



*West Surrey Riding Club*

*BHS affiliated Riding Club*

## **WSRC News & Events**

### **Our monthly news and events update for Spring 2021**

#### **WELCOME TO SPRING 2021**

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##### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Welcome to Spring 2021! I hope this finds you, your families, and your equine friends fit and well. It was a long Winter – the repetitive cold weather and another Lockdown made it longer than I swear it is usually! Finally, we are out the other side, well it is starting to feel that way, and we can start to see each other again and leave our yards for more pony parties. Although the lifting of some Covid Restrictions in April didn't quite happen quick enough for us to be able to run our usual Good Friday Dressage show we will get a chance to run it again in August. It will be a bank holiday weekend so not ideal timing, but we hope we will attract those not on holiday and that the Area 11 Teams friendly will draw some of a crowd at least. Thank you to everyone that was planning to be involved in April and please do put your hand up again for August if you can.

A week later though we did play the 'third time lucky' game and managed to get the Area 11 and 13 Arena Eventing qualifier done at Coombelands. I am not sure to this day how Cathy and I managed to throw this together at short notice but it happened and Sam and Tanya did a great job putting together both our 70 and 90 teams. The 70 team won their class but unfortunately won't be going to Aston – a combination of injuries and commitments meant we just couldn't make it on this occasion. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped us run a hugely successful event. People were definitely happy to be back out and about again. It is days like that which makes life as a committee member quite special – although a lot of hard work, tears and upset went into the event we had some wonderful feedback and some very happy competitors. Even our onsite Paramedics, Vet and photographer said they had a great day!

If you have a trophy to return or won a trophy at the AGM please do contact Cass Ivie and we will arrange a handover (and possibly a little photo!). We have a huge array of things coming up in the summer – loads of A11 team competitions and some training and fun events. The website and MRL are up to date. Even if an event is full please ask the relevant committee member as things often change at the last minute and in some cases we can put on extra sessions. The Committee would like to wish Louise Hollington a restful summer (!) as she prepares to become a mum and she will be handing over the 'instruction reins' to the rest of the committee whilst she settles into her new role.

If you have any suggestions on instruction, events (ridden or social), the website or FB pages please do not hesitate to email us on [westsurreyrc@gmail.com](mailto:westsurreyrc@gmail.com) – You are the people we run this club for so your input on the way we run things is so important to us. We often cannot deliver everything but if you don't ask you won't know!

I look forward to seeing you all across the summer months – if the past year has taught us anything it's to enjoy ourselves and make the most of every moment – help us make the remainder of 2021 a good one!

*Julie*

Julie Johnson

**Chairman WSRC**

## Dressage Series

### Members Dressage

Finally we are able to get the ball rolling with members dressage. Due to last year being a bit of a non- starter we have decided to host a summer dressage series. We have also re vamped the series allowing a brief warm up in the arena before your test, We have new pick your own classes from intro to elementary. Members have the opportunity to qualify for the summer championships this can be achieved by placing in the top 3, There will also be a section for non qualified members giving everyone the opportunity to ride in front of two British dressage judges on the day of the champs.

Qualifying dates are:

Sunday 6th June

Sunday 25th July

Sunday 8th August

Championships :

Sunday 12th September.

All these events will be held at Kilnhanger courtesy of Lynn Roberts. All classes are £8

Further information will be available on My Riding Life on the WSRC website and Facebook page.

## Arena Eventing

The Arena Eventing at Coombelands was a success and the weather held out for us despite some dark clouds looming! The 70cm team consisted of Samantha Petri, Megan Shenton, Susan McKenzie and Kimberley Smith. They all had good rounds and managed a win! Fantastic! Sam and Tally also got a brilliant individual 4th place. By winning they qualified for the national arena eventing championships at Aston Le Walls. Then was the turn of the 90cm team consisting of Pili Spears, Sophie Plowright, Giselle Stent and Nicki Lockett. The girls managed a great team result of 4th place. Huge thank you to our amazing club for organising, all of our very special helpers and to Christopher Lee for staying for hours and capturing some great photos.

## Treasure Hunt

The weather for the treasure hunt was perfect and 14 riders hunted for “treasure” around the heath looking for a range of items including £20 notes, smiley faces, cakes and clothes pegs – even HM the Queen was spotted!!

We hope to run another towards the end of autumn so keep an eye out for details.

## WSRC Instruction/clinics and events

We are pleased to bring you details of our upcoming Flatwork clinic!

**When:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Coach:** Sarah Jane Hornsby

**Where;** Cranleigh Riding for Disabled Casis Farm, Rowly Drive, Cranleigh GU6 8PL

**Time:** Two sessions:

10.30 -11.30 pole work

11.30-12.30 lateral work

**Parking:** Plenty of parking at venue.

**Cost:** £20 per rider. 4 maximum in a session.

## Planned for June, July and August

**Show jumping with Annie Forsyth – Thursday evening groups – Date TBC**

**Improve your Test riding with Yvonne Huber 24 July TBC**

**Mini cross country with Johanna Burlison-Satchell – 1<sup>st</sup> August TBC**

Details of all Instruction can be found on the website and bookings made via My Riding Life.

*Ali Cookson is now on her summer break and we are working on dates for September to resume our training schedule. Ali has said that she is happy to teach any of our members directly by arrangement but unfortunately cannot guarantee us half a day at a time during the summer due to family commitments. Please do contact us using the [westsurreyrc@gmail.com](mailto:westsurreyrc@gmail.com) account if you want her contact details.*

## Upcoming Events

Area 11 have a bumper amount of competitions and qualifiers this Summer – please see the details below and contact the relevant committee member listed if you have an interest in representing your club this summer!

### **Nationals and L&SE Dressage to Music Qualifier**

**Saturday 4 July 2021** at Belmoredean (organiser: Area 13)

Committee Member: Julie Johnson

### **Dressage (National and L&SE) Area Qualifiers**

**Saturday 10 July 2021** at Patchesham EC (organiser: Chipstead RC)

Prelim to Elementary

Teams and Individuals

Committee Member: Julie Johnson

### **Style Jumping and Show Jumping National Qualifiers**

**Sunday 18 July 2021** at Elstead Riding club field (organiser: Elstead RC)

Teams and Individuals

Committee Member: Tanya Creaye-Griffin & Samantha Jayne Petri

### **L&SE Combined Training & Show Jumping qualifiers**

**Saturday 31 July 2021** at Bookham Riding club field (organiser: Bookham)

CT at 70 cm and Show Jumping at 80+

Teams and Individuals

Committee Member: Tanya Creaye-Griffin & Samantha Jayne Petri

### **Area 11 Dressage Team Friendly**

**Sunday 29 August 2021** at Merrist Wood in Guildford (organiser: West Surrey RC)

Prelim to Elementary

Teams and Individuals

Committee Member: Vicki Chuter

Where possible we will organise related training to support you in representing the club. Please also bear in mind that if you win you will be invited to the Championships by BRC Head Office so you must be prepared to attend the champs. Please talk to the relevant Committee member if you are interested. We look forward to seeing you at events this summer!

## Camp

We have planned Camp for the 15 August – we have a slightly new look to camp this year! Although, still at Munstead we have three new instructors joining the team in Sarah-Jane Hornsby, Sarah Williams and Tracy Brown. All three are very experienced in their field and have worked with us in some shape or form in previous years. There will still be flatwork, jumping and cross country and we will cater for all levels – from poles on the ground up to 1m. We have secured a training grant again this year from BRC so the event will be hugely discounted. Booking via MRL on the website – limited spaces available.

## Committee & Contacts

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## ABOUT WEST SURREY RIDING CLUB

West Surrey Riding Club (affiliated to the British Riding Club) is a small friendly club based in Area 11 in the Surrey Hills conservation area between Guildford and Cranleigh. Our primary objective as a club is to help and encourage our members in all aspects of horsey life –The emphasis we try to maintain in the club is to make owning and training your horse as enjoyable and sociable as possible while still being informative and safe. We know that the majority of our riders are keen to improve their skills and do the very best for their horses, so all the events we organise are aimed to promote these things.

All committee members details and other information please visit [www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk](http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk)