



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

March 2015

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

Following on from the Members' consultation at the beginning of 2015, we are pleased to bring you a new look newsletter. This is the first for 2015 and will be followed at regular intervals throughout the year.

The idea is to tell you about forthcoming events, and to report on past events. It is intended to run alongside the website, where you will find all the supporting documents, like booking forms, entry forms, results etc.

We are getting near what is, perhaps, the busiest time of year for us equestrians, so to help you plan your season, we have put together all the dates in list form, at the end of this newsletter.

This is your newsletter, so we welcome (actually, we positive *encourage*) your contributions. If you have ridden in a team, why not tell us about your experience, or tell us about a clinic you particularly enjoyed. Anything considered! The deadline for contributions for the next newsletter is Friday, 10th April. Please send to sarah@christopherstreet.org We also welcome feedback on this and future newsletters.

The Committee has worked very hard to respond to the findings of the Members' consultation, and the programme of activities reflects that. We have a strong membership base, with many new members, so we are all looking forward to a busy and fun-filled 2015.

Best wishes

Sarah Fisher

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Socialising at the dressage series 1st March (photo by Christopher Lee)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CURRY NIGHT

Friday 27th March 7.30pm

Come and enjoy some great food, meet new members and catch up with other friends. We have booked a table at the Curry Inn 84 (<http://www.curryinn84.co.uk>) in Cranleigh (214/216 High Street). Partners welcome. Reserve your place by contacting Jenny Tully – jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk.

EQUINE MASSAGE COURSE WITH SALLY WADE

Saturday 11th April, 10 am – 1pm, in Womersley.

Learn how to use massage to improve your horse's health and well-being. The course will give you a basic overview of the horse's anatomy, the reason to massage, tell you how to recognise where your horse hurts and show you some massage routine, including the neck, shoulders, back and hind end.

Contact Caroline Holsten at westsurreyrc@gmail.com

PILATES FOR RIDING WORKSHOP

Sunday 26th April – 10 to 11.30 am. This will take place in Shalford.

Sharon Hibbin is an experienced rider and Pilates instructor. This workshop aims to teach the basics of pilates, and take participants through exercises, explaining the muscles we are targeting, and why they are important on horseback. The focus of the workshop will be pilates in relation to flatwork and dressage, however the principles can be easily applied to the jumping arena. There will be some theory but most of the workshop will be practical, so come prepared to work out. Injuries can be accommodated.

If you are interested, please email Caroline at westsurreyrc@gmail.com

TACK SALE

Thursday, 21st May, from 4 pm, Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Green

Get rid of your unwanted horsey items, or bag a bargain. This will be open to all. Tables £10 each (you can share). Entry £2

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

DAY CAMP IS BACK!!!

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

We will soon be running our third 'Learn, Laugh and Lunch' Day Camp. The booking form will shortly be available on the website, but in the meantime, please register your interest with Caroline Holsten; westsurreyrc@gmail.com

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; three instructors, three groups of max six riders, and three disciplines (flatwork, show jumping and xc). There will be a nice lunch break, with delicious food bought by participants to share, to 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!

INSTRUCTION

Lisa Fahy has organised a range of instruction for all levels of riders. Booking forms and further details can be found on the website, but below you will find the dates and headline details.

Please note that we are very lucky to have such talented and qualified instructors. ALL of our instructors take riders and horses from grass roots level up to the more advanced. Don't be scared - give it a go!

Hinda Inglis :

Back by popular demand, Hinda is running flatwork, pole dancing and show jumping clinics - you choose. Venue : Whitley Manor Farm, Bramley GU5 0LL - in outdoor school or show jumping field (once weather improves!). Cost per hour - £40 private; £60 per group (max 4 riders split equally)
Dates : **21 & 28 March (from 12 noon); 16 & 30 April (from 3pm) and 16 May (from 12 noon).**

Rebecca Markwick:

We've had very positive feedback on her clinics to date. Flatwork or technical jumping - your choice. Cost per hour - £30; private - £20 per rider shared lesson. Venue : Hurtwood Cottage, Albury GU5 9EJ. Dates : **14 March (full with waiting list), 4 April, 30 May and 27 June. from 10.30am.**

Ali Cookson:

Ali Cookson - again another popular instructor running dressage clinics. Cost per half hour £30 private. Venue : East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0TE. Dates : **20 March (full with waiting list), 1 & 22 May and 12 June.**

Christine Shubrook:

Christine Shubrook - our club's pure show jumping instructor! Cost per hour; rider £30 per hour per rider (regardless of group size) up to a max of 3 per session. - Venue : Thundry Farm, Elstead GU8 6LE. Dates to follow – check website.

