



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

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Dear Members

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter.

The date for the AGM has been set; Weds, 9th November 7.30 for 8 pm. This is likely to take place at Arburthnot Hall in Shamley Green (as last year) but we will confirm this nearer the time. Light refreshments will be available, speeches will be kept to a minimum, and we have booked guest speaker Jenni Winter, who is a horse and rider NLP confidence coach. Check out her website for more information: <http://www.flyingchangescoaching.co.uk/>. We are sure she will speak with relevance to all! We will be reminding you by email nearer the time, but please make a note of this in your diary.

Your Committee tries hard to provide a range of activities that have broad appeal to the member base. This past quarter we have seen members enjoying clear round jumping at Westlands Farm, the Day Camp which took place in June, the Dressage Series Championships, fun instruction with excellent local trainers, and we continue to liaise with Surrey County Council and other bodies to try to improve the state of bridleways for all. In addition, there has been plenty of team competition activity.

Committee members are unpaid. Many hands make light work and we are extremely grateful to the vast majority of members who give up their time so generously and enthusiastically to support us. If you would like the Club to provide different activities, please do come along to the AGM to make suggestions, but we will need more helpers to put on more events.

On a linked subject, it is with sadness that we say thank you to Carys for all her help and enthusiasm on instruction, as she has decided to step down from the Committee at the AGM. We are therefore looking for someone to step up to this role; if you are interested in taking it on, please do talk/email Carys, who is willing to do a full handover to her successor – carys1@btinternet.com

As we write, our West Surrey RC team for Blenheim's Eventer Challenge will be making their final preparations. We wish our team of Lynn Roberts, Karen Stone, Claire Stratford and Jenny Tully lots of luck, and safe journeys. We hope to see as many supporters there as possible, and remember there is great shopping at Blenheim! See below for details of how to buy discounted tickets.

Best wishes
The Committee

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BLENNHEIM EVENTERS' CHALLENGE

Thursday, 8th September

If you would like to come to Blenheim to support your WSRC team, you can purchase admission tickets via www.blenheimhorse.co.uk using the promotion code PCEC2016. Tickets bought in advance using this code before Sunday 4th September will enjoy a discount of £6 per ticket off the on the gate price (please note accompanied under 12's get free admission).

NB: West Surrey RC are due to ride at 11.20 am. In keeping with WSRC tradition, we will no doubt have a bit of a picnic too!

CLEAR ROUND SJ

Sunday, 11th September 2.30-4.30 pm

At Westlands Farm, Lords Hill, Shamley Green GU5 0TL

Following the successful clear round jumping at Westlands Farm on 21st August, Charlotte Williams has kindly agreed to host another session. This will take place on grass over our Club jumps. The format will be slightly different, in that fence heights will be at set times (to avoid your poor Committee members doing 'Grand Old Duke of York' impersonations – “when they were up they were up, and when they were down they were down” etc!!). So please be ready to jump as follows;

Probable timings; 2.30 – 3 pm: 40-50 cm
 3 – 4 pm: 60-70 cm
 4 – 4.30 pm: 80 cm +

Entries on the day only, £5 per round, or £12 for three. Cash only please. This is excellent value and a really good way to pop a few fences without any pressure.

For further info please contact Charlotte at westsurreyrc@gmail.com

TREC/AGILITY TRAINING

Sunday, 2nd October at Westlands Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0TL

Charlotte Williams has kindly offered her farm as a venue for Trec training. There is plenty of parking and lots of space for Cass and I to set out obstacles for you to try.

There will be three sessions of an hour each –
10 am (in hand)
11.30 am (ridden)
1 pm (ridden)

Six riders split into two groups for each session. If you wish to do both ridden and inhand, you will need to book two sessions.

£15 per session for WSRC members; £20 per session for non members. Bookings via MyRidingLife on the website please.

Trec is a fun event ideal for bonding horse and rider, There will 10 obstacles, some of which can only be entered at walk and others which can be done at trot or canter; the choice is yours. All can be done in walk, whichever

is best for you and your horse. We have introduced some new obstacles to make it even more fun. Cass and I saw these recently at a horse agility event and thought it would be good for WSRC. The idea is to enjoy yourself, so if there is something you are not happy doing let us know, and you can leave it out. If you have any further queries, please email; ro@JHAconsult.co.uk

2016/17 DRESSAGE SERIES -CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Kilnhanger Farm, by kind permission of Lynn Roberts

Sundays, 30th October and 11th December

We know how popular the closed dressage series is, and we therefore have every intention of running four or five shows over the autumn and winter months, with the first scheduled for Sunday, 30th October, and the second on Sunday, 11th December.

As ever, this relies on a band of helpers. If we are unable to find enough helpers, this show will not run – we will specifically need a writer, scorer and steward. If you can help, please email Cathy; Cathy.Hughes@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Assuming we do have enough helpers to run these shows, the tests to be used are as follows;

Sunday 30th October

Intro A
Prelim 1 (2006)
Novice 24 (2010)

Sunday 11th Dec

Intro B
Prelim 7 (2002)
Novice 27 (2007)

We will not be running the different sections this year (ie restricted, open and junior). Instead, we will be awarding rosettes of different colours according to your percentage score; eg, for a score of 70%+, a red rosette; blue for 65% or above, etc. Effectively, you are competing against yourself, and the focus is on improving your scores during the series. Everyone will get a rosette! Qualification for the Championships will be calculated on a points basis.

Entry fee is £7 per class. Entries (preferred) online via the West Surrey RC website (£1.50 booking fee); <http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/dressage-series.html>

Entries can also be sent through the post to Julie Johnson. Please download entry form from the website. Cheques made payable to West Surrey RC. Entries close the Thursday prior to competition. Times available on website from 6pm on the Friday before.

WSRC AGM
Wednesday, 9th November, 7.30 for 8pm
At the Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Green

Please save the date!

FUTURE TEAM COMPETITIONS

LONDON & SOUTH EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, 25th September 2016 at Rackham

We are pleased to report that we have a horse trials team qualified for the L&SE Championships at Sparright Farm, Rackham, nr Pulborough. Sarah Orchard, Helen French, Charli Angus and Tina Pendle head to this West Sussex venue to represent our Club at 80cm. We wish them all a happy and successful day. All supporters more than welcome!

FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE EVENTERS CHALLENGE/COMBINED TRAINING QUALIFIERS

Sunday, 16th October at Munstead Heath Farm

The eagle-eyed among you will notice that this qualifier (which normally takes place in the Spring) has been moved to accommodate an earlier Championship date next year.

Eventers Challenge;

We have the opportunity to enter teams for the 80, 90 and 100 cm Eventers Challenge Classes. The Eventers Challenge teams comprise 4 riders and is always great fun. Each rider jumps a set of show jumps that leads directly onto a course of cross country fences. This is the first time there has been an 80cm class for this event.

Combined Training Team Competition;

This is for a team of 4 riders - 2 riders show jump at 75cms and complete a Prelim level dressage test from the BRC test series, and 2 riders show jump 85cms and complete a novice level test.

If you would like to participate in this friendly and competitive horse trial, please send your name to me at hilarysmithpm@hotmail.co.uk and tell me which team(s) you are interested in joining and what heights you are comfortable jumping at. If you register your interest in competing for the team, please remember to keep the date free in your diary.

Helpers are also in high demand for this event (we will need 7 helpers if we enter a team in each of the 4 classes) and we normally have a lovely picnic for everyone to enjoy, especially our super helpers, without whom the teams cannot compete. If you haven't yet helped out at a Club event this year, then this event is the one to come to - it's always a lot of fun and not far to travel! If you want to compete on a team PLEASE help us to find sufficient helpers to enter our teams.

