



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

April 2015

Dear Members

The bluebells are now out, and we hope you are all getting the chance to view them from horseback.

We have had an action-packed Spring so far, with an exceptionally successful West Surrey RC open dressage competition at Merrist Wood on Good Friday. Our many thanks go to Cass Lillington and her enthusiastic team for running this so efficiently – full report follows.

We have also had several West Surrey team outings in both dressage and combined training competitions. Lots of fun had by all, and some good results. Thanks to the Team Managers for organising this. The nature of horses (and injuries) means that last minute changes are often necessary and this can be a stressful and demanding time for the team managers, owing to the paperwork demands and small print, so please be understanding!

We have many more team events coming up, and we would encourage you to give it a go if you haven't already. Some are less serious than others; if you are uncertain, contact the relevant team manager to discuss which might suit you. Read on for more details.

The dressage series continues to flourish, and we look forward to the Championship show on 14th June, with one remaining qualifying show due to take place on 10th May. See below for further details.

As promised, we will be running regular clear round show jump evenings at Whitley Manor Farm (thanks to Lisa Fahy). We plan to start these evenings on Thursday 4th June. Further details below. However, these evenings do require several helpers. We had some very regular and loyal helpers last summer, but it would be good to see some new faces. If we cannot find sufficient people to help, we will be unable to run them, so do please offer your help, or that of your partner/husband etc etc!

Lisa Fahy continues to provide a full programme of instruction and there has been encouraging uptake in almost all sessions.

So, enjoy the weather, and we look forward to seeing you out and about soon.

Best wishes from The Committee

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DRESSAGE SERIES

This continues to prove very popular; our April show was something of a sell-out.

We now have dates for the fourth show – **Sunday 10th May**. This will be followed by the Championship show on **Sunday 14th June**.

Tests to be used for the 10th May show are as follows;

Intro B (2009)
Prelim 14 (2006)
Novice 28 (2008)
Elementary 44 (2002)

Remember, we will be awarding turnout prizes at the Championship show. If you haven't qualified yet, you have another chance on 10th May.

Both shows will take place at Kilnhanger, by kind permission of Lynn Roberts.

SHOW JUMP WORKING PARTY

SAT 16TH MAY

Calling all members! As you know, we have some wonderful show jumps which we would like to set up as two courses (small and large) for lessons and clear round evenings (see below). We will be leaving some jumps for gridwork by the school.

So we are looking for some volunteers to help set these up ahead of the season.

Time: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, to meet by the outdoor arena at Whitley Manor Farm, GU5 0LL. Cake and refreshments will be provided!

Children/partners/anyone you can muster will be very welcome!

Please let Lisa Fahy know if you are able to do this – lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk – or use this Doodle poll to put your name down; <http://doodle.com/pb32hzgi4fx88s5s>

TACK SALE

Thursday, 21st May, from 4.30 pm – 8pm, Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Green

Get rid of your unwanted horsey items, or bag a bargain. This will be open to all. Tables £8 each in advance, or £10 on the day (you can share). Entry **free** to buyers

To reserve a table, or for more information, please contact Charlotte Williams;
charlotteswilliams@yahoo.co.uk

Clear Round Show Jumping at Whitley Manor Farm, GU5 0LL

Due to popular demand, *clear round show jumping is coming back!!*

This will be run on a Thursday evening 6-8pm and the dates set so far are:

4th June,

25th June,

9th July, and

23rd July.

As you can appreciate, we need at least three people per session to run these clear round evenings. Please can you email Lisa - lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to help, or even better, use this link to put your name down to help on specific evenings;

<http://doodle.com/pb32hzgi4fx88s5s>

Last summer, the evenings were relaxed and informal. They provide a great introduction to competing without much pressure, or an opportunity to school your more experienced horse over quality jumps. Course height can be adjusted to accommodate all requirements – whatever you want!

DAY CAMP – A FEW SPACES STILL AVAILABLE BUT DON'T DELAY

Date: **Saturday 13th June** Venue: **Chase Farm, Hindhead**

Please contact Caroline at westsurreyrc@gmail.com to check availability before booking. Limited spaces available. Booking forms and details are on the website.

<http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/instruction.html>

The format will be the same as in previous years, and as usual, it will be a low key event with the emphasis on fun; Hinda Inglis, Ingrid Dziedzic and Lisa Hamilton Smith have agreed to teach on the day. All three are very experienced in teaching the three disciplines, from beginners to more advanced, so you will be in good hands. There will be a nice lunch break, with delicious food brought by participants, to share, relax, have a good laugh and catch up with fellow members. It is the perfect venue and day out for beginners/novices, but our more experienced team members will equally enjoy the experience!