Richard Mackay;

Richard MacKay has very kindly said that he would love to carry on instructing our members but due to the busy nature of his yard and own competing/training schedule he cannot commit to set dates months in advance. So he has kindly said that members can email him directly to book lessons with him, which will fit around his and your schedules! Please contact Richard on : rmglf@hotmail.co.uk - Venue : Green Lane Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0RD - in indoor school. Cost per hour : £40 private; £25 per rider in group (up to 3).

COMING SOON.....CATRIONA MOORWOOD TEST RIDING CLINICS – check website

For further information and booking forms, check the website;

<http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/instruction.html> or email Lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk

OTHER NEWS/NOTICES

The Dressage Series

It was very clear from our consultation with members, that the dressage series is hugely popular, so this was promptly reinstated, with the first competition held at very short notice on 1st February, and the second on 1st March. Entries for the first were modest owing to the short notice, but the second day's competition was a sell-out, so thanks to Sylvia Laney, Vicky Palmer, Cathy Hughes, and of course, our generous hosts Pami Nixon (Hurtwood Cottage) and Lynn Roberts (Kilnhanger). Also we are grateful to judge Catriona Moorwood and writer Natalie Mendelssohn, and to Patrick Murphy, who seemed to read tests for everyone.

Full results for both competitions can be found on the website;

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

This year, we are running one series (instead of a Summer *and* Winter series), with two more competitions planned, one on April 19th, another in May and a CHAMPIONSHIP to be held in June (both these dates to be confirmed).

Tests to be used on 19th April are; Intro A, Prelim 7, Novice 20 and Elementary 43.

Please note – we will be awarding TURNOUT prizes at the Championship show. We have been so impressed with turnout so far, we couldn't NOT.

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Team report – Sands Farm 22nd February

West Surrey RC sent two teams to the qualifier for the Novice Winter Show Jumping Championships at Sands Farm. Suffice to say, it didn't really go our way but, at a recent committee meeting, it was said that the day was a useful "bonding" experience. Thanks to all competitors for turning out in pretty rubbish weather, and to all those who turned up to support.

NEW SHOWJUMPS!!!

We are very lucky to have been given some wonderful show jumps by a very generous lady, Jane Howden. Jane is an old friend of the Club, and also donated some rugs and horsey equipment which Lisa has sold on behalf of the Club, raising a massive £655. The jumps are currently stored at Lisa's farm, and members will have the opportunity of trying them out as soon as the weather improves, as we will be running some more combined training and evening clear round jumping. As a show of our great appreciation, the Committee agreed that we would make a donation of £100 to a charity of Jane's choice.



Thank you Jane!

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WSRC OPEN DRESSAGE

*Hopefully, all members will be aware of our Open Dressage at Merrist Wood on **Good Friday, 3rd April**. This is always a popular and busy competition, with a team friendly competition, and, of course, individual tests.*

Cass Lillington would love to have a few more helpers for the day please. There are lots of different jobs to do – writing for a judge (a great way to learn about dressage), stewarding, scoring and more. Please contact Cass by email if you can help; cass.lillington@btinternet.com

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE A WSRC SADDLE PAD/NUMNAH – We would like to collect these up as we have lost track of how many we have, what size they are, or who has them. Please check in your lorry/tack boxes, and if you have one can you please return to Sarah Fisher – 2 The Hop Gardens, Shere, or give to one of the committee members. Thank you.

BRIDLEWAYS REPORT

From our Bridleways Officer, Katherine Manson:

“Bridleway 314 Roman Temple to Green Lane via Deer Farm , nr Shamley Green

I have reported the encroaching holly along this path to Surrey County Council. I have suggested that if Surrey have no immediate plans to do a vegetation cut along this path that the club form a few work parties to clear it. The impression I got at the recent open club meeting at Arbuthnot Hall was that most people would prefer an evening time when the days get longer . Once I secure Surrey County Councils co-operation I will organise this.

Bridleway 313 Dipdene lane which joins above bridleway to Woodhill Lane and Bridleway 229 which joins Green Lane to Roman Temple past Rompin Downs.

It has been reported to me that both these paths are blocked with fallen trees. I have not had a chance to get out and inspect these so if anyone can update me I would be grateful.

The British Horse Society Lost Ways Project

Many will know that the Countryside and Rights of Way Act has a deadline of 2026 for recording old rights of way. The British Horse Society is asking us all to get involved in checking that any routes we ride are recorded. As part of this I have spent some time at the Surrey History Centre in Woking checking old ordnance survey maps for the designation of paths around Mayor House Farm and Plonks Hill near Shamley Green. However so far I have not been able to find any footpaths or other tracks that might have been bridleways in the past but which somehow got recorded as footpaths. However it is early days and I shall be continuing this work for some time.”

KBIS BRC TEAM ENDURANCE EVENT

We have been asked to tell members about the 2015 GB KBIS Team Endurance Event. The final takes place on 19th September 2015 at The Lions Tail Ride in Leicestershire. This is open to teams. If we had enough interested people we would send a team. In the first instance, please contact Sarah Fisher – sarah@christopherstreet.org

REPRESENT WSRC!

Calling all members who would like to represent the Club on teams. We need riders for Combined Training (19th April); show jumpers for 17th May and 6th June; horse trials for 23rd May, and finally, dressage to music competitors for 28th June.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the relevant team managers, as follows;

Horse Trials - Claire Stratford - claire.stratford@yahoo.co.uk - 07979 606 184

Show Jumping - Jenny Tully - jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk - 01483 291 580

Dressage - Vicky Palmer - vicky.palmer@btopenworld.com - 07885 562 114

Combined Training – westsurreyrc@gmail.com

Helpers required at the Festival of Horse Combined Training Challenge at Munstead Heath Farm on Sunday 19th April. If you can spare some time please contact the Committee:

westsurreyrc@gmail.com



NEW WEST SURREY RIDING CLUB WEAR

Ro Major has kindly organised for a range of WSRC logo embroidered riding wear to be available to members. If you would like to order any items, please contact Ro Major; 01483 200560 or email; ro@jhaconsult.co.uk

Prices;

Sweat shirt	£13
Rugby shirt	£20
Fleece	£20
Gillet	£30
Polo shirt	£12
Blouson jacket	
(pictured)	£57.50
Jacket	
(non-blouson)	£50

All items are embroidered gold on purple.

Jackets are fleece lined and waterproof.

Model not included. Please note, payment will be required before order can be placed.

West Surrey RC points table, as at 2nd March 2015

Points awarded

1 point for entering a WSRC competition

4 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
Sarah Morales Cortes	Oreo	19
Judith Dunne	Seahorse Point	19
Louise Deacon	Cherry B	16
Paula Hynes	Finn McCuil	15
Ro Major	Scooby	13
Susan McKensie	Bruno	12
Pat Murphy	Bartley Bay	11
Tina Pendle	Dangermouse	9
Julie Rowley	McGinty	9
Sarah Orchard	Bebo	8
Vickie Hogben	Ted	7
Lynn Roberts	Rocky	7
Jenny Swartout	Boo	7
Fenella Grant	Percy	6
Victoria Harrington	Bee	5
Pam Wilson	Tilly	5
Kirsten Davis	Spongebob	5
Beth Foley	Heathcliffe	5
Lynn Roberts	Cookie	4
Lynn Roberts	Baron	4
Jenny Tully	Lazy Acres Hurricane	4
Jenny Monks	Dark Deception	4
Gemma Saulis	Baron	4
Fiona Watkins	Brabos	4
Emma Anscombe	Caher Dash	4
Carys Jones	Knockeevan Grange	4
Josie Jenkinson	Little B	3
Hillary Smith	Billy	3
Pili Spiers	Sonny	1

Dates for Your Diary

Sat 14th March	Rebecca Markwick flatwork or technical jumping clinic, Hurtwood Cottage
Fri 20th March	Ali Cookson dressage clinic, East Whitley Farm
Sat 21st March	Hinda Inglis flatwork/poledancing/sj clinic at Whitley Manor Farm
Fri 27th March	Curry night, Cranleigh, from 7.30pm
Sat 28th March	Hinda Inglis (as above)
Sun 29th March	National Dressage Qualifier (Snr and Jnr) at Merrist Wood
Good Fri 3rd April	WSRC Open Dressage
Sat 4th April	Rebecca Markwick (as above)
Sat 11th April	Equine Massage Course with Sally Wade 10am
Thurs 16th April	Hinda Inglis (as above)
Sun 19th April	Dressage Series (3rd)
Sun 19th April	Festival of the Horse Combined Training competition/challenge at Munstead
Sun 26th April	Pilates for Riding workshop, Shalford
Thurs 30th April	Hinda Inglis (as above)
1st May	Ali Cookson clinic, East Whitley Farm
Sat 16th May	Hinda Inglis (as above)
Sun 17th May	National Snr and Jnr Show Jumping Qualifier Elstead
Thurs 21st May	Tack Sale, Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Green, from 4pm
Fri 22nd May	Ali Cookson clinic, East Whitley Farm
Sat 23rd May	National and L&SE Horse Trials qualifier, Coombelands
Sat 30th May	Rebecca Markwick (as above)
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
Sat 27th June	Rebecca Markwick (as above)
Sun 28th June	Dressage to Music Qualifier, Plumpton College
11th July	Senior, Junior and L&SE dressage qualifiers, Pacesham