Should you be interested in further details, please visit: <http://www.brcarea11.org.uk/WhatsOn.html>

AREA FRIENDLY SHOW JUMPING

Sunday, 6th November at Elstead RC field

We are looking for volunteers to enter a "friendly" team show jumping competition on Sunday 6th November at ERC field. The format is teams of three, where one person jumps 75cms, one jumps 85cms and the third member jumps 95cms. In addition to the team event there is an open competition for anyone else who wants to jump individually. Please contact jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk by Monday 24th October if you are interested.

NATIONAL INTERMEDIATE INDOOR SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER
Sunday, 11th December at Parwood

We are looking for volunteers to compete for the club at the National Intermediate Winter Show Jump Qualifier at Parwood EC. We need teams of 4 with best of 3 scores to count. The first round is at 95cms and then the 2nd round is 1m. Please contact jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk by Monday 14th November if you are interested

NATIONAL NOVICE DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS
Saturday 19th November, at Merrist Wood

Details for this will follow by email

AREA FRIENDLY DESSAGE
Saturday, 26th November at Priory EC

Details for this will follow by email

AREA "FRIENDLY" QUIZ
Monday, 14th November (evening) at The Watermill, Dorking

Despite being a "friendly", this quiz usually proves to be highly competitive, but great fun. And the pub does a good supper too! WSRC normally put in a couple of teams, and are now putting out a call to all who would like to take part. If you are interested/would like more information, please contact Cathy Hughes; cathy.hughes@apha.gsi.gov.uk

REPORTS

Day Camp at Westlands Farm *Report by Elizabeth Schilling*

This year WSRC summer camp was held at Westland Farm in Shamley Green. Thank you so much to Charlotte Williams for letting us use the facilities, and thank you to Sally, Lisa and Hinda, our amazing instructors for the day.

We were three groups of about 5 with one instructor for the day, teaching us well in dressage, show jumping and cross country. After two lessons we had a lovely lunch before the final session. There was a lot of laughter and it was great for members to get to know each other a bit. The weather was perfect so we couldn't really ask for more.

Some riders (and ponies) went out of their comfort zone over some scary xc jumps and others learned about what "uphill" riding actually mean. Everyone should be proud of their efforts for the day.

All in all, a fun day. Hope to see you all again next year!

Dressage Series Championships *At Kilnhanger*

The annual WSRC dressage series came to a close on 24th July in brilliant sunshine and great company! Everyone turned up looking 'spick and span' for the Condition and Turn-out competition, and raring to go for our end of series competition!

The dressage series is always a wonderful occasion for everyone to get together and catch up – there was immense 'chattering' and congratulating going on outside the arena. As a fellow competitor on this occasion (and not just being one of the organising committee), it was lovely to see how much people appreciated the event and really enjoyed it.

We had a tough year this season, with at least two of the series cancelled due to bad weather, so it makes it even more worthwhile when we do manage to 'pull it off!'

The dressage series requires a lot of organizing; choosing tests, securing judges, scorers and helpers, issuing times etc. Please remember that it is a prerequisite of Club membership to help at events, whether local or far away, and without helpers we find it really difficult to put on this great event each year. If you can help please make sure you let Cathy Hughes or myself know in advance, so we can avoid the 'pleading emails' at the time. Without helpers the dressage series will struggle, once again, to take place next season. We are extremely grateful to those kind members who came forward to help this last season.

Congratulations to all who competed this season – the winners of the Championship of the 2015/16 series are on the website: <http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/results.html>. We look forward to congratulating the trophy winners at the AGM in November!

Julie Johnson
Dressage team manager

Instruction

How to book instruction; bookings to be made online via MyRidingLife on our [website](#) (preferred method) or by cheque/post. Payment is required at time of booking. We regret we cannot issue refunds unless a doctor's or vet's certificate/letter is provided. If you are unable to attend your booked instruction, you are free to find a replacement (as long as it's a WSRC member and at an appropriate level for the instruction!) and organise reimbursement between yourselves. We recommend using the WSRC Facebook page for this.

For cheque/postal bookings, please download a booking form from the website and send to Susan Mackenzie – please contact Susan by email for her address (susanchodgkiss@hotmail.com).