**DRESSAGE, COMBINED TRAINING & CLEAR ROUND SHOW
WHIPLEY MANOR FARM GU5 0LL**

SUN 19TH JULY

Save the date!!!!

After the success of last year's trial show, we've decided to run another competition. This time we will be having Walk & Trot, Prelim and Novice tests. These tests will be on grass. You decide whether you want to enter as pure dressage or try leaving the ground and go for the combined training section (dressage and sj). We will also be running clear round throughout the day for those who do not want to do any dressage.

We are delighted that we have two sponsors arranged for this show; Liphook Equine Hospital (with whom many of us are familiar!) and Whitley Manor Farm Ltd. Our very grateful thanks to them. Liphook Equine Hospital will also be our vets on call for the day.

You know what is coming next...to run this, we will need volunteers to help with stewarding, writing, scoring, pole picking up, etc. Please email Lisa if you are able to help on the day – lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk



Taking a break during the Dressage Series, Kilnhanger, photo courtesy of Christopher Lee

TEAM REPORTS/NEWS

Horse Trials Teams News

Team Report: Munstead Festival of the Horse Qualifiers – Sunday 19th April 2015

WSRC fielded two teams at the recent British Riding Clubs FOTH Qualifier at Heath Farm, Munstead.

First up was the combined training, with two riders completing a prelim dressage test and 75cm show jumping course, and two riders completing a novice dressage test and an 85cm show jumping course. Fabienne Macey and Emma Anscomb got us off to a great start, both riding lovely dressage tests. It was the first time out competing on grass for both combinations, so a very good achievement. Fabienne Macey also jumped a lovely clear on her young horse Arctic Bear. Lynn Roberts (on The Baron) and myself each managed a good dressage and clear round to finish 7th & 6th respectively as individuals. Overall the team finished 5th against some very strong opposition.

Lynn was also entered separately as an individual and performed the second best novice dressage test of the day, gaining a very impressive 73%, this time riding the lovely Fayet.

Our second team was entered in the Team Challenge 90. This competition comprised a tricky course of show jumps followed immediately by a spin around the cross-country course. Carys Jones jumped a beautiful double clear on Sarah Mylne's gorgeous Espionage II (who Carys had only ridden once before!). Lynn Roberts and Hilary Smith each jumped lovely XC rounds but had some unlucky poles in the show jumping. My little rocket also skipped round for a double clear. At the time of going to press the Team Challenge results have not been finalised – however, it looks like the WSRC were placed.

Overall, it was a great day, finished off with the traditional WSRC picnic. Everyone rode really well and most importantly had great fun.

Full results should be available on the BRC Area 11 website shortly: <http://brcarea11.org.uk/>

A huge thank you, on behalf of the team, to all our helpers on the day. We could not compete without you and your time and support is very much appreciated. The teams are also very grateful to the club for very generously paying all our entry fees.

Claire Stratford

Team Manager – Horse Trials

(Claire is being very modest here – she and Silver actually WON the Team Challenge 90 – “ED”)

Call for Horse Trials Teams

National and L&SE Qualifiers – Saturday 23rd May 2015 at Coombelands Farm, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1BQ

We are hoping to send two teams – one for the Horse Trials 80 Qualifier, and one for the Horse Trials 90 Qualifier.

80 Qualifier:

Dressage BRC Horse Trials Test 80 (2013)

SJ 75cm

Cross country 80cm

90 Qualifier:

Dressage BRC Horse Trials Test 90Q (2013)

SJ 85cm

Cross country 90cm

This is a really friendly, well-run event, with very inviting fences. For each team we need to end two helpers. If anyone is free to help it would be very much appreciated...and you will of course be invited to join the team picnic.

Please contact Claire Stratford if you are interested in riding on one of the teams or can help on the day – claire.stratford@yahoo.co.uk

Please state your horse's competition name, whether it has any BD, BSJA or BE points, and what height you would like to jump. Your horse must be up-to-date with its vaccinations and you will need to forward passport details to us before the event if you are selected. Please also state whether you would be interested in the team XC training....

Team Cross Country Training – Parwood, Sunday 10th May, with Fiona Breach

13.30 – 1500 hrs Jumping 80cm+

15.00 – 16.30 hrs Jumping 90cm+

Maximum group size – 5 riders. Costs – approx. £40-50 per rider, including XC course hire (dependent on group size).

Fiona is an international event rider who was ranked in the top 100 of the BE Rider rankings in 2014. She runs Mayor House Farm Liveries in Albury and has a wealth of experience teaching riders of all abilities.

This particular session is aimed at those competing for WSRC in the Horse Trials at Coombelands. If other members are also interested in XC training, please get in touch and we will aim to organise some more training in the near future.

Dressage Teams News

Intermediate_Winter Dressage Qualifier - 29th March

What a well-organised , friendly event with a relaxed atmosphere. Well done NCRC!

As this was an Intermediate Event and a Team consisted of four competitors riding one prelim test, two novice tests and one elementary, we struggled to find members to ride the elementary test so we only entered one team. Sarah Cortes (Prelim), Claire Stratford (Novice), Lynn Roberts (Novice) and Louise Farrant (Elementary).

The following members were entered as individuals; Caitlin Fahy (Prelim), Judith Dunne (Prelim), Jacqui Petersen (Prelim) and Lisa Fahy (Novice)

Although we weren't placed as a team we had very consistent set of results. More importantly, we had lots of smiling faces! A special mention has to be made of Claire (Stratford) who came 5th individually in the N28 Arena, Lisa Fahy who came 2nd individually in the N34 Arena and our star of the day Caitlin Fahy, who came 2nd individually in the P13 Arena. As the Junior Member who came first in Caitlin's Arena was also on the winning Qualifying Team, the Individual Qualifying place went to the next highest placed individual. So Caitlin is off to the Championships at Bury Farm 2nd / 3rd May.....Well done Caitlin!

Lastly, Lynn Roberts needs a special mention as she stood in at the last minute and although "The Baron" had never done a Novice test before, he did a lovely test but unfortunately was not placed. Lynn had also entered herself as an Individual P14 Test and was placed 3rd, well done Lynn!

Pat Murphy

Call for Dressage Teams

Dressage to Music National (Senior and Junior) & L&SE Qualifiers – Sunday, 28th June

This is taking place at Plumpton College, Ditching Road, Near Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3AE

Keep this date free if you would like to be on a team, and let Vicky know.

Schedule not available yet.

Dressage & Riding Test National (Senior and Junior) & L&SE Qualifiers – Saturday, 11th July

This will take place at Patchesham Equestrian Centre, Leatherhead. Let Vicky know if you would like to be on a team.

Please see L&SE Rules on BRC Area 11 and a link for dressage tests.

<http://brcarea11.org.uk/WhatsOn.html>

Vicky Palmer – Vicky.palmer@btopenworld.com

Show Jumping Teams

Due to the timing of this newsletter, we have already emailed members about some forthcoming team events for show jumpers.

Sunday, 17th May – Area 11 National Team and Individual Qualifiers for:

Senior and Junior style jumping

Senior and Junior Novice and Intermediate show jumping

Open show jumping

Senior and Junior Style (BRC Style Jumping Test 2014): Senior and Junior teams and individuals – each team consists of two riders jumping a 75cm course and two riders jumping an 85cm course. Individuals may choose to enter either 75cm or 85cm height.

Senior and Junior Novice show jumping; Junior teams/individuals, and Senior teams/individuals. Maximum height of jumps in round one; 80cm

Intermediate show jumping; Junior teams/individuals, and Senior teams/individuals. Maximum height of jumps in round one; 95cm

Open show jumping;

Teams/individuals – Seniors and Juniors. A team can be all seniors, all juniors, or a mix of seniors and juniors. Maximum height of jumps in round one; 1.10cm

This will take place at Elstead Riding Club Field, Seale Road, Elstead, Surrey GU8 6LF

Also...

Saturday, 6th June - L&SE Show jumping Qualifier at Bookham Riding Club Field, Leatherhead.

If you would like to ride in a show jumping team, please email Jenny Tully – jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk

Bridleways Report

Bridleway 313 Dipdene lane which joins bridleway 314 (deer farm) to Woodhill Lane , Shamley Green

This was blocked and was reported to Surrey County Council by a club member. It has been cleared by member Alexandra Franks and her partner Matt, who are volunteers for the Council. We would like to thank them on behalf of the club.

Countryside, Access and Rights of Way Forum for West Surrey

I shall be going to this on the 6 May 2015. It will start with an informal hour with the rights of way officers which will give me the opportunity to raise issues concerning specific paths and get an update on previously reported problems. It will be followed by a talk on the Countryside Access Management System and the provision of digital information. This will be followed by individual officer reports. If you have any problems you would like me to raise at this meeting please let me know.

A Request;

Please can any member who clears a bridleway of a blockage keep me informed of what they have done. This is because another member may have reported the blockage to Surrey County Council. This would enable me to tell Surrey that it has been cleared and save them sending a rights of way officer out to inspect the path.

