



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

August 2015 (4)

Dear Members

A few important notices:

Firstly, sadly we will be losing two of our Committee members at the end of the year, so we are looking for people to come forward to fill various roles. These roles include maintaining and editing the WSRC website, monitoring/moderating the WSRC Facebook page, and lastly, but definitely not least, designing and organising the instruction programme for the Club. These jobs can be divided amongst several people although they are currently all jobs undertaken by Lisa Fahy. Lisa runs the instruction with enormous enthusiasm and energy, so they will be difficult boots to fill, BUT whoever takes over can choose to run as much or as little instruction as they like. Being on the Committee involves regular meetings (in the Drummond Arms, so fear not), approximately every six weeks. Serving on the Committee can be very rewarding, good fun and a great way to make friends. If you are willing to even consider taking one or more of these roles on, please contact Lisa Fahy, to discuss further. (lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk). Lisa has kindly agreed to give her replacement(s) a full handover.

Although some months away, Ro Major is thinking ahead to the AGM in November, and has asked for all trophy/award holders to contact her in advance. So if you were a winner at the AGM last year, or were not there but received an award subsequently, please email Ro at Ro@jhaconsult.co.uk.

Finally, we are reviewing our First Aid policy and it would be helpful to know how many members hold a current First Aid certificate. This need not be an equine specific qualification, and could, for example, be a First Aid at Work qualification. If you are qualified, please could you let us know by emailing Sarah@christopherstreet.org. Don't worry, this doesn't mean you will have to turn up in your official capacity at every event, we would just like to get a sense of who and how many.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, see you all soon.

Best wishes from The Committee

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLEAR ROUND SHOW JUMPING AT WHIPLEY MANOR FARM GU5 0LL

Thurs 20th and 27th August

These have been popular so we are planning to run two final evenings in August BUT only if we can find helpers. If you can help on either of the dates above, please complete this doodle poll;

<http://doodle.com/tiwd3w4gun3gck8i>

The evenings run from
6pm to 8pm

There are two courses set out in lovely flat fields. Jump heights can go up/down on request and there are friendly faces to help if you get stuck! £5 per round. If the weather is bad, please call to check it is going ahead : 07740 625 039

HIRE OF SHOW JUMPS

The show jump courses at Whitley Manor Farm can also be hired out privately at other times. Cost is £10 per horse for up to an hour. Bookings to be made through Lisa Fahy (lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk) and disclaimer form completed and payment made at Whitley Manor Farm Animal Feeds. A non-riding person over 18 years needs to be present at all times, in case of emergency.

TREC TRAINING 9th AUGUST

This date will coincide with the distribution of this newsletter, but we have sent out an email to all members about this. Interest seems to be high, so we will be looking at running more of these events.

Dressage Series – Championship Show 13th September 2015

At Kilnhanger

This show is for qualified combinations from previous shows, but there will also be separate sections for those not qualified.

There will be prizes for best turnout as well as for pure dressage. The tests to be used are as follows;

Walk & Trot Intro A (2008)

Prelim 13 (2006)

Novice 24 (2010)

Elementary 50 (2007)

Open Dressage and Combined Training 4th October 2015

At Whibley Manor Farm, GU5 0LL

This was due to take place in July, but due to a number of circumstances (mainly the hard ground), we took the decision to postpone this show and run it in October instead.

The schedule will be made available on the website nearer the time, but save the date!

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TEAM REPORTS/NEWS

Dressage Teams News – from Vicky Palmer

July - Dressage & Riding Test - National (Snr & Jnr) & L&SE Qualifiers

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and took part on the 11th July plus a special thanks to the small but extremely enthusiastic bunch of supporters who turned up on the day; unfortunately we did have a couple of last minute changes due to injury [hopefully Jenny is on the mend] and transport problems, which meant that one of the Teams only had three instead of four members, but the camaraderie throughout the day was amazing – captured superbly by Chris Lee's pictures (see website).

On the whole it was a relaxed, well organised and friendly event, run by Chipstead Riding Club. Admittedly the going was hard, but the arenas rode well and did not cause too many problems during the course of the competition. Although we didn't qualify for the L&SE Championships, one team was placed and we had some very consistent results, and everyone seemed to be pleased with the way their horses performed. Special mention has to be made of Lisa Fahy, who won her arena and is off to the Nationals, along with daughter Caitlin, who qualified as an Individual Junior in the BRC Prelim Riding Test. Judith Dunne and Biscuit accomplished a really calm and accurate test which was rewarded with a fabulous score of 68.8%.