If you are unsure of venue locations in the Albury/Farley Green/Blackheath area visit our website and search for 'Venue map' for a guide.

XC Schooling with Lucy Gasston (kindly organised by Patrick Murphy)

Dates: Sunday 18th Sept and Saturday 29th October
Location: Gasston Farm, Headley, KT18 6DY

Lucy manages Gasston Stables Livery Yard and is a successful event rider. She has competed up to 1*, is a qualified BHSAI and teaches all levels and ages of riders. To view the venue please visit www.gasstonstables.co.uk

The cost per person will be £30 and depending on numbers, the duration will be:-
2 people 45 mins
3 people 1 hour 15 mins
4 people 1 hour 30 mins

Assuming all sessions are fully subscribed, the following times have been scheduled. We will be closing entries a week before the event and will publish actual times and members shortly afterwards.

50-60cm 10:00 - 11:30
60-80cm. 11:30 - 13:00
70-90cm. 13:30 - 15:00
90-1m. 15:00 - 16:30
L&SE team 16:30 - 18:00.

If you have any queries or would like more information, please contact Patrick by email; patmurphyhome@aol.com

Polework with Hinda Inglis

Dates: Saturday, 24th September - 2 pm and 3 pm
Saturday, 12th November – 12 noon and 1 pm

Venue: Lockner Farm, Dorking Roa, Chilworth GU4 8RH
Cost: £17 per person, maximum 4 per group

Hinda is a popular local instructor, who trained at TTT (www.ttttrust.com). These fun group sessions will liven up your flatwork, with practical exercises designed to improve your horse's balance, rhythm and flexibility.

Sorry, no parking at Lockner Farm; nearest parking at Albury cricket ground or Roman Temple car park.

Ali Cookson flatwork clinics

Dates: Wednesdays, 28th September, 19th October, 16th November
Venue: East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, GU5 0TE
Times: 10.30 am, 11 am, 11.30 am and 12 noon
Cost: £35 per half hour private lesson

Alex Cookson, BHSI, is a Director and Senior Instructor of Training Teachers of Tomorrow Trust. She began her career as a three-day-event rider. Now specialising in dressage, she has competed and trained many horses, including her own, up to Intermediate I level. Alex is very approachable and able to get the best out of every horse and rider. Ideal for those wanting to start out on their dressage journey, to the more advanced. Plenty of parking on site.

Show jump clinic with Sebastien Poirier

Date: Saturday, 1st October
Time: 1 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm
Venue: West Weylands Farm, Esher, KT12 4LJ
Cost: £30 per person, maximum per group - 3

Join professional show jumper and UK BSJA accredited coach (level 2), Seb Poirier at his new yard in Esher, with its fabulous jumping arena, for an afternoon of show jumping. Skilled at helping riders of all abilities, Seb's quite but positive way of teaching will give you and your horse confidence. Ample parking on site. For more information about Seb, visit his website; www.sebastienpoirier.co.uk

Groups of Three Dressage with Catriona Moorwood;

Dates: Saturday 8th October, Saturday, 5th November and Sunday, 4th December
Location: Heath Cottage, August Lane, Farley Green, Surrey, GU5 9DP
Times: 11 am – for those working at walk/trot & starting prelim
12 noon – for those established at prelim & working towards novice
Cost: £15 per person. Max 3 per group. Book for the level you feel comfortable at.

Another chance to take part in our popular 'groups of three' dressage sessions; Catriona will make sure your weekend gets off to a great start with these group flatwork sessions.

Designed to encourage both those starting out and the more established horse and rider, these sessions will provide you with exercises and structure for your schooling at home. They are also great opportunities to meet other Club members and observe yourself in the large school's lovely mirrors!

Half-hour private lessons with Catriona

If you prefer a one-to-one approach, a limited number of half-hour private lessons (any level) will be available with Catriona on both dates as follows:

Dates: Saturday 8th October, Saturday, 5th November and Sunday, 4th December

Times: 1 pm and 1.30pm **Cost:** £20 per person

No parking at venue but it's only a five-minute hack from the Roman Temple car park.