Katherine Manson Rights of Way Committee Member

katherine.manson@environment-agency.gov.uk

PAST EVENTS

WEST SURREY RC OPEN DRESSAGE AT MERRIST WOOD – MERRIST WOOD

Good Friday means Merrist Wood, and this year was no exception! We had a packed schedule for the show and all the classes were full.

The West Surrey teams – nobly led by Pat Murphy on the day (Vicky Palmer was away on a well-earned break!!) did a fabulous job representing the Club – nerves of steel! We fielded three teams:

Albury Fables (Caitlin Fahy, Lisa Fahy and Julie Rowley); Albury Legends (Judith Dunne, Kathy Newlands and Lynn Roberts) and Albury Wonders (Paula Hynes, Carys Jones and Tina Pendle). Out of these, the Fables came equal 3rd on the day out of a big entry of 17 teams. Well done all!

Individually, we also excelled, with members placed in all four classes. Helen Kendall on Tom was 5th in P12, Judith Dunne on Seahorse Point was 2nd and Julie Johnson on Gortrua Golden Romance was 5th in P13, Claire Stratford on Silver Mist II was 6th in P18, and Lisa Fahy on Kings Court II won the Novice 24.

Last, but not least, we had a fantastic team of helpers and judges. So thank you to Ro Major, Cathy Hughes, Jacqui Peterson, Sarah Orchard, Charlotte Knight, Veronica Keywood, Christina Davies, Julie Johnson, Becky Attridge, Paula Hynes, Sarah Fisher and Chris Lee. And if I've missed anyone who helped, my deepest apologies, but I'm hoping I remembered everyone!

Cass Lillington

(PS - We have already booked Merrist Wood for Good Friday 2016!)

EQUINE MASSAGE COURSE WITH SALLY WADE

On Saturday, 11th April, we met at Charlotte's lovely yard to attend the Equine Massage Course with Sally Wade Bsc (Hons) Ost. Sally first explained the pros and cons of massaging your horse and gave us a quick overview of the horse's anatomy. She then showed us what techniques to use on the different parts of the body and we all had a go at trying the routines, and looking for signs of pain/tension and trying to achieve relaxation. All three horses responded quite well and seemed to enjoy their massages.



Thanks to Charlotte for the use of her horses and facilities.
Caroline Holsten

CURRY NIGHT

This was not a sell-out, but a very pleasant evening was had by those who attended the curry night at Curry Inn, Cranleigh. We will run this again, but possibly at the Bramley Indian restaurant, in the hope that it might prove more popular/accessible. Many thanks to Jenny Tully for organising this.

We are always open to other suggestions for venues!



Social at Curry Inn, Cranleigh – photo courtesy of Christopher Lee

A special “good luck” to WSRC member Izzy Mills and her horse, Do You Follow Me, who will be running in the Novice Riders race at Surrey Union Point to Point (Peper Harow) on 2nd May. If you are there, give her a shout of support!

The Nerve Centre; organisers and helpers at WSRC Open Dressage Show, Merrist Wood on Good Friday.

Photo courtesy of Christopher Lee



We would like to wish junior member Caitlin Fahy, who is representing our club at the British Riding Clubs Championship show on Sunday 3rd May, lots of luck and success. The competition takes place at Bury Farm, Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT and Caitlin has a time of 11.36am. Caitlin qualified at Merrist Wood earlier in the season (see report page 7), and rides as a Junior Individual. We wish her lots of luck and success!

Instruction

Lots of our members have been taking part in the various instruction clinics that I've been putting on for you and I've had nothing but positive feedback. Don't be shy, there is something for everyone - grass roots to those out competing. All enquiries to lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk or call me on 07740 625 039 (before 9pm!) The booking form and full details about our instruction is on the website.

Coming up:

Thurs 30 th April from 3pm	Hinda Inglis - Flatwork / Polework or Show Jumping
Fri 1 May from 10:30am	Ali Cookson - Flatwork
Thurs 7 May 12.30 pm	Christine Shubbrook - Show Jumping 80-90cm
Sun 10 May from 1pm	Christine Shubbrook - Show Jumping 70-80cm then going bigger throughout the day. <i>Have a qualifier the following week so good practise!</i>
Sat 16 th May from 12 noon	Hinda Inglis - Flatwork / Polework or Show Jumping
Thurs 21 st May 12.30	Christine Shubbrook - Show Jumping 80-90cm
Sat 30 th May from 10.30am	Rebecca Markwick - Flatwork or Technical Jumping
Thurs 4 th June 12.30	Christine Shubbrook - Show Jumping 80-90cm
Fri 12 th June from 10.30am	Ali Cookson - Flatwork
Weds 24 th June from 10.30am	Ali Cookson - Flatwork
Sat 27 th June from 10.30am	Rebecca Markwick - Flatwork or Technical Jumping

Lisa Fahy

Points awarded

1 points for entering a WSRC competition

2 points for representing WSRC in a team

6 points for 1st place

5 points for 2nd place

4 points for 3rd place

3 points for 4th place

2 points for 5th place

1 point for 6th place

Name	Horse	Total
Judith Dunne	Seahorse Point	37
Lisa Fahy	Kings Court II	29
Clare Stratford	Silver Mist 2 nd	28
Sarah Cortes	Oreo	23
Caitlin Fahy	Moonshine Boy	22
Ro Major	Scooby	22
Lynn Roberts	Baron	21
Paula Hynes	Finn McCuil	19
Julie Rowley	McGinty	16
Louise Decaon	Cherry B	16
Llyana Cortes	Oreo	13
Sarah Orchard	Bebo	13
Tina Pendle	Danger Mouse	13
Susan McKensie	Bruno	12
Pat Murphy	Bartley Bay	11
Julie Johnson	Golden Romance	10
Pam Wilson	Tilly	10
Emma Anscombe	Caher Dash	10
Hillary Smith	Billy	9
Sarah Cortes	Max	9
Beth Foley	Heathcliffe	7
Jenny Swartout	Boo	7
Lynn Roberts	Rocky	7
Sophie Tack	Rockie	7

Vickie Hogben	Ted	7
Vanessa Bertram	Roger	7
Vanessa Bertrand	Max	7
Fenella Grant	Percey	6
Megan Elson	Cookie	6
Helen Steers	Tia	6
Lulu Salkeld	Phantom	6
Helen Kendal	Tom	6
Carys Jones	Espionage II	6
Fabienne Macey	Artic Bear	6
Kirsten Davis	Spongebob	5
Victoria Harrington	Bee	5
Carys Jones	Knockeevan Grange	4
Carys Jones	Callum	4
Fiona Watkins	Barbos	4
Gemma Saulis	Baron	4
Jacqui Peterson	Rajahan	4
Jenny Monks	Dark Deception	4
Jenny Tulley	Lazy Acres Hurricane	4
Kathy Newlands	Red	4
Lynn Roberts	Cookie	4
Lynn Roberts	Fayet	4
Jill Ryan	Annie	4
Anthea Dickson	Cloe	4
Helen Kendal	Tom	3
Josie Jenkinson	Little B	3
Megan Elson	Danny	3
Pili Spiers	Sonny	2
Natalie Mendlessohn	Spartan Prince	1
Pami Nixon	Sage	1
Sylvia Laney	Molly	1

Dates for Your Diary

Thurs 30th April	Hinda Inglis – flatwork or polework
Fri 1st May	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic, East Whitley Farm
Thurs 7th May	Christine Shubrook show jump clinic
Sun 10th May	Dressage Series Kilnhanger XC team training at Parwood Fiona Breach Christine Shubrook show jump clinic
Sat 16th May	Hinda Inglis (as above) SJ working party at Whitley Manor Farm
Sun 17th May	National Snr and Jnr Show Jumping Qualifier Elstead
Thurs 21st May	Tack Sale, Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Green, from 4.30 pm Christine Shubrook show jump clinic
Sat 23rd May	National and L&SE Horse Trials qualifier, Coombelands
Sat 30th May	Rebecca Markwick (as above)
Thurs 4th June	Christine Shubrook show jump clinic Clear Round jumping evening, Whitley Manor Farm
Sat 6th June	L&SE Show Jumping qualifier, Bookham RC
Fri 12th June	Ali Cookson clinic, East Whitley Farm
Sat 13th June	Day Camp, Chase Farm, Hindhead
Sun 14th June	Dressage Series Championship Show, Kilnhanger
Weds 24th June	Ali Cookson clinic, East Whitley Farm
Thurs 25th June	Clear Round jumping evening, Whitley Manor Farm
Sat 27th June	Rebecca Markwick (as above)
Sun 28th June	Dressage to Music Qualifier, Plumpton College
Thurs 9th July	Clear Round jumping evening, Whitley Manor Farm
Sat 11th July	Senior, Junior and L&SE dressage qualifiers, Patchesham Ec
Sun 19th July	Dressage/CT/SJ show, Whitley Manor Farm
Thurs 23rd July	Clear Round jumping evening, Whitley Manor Farm