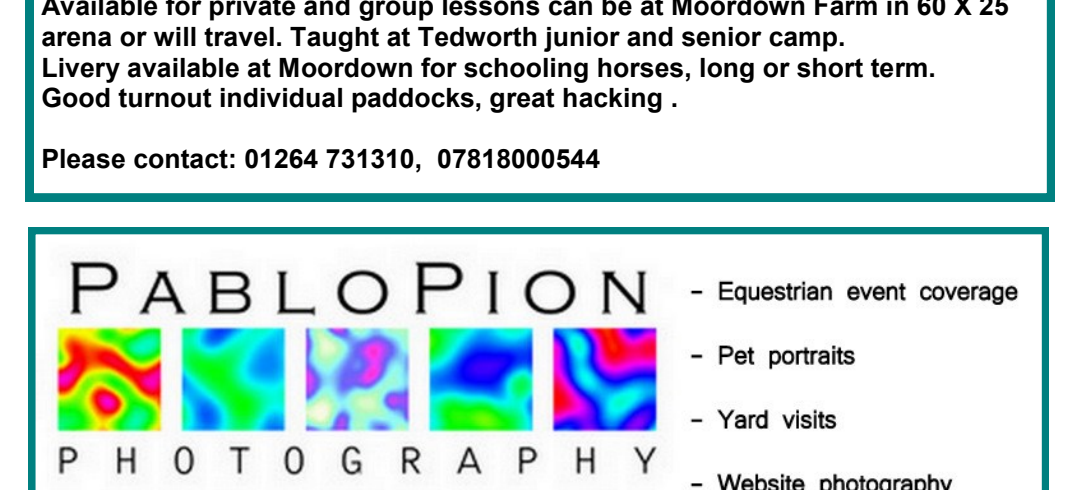
Robby Melville, fresh from courses at the Achiltibuie School of Piping, played us up the stairs from the dining room to the ballroom where we danced to what is arguably the best band for such events south of the Border – the Frank Reid Scottish Dance Band.

Dinner included a delicious falcon and prawn terrine (Annabel Fallon on a commercial basis), Wiltshire ham from Sumblers of Marlborough and puddings by Diana Smith and others; the whole being co-ordinated once more by Chick Paget.

In 2011 the Duke of Perth will take place on Saturday 19 November which – school age parents please note – is carefully well clear of half term.

The HSBS fund raising is selling Christmas cards for the Hunt Staff Benefit Society. For further details please go to: [www.mfha.co.uk](http://www.mfha.co.uk)

Once again, the Society is able to offer two Christmas Cards for sale. One by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and the other by Daniel Crane.



"Money raised from the sale of the Society's Christmas Cards helps to boost the pensions the Society provides for Hunt Staff. Please ensure your order reaches us in good time to enable us to send your Cards back to you well before Christmas."

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**Sixteen hand bay TB hunter for sale.**  
 Seven years old, he has run in two point to points and hunted a few times last year. He is being ridden and horse walked daily, but we would no one here who can bring him hunting. He is a good ride, nice looking, but he would not be a weight carrier .He can be ridden from my stables near Yeovil.  
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