If you would like to organise a lesson direct with Catriona, but don't have her contact details, we can provide these to you.

Group Show Jumping with Charlie Swanson

Dates: Saturday, 22nd October and Sunday, 20th November

Location: Shamley Wood Estate, Woodhill Lane, Shamley Green,
Guildford, Surrey GU5 0SP

Times: 11 – 60-70 cm, for the nervous, novice and those just starting out
12 noon – 80-90 cm, for the more established horse/rider
1 pm – 90 cm+ - those happy jumping bigger!

Cost: £20 per person. Max 3 per group.

Back by popular demand, Charlie will be running two show jumping clinics for WSRC this Autumn. Lessons take place in Charlie's outdoor school on a lovely surface. Charlie breeds, imports and sells elite show jumpers, as well as competing at top level herself. She is extremely approachable and encouraging.

Sorry no parking at venue for participants or spectators. Nearest parking at the Roman Temple car park.

For more information about Charlie, and to contact her direct, visit www.monksstud.co.uk

We have arranged group lessons with Charlie, Catriona, Hinda and Seb, but you can book private lessons with these instructors direct, at times to suit you. We can provide contact details for those instructors without websites.

The Story Behind The Shot
An evening with local equestrian fine art photographer, Carys Jones
In Aid of Cranleigh Riding For the Disabled

Location: Cranleigh Arts Centre, 1 High Street, Cranleigh, GU6 8AS

Date: Tuesday, 25th October at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30 allowing you to look around/have a drink

Cost: £8 per person

Seats can only be booked in advance via www.cranleighbartscentre.org

Join WSRC member and equestrian fine art photographer, Carys, for a relaxed illustrated talk that launches her latest exhibition; The Spirit of Horses. Carys will share with you some of the images she captured, and talk through 'the story behind the shot'. Expect to see powerful black Friesians, playful Lusitanos, the white horses of the Camargue, and characterful Icelandic horses, all photographed in their native environments.

A percentage of proceeds from ticket sales will go to Cranleigh Riding for the Disabled's "Riding High" fundraising drive, to pay for a huge building improvement programme. For more information, visit; www.cranleighbardagroup.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 8 th Sept	Team Eventers Challenge, Blenheim Palace
Sun 11 th September	Clear round SJ at Westlands Farm
Sun 18 th Sept	XC Schooling with Lucy Gasston
Sat 24 th Sept	Polework with Hinda Inglis
Sun 25 th Sept	L&SE Horse Trials Championships at Rackham
Weds 28 th Sept	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sat, 1 st Oct	Seb Poirier SJ clinic
Sun, 2 nd Oct	Trec event at Westlands Farm
Sat 8 th Oct	Catriona Moorwood flatwork clinic
Sun 16 th Oct	FOH at Munstead
Weds 19 th Oct	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sat 22 nd Oct	Charlie Swanson SJ clinic
Tues 25 th Oct	The Story Behind The Shot evening talk/Carys Jones
Sat 29 th Oct	XC Schooling with Lucy Gasston
Sun 30 th Oct	Dressage Series I
Sat 5 th Nov	Catriona Moorwood flatwork clinic
Sun 6 th Nov	Team "friendly" SJ at Elstead RC
Weds 9 th Nov	AGM
Sat 12 th Nov	Polework with Hinda Inglis
Mon 14 th Nov	Area Team Quiz at Dorking
Weds 16 th Nov	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sat 19 th Nov	National Novice Dressage at Merrist Wood
Sun 20 th Nov	Charlie Swanson SJ clinic
Sat 26 th Nov	Team dressage at Priory EC
Sun 4 th Dec	Catriona Moorwood flatwork clinic
Sun 11 th Dec	Dressage Series II
Sun 11 th Dec	National Intermediate SJ at Parwood
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4 th Mar	National Int Dressage at Merrist Wood
14 th April Good Fri	Open and Team dressage at Merrist Wood (run by WSRC)
24 th Sept	L&SE Championships at Munstead (run by Area)