So once again thank you for volunteering and representing the Club

*West Surrey RC members fly the flag at
Pachesham EC – by kind permission of Chris Lee*



Horse Trials Teams News – from Claire Stratford

The WSRC show jumping and horse trials teams have both qualified for the London and South East Championships on Saturday 26th September at Snowball Farm, Bucks. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish both teams lots of luck. In order for our teams to be able to compete we need to send three helpers. If you are able to help it would be much appreciated. Helping is a great way to support our teams and meet new members. It will be a lovely social occasion with one of our famous team picnics. If you are able to help please contact Claire: claire.stratford@yahoo.co.uk

Bridleways Report

From Katherine Manson – Bridleways Officer

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

This has been reported as blocked again by a fallen holly tree and has been reported to Surrey County Council.

Bridleway 252 Downs Link south of the Dorking Road nr Lockner Holt

We have approached Surrey County Council with an offer of a £1000 from club funds to repair a section of this path which gets very boggy in winter. At the time of writing we have not had a response yet which is somewhat disappointing but I understand that the officer responsible for the Guildford patch has been on holiday .

Bridleway 413 near Alfold Crossroads, Alfold

We have been made aware of a planning application for new housing off the Alfold crossroads. The access for part of the development is also the access off the Dunsfold Road for bridleway 413. The planning reference is WA/2015/1381 and all the documents are on Waverley Borough Councils web site at www.waverley.gov. I will have a look at the application to see if there any comments I can make but anyone can make comments direct on the website. WARNING – the application documents are substantial so if you are planning to look at them allow yourself plenty of time. The closing date for comments is the 21 August 2015.

Katherine Manson Rights of Way Committee Member katherine.manson@environment-agency.gov.uk

Instruction

To book, please contact Lisa Fahy – lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk

Catriona Moorwood, Heath Cottage, Farley Green, GU5 9DP

Catriona is a former three-day-event rider, and a very experienced trainer and horsewoman. She is also a dressage judge. We are running some group and private lesson at her lovely home in Farley Green.

Lessons will be for flatwork only in her 20 x 60 m arena. You can also have a test riding lesson – run through your chosen test (bring a copy), then discuss it, and re-run through the test, followed by a final discussion. Sessions run for 30 mins, but be ready to run through your test on arrival, to get the most out of these sessions. Ideal preparation for the Dressage Series Championships!

Cost: private lesson - £35 per hour / Group lesson (max 4) - £40 / Ride a Test lesson - £20 per half hour

Dates: Any Saturday during August, starting at 10am. Also any Wednesday afternoon/evenings during August, last lesson to finish at 6pm.

Please note that you park at the Roman Temple and hack to Catriona's yard. It is less than half a mile away on sandy track, or you can hack along the lane.

Rebecca Markwick, Whitley Manor Farm, GU5 0LL

Many of you have already enjoyed sessions with Rebecca.

Lessons: flatwork or jumping, in flat fields at Whitley Manor (two jumping courses) and two grass arenas 20 x 40m and 20 x 60m (depending on availability), or could be in the rubber surface arena, which has mirrors.

Cost: Private lesson - £30 per hour or £20 per half hour / Group lesson (max 4) – £20 per rider per hour.

Dates: Weds 12th August and Weds 19th August, from approx. 4pm to 7.30pm.

There will be some more dates for Rebecca's sessions during the autumn,, please keep an eye on the website

Ali Cookson, East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0TE

Ali has been teaching for our Club for three years and is very popular.

We have some more dates starting in September, as follows; -

Weds 23rd September

Weds 14th October

Weds 11th November

Weds 2nd December

Lessons: flatwork, in indoor school, with mirrors.

Cost: Private lesson - £30 per half hour starting at 10.30am (max 6 slots)

There is plenty of parking at East Whitley Farm.

**FOR AN UP TO DATE POINTS TABLE, PLEASE REFER TO THE WEST
SURREY RC WEBSITE.**

Dates for Your Diary

Every Sat am and Weds pm in August	Catriona Moorwood flatwork clinic
Weds 12th Aug	Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm
Thurs 13th Aug	Clear round sj at Whitley Manor Farm (eve)
Weds 19th Aug	Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm
Thurs 27th Aug	Clear round sj at Whitley Manor Farm (eve)
Sat/Sun 5-6th Sept	RC National Championships, Lincoln
Sun 13th Sept	Dressage series – Championship show at Kilnhanger
Weds 23rd Sept	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sat 26th Sept	London & SE Championships at Snowball Farm, Bucks
Fri-Sun 2-4th Oct	BRC National Dressage to Music Championships, Bury Farm
Sun 4th Oct	Open Dressage and Combined Training at Whitley Manor
Sun 11th Oct	BRC National Winter Novice Dressage qualifier, Merrist Wood
Weds 14th Oct	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sun 18th Oct	L&SE Dressage to Music Championships, Sands Farm
Weds 11th Nov	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Weds 2nd Dec	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic