



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

WSRC News & Events

Our monthly news and events update for August 2018

WELCOME!

It's been a while since our last newsletter and we hope you have all been out having fun with your ponies in the sunshine (and the heat!!!). Thank you to everybody who has supported the events that we have put on over the Summer so far, and as you will see we still have more to come over the coming months and into the Autumn. Hopefully amongst the competitions and instruction, there will be a little something for everyone to enjoy, particularly now we've finally had some rain! As usual, the timetable of upcoming events is at the end of this Newsletter.

NEWS ITEMS – PAST & FUTURE EVENTS

Annual WSRC Summer Day Camp

We had a wonderful day at Munstead despite it being extremely hot. Hinda Inglis had us all strutting our stuff in the flatwork session, and Eloise Mayhead got us off the ground with fabulous polework and showjumping exercises. Sarah-Jane Hornsby then guided us round the cross country with some amongst us jumping some very impressive fences! Lunch was a fun affair and everyone made a huge effort with their contributions to the buffet which did include prosecco of course! Overall we saw a lot of big smiling faces...and that was just the horses!! We are looking forward to running this again (maybe with a bit of twist next year!).



Testimonial from Sue Connolly....

"Having not been to camp since pony club days (1982 actually think the launch of the cassette tape, Fresh young Kylie Minogue and Mull of Kintyre!) I was extremely nervous attending.. I'd packed a lunch even though there was a free one (no such thing my mum always said...) and Dolly and I headed off to Munstead.

Dolly and I are a new pairing having only bought her in December via the lovely Lynn Roberts. My grouping was Uber talented (Catherine, Julie and Rebecca) and I got the feeling they knew what knew the lay of the land was today, but encouragement, support and a lots of laughter flowed like gin & prosecco (which was mentioned quite a lot during the afternoon..)

Hinda, our flatwork instructor was fantastic and before we had even tightened our girths knew each horse's traits, weaknesses and benefits. SJ next and attentive instructor Eloise who settled nervous riders and horses, giving each rider a course to suit them and their level.

You're not pressured into completing anything and can set your own target and then watch the remainder of any of the 3 lessons or even ask just to do something you want to try and feel will benefit you and

ensuring you compete it correctly which, if you left your cans of confidence in the fridge at home (like me!) is a blessing.

After an excellent lunch on went the (rather tighter!) brave pants for XC. Sarah-Jane again was fantastic and supported every single stride my group took explaining how to ride fences, skinny's and ditches.

The beauty of WSRC camp at Munstead is you can feel the support and enjoyment in the layout of the camp. It's quiet. It's calm and very well organised.

Like me if you're a newbie to WSRC and want to go but don't really know anyone or an old returning member I can't recommend camp enough. I came away knowing my new girl better than any other event we have done in our first year.

So... 2019 GO TO CAMP! Best day out for you and your pony. See you there and I'll say "I told you so" at the end!"

Dressage Teams – NAF National & LSE Dressage and Riding Test Qualifier – 21st July

We had an eventful day at the London & SE and national dressage qualifiers at Pachesham. We had some great tests from WSRC and some wonderful new faces on our teams who I really can't wait to get back out again soon! The Chilworth Chicks team of Sophie Tack, Rebecca Attridge, myself and Louise Hollington came a credible 7th in the L&SE competition, missing out on 6th place by just two marks. Our other team of the Albury Aces (Lizzy Crossan, Judith Dunne, Jacquie Fabb and Lisa Vanoli) put up a great fight with some impressive 60+ scores which at any 'normal' competition would have been highly competitive! Well done to you all. Both Lizzy and I entered the Dreaded Riding test and I am delighted that Romeo stepped up and came 4th in the nationals and 6th in the L&SE competition, qualifying for the nationals at Lincoln which unfortunately we cannot attend this year. We all had a great day....prosecco was consumed and Judith and I even had a red arrows fly past to finish our tests.... Thanks to everyone - we need to be in it to win it and if you don't attend the party you don't get the fizz!!

Dressage and Showing Show

We had a great turnout for our first show at Whitley Manor, the sun shone and we had a lot of fun! The dressage got us off to a flying start, followed by the showing classes and the have a go trec which was extremely popular! There were doughnuts & cakes for the humans and pony nut prizes for the ponies (even if Julie's Romeo did try and help himself to the whole tray!!).

Congratulations to our class winners who were:

Class 1 - Into C - Sharon Overington

Class 2 – Prelim 13- Julie Johnson

Class 3 – Novice 27 - Pili Spiers Velarde

Class 4 – Condition and Turnout - Vicky Alexander

Class 5 - In Hand Horse/Pony - Caroline Court

Class 6 – Have a Go Ridden Showing - Vicky Alexander

Class 7 – Coloureds and Cobs - Caroline Wright

Class 8 – Veterans 15+ - Becky Shepherd

Class 9 - Riding Club Horse/Pony - Julie Johnson

And a HUGE thank you to our judges Sarah Jane Hornsby and Vicky Palmer, Ro and Cass for the Trec, and all our helpers. Also thank you to Lisa and Will for allowing use of a great show ground

Show Jumping and Showing Show – Sunday 19th August

Last call for competitors!! Our show jumping show has classes for everyone from cross poles to 90cm and showing for all levels including condition and turnout, cobs, coloureds, veterans and Riding Club horse or pony. We have had rain so the ground will be good, venue is amazing and a load of WSRC club members will be on hand to help and have fun throughout the day! Closing date is Friday 17th but entries will be taken on the day. Come and join the fun!

For further information/queries contact Jenny Tully on jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk

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

Combined Training Competition – Sunday 16th September

It's Back!! Our 2nd Combined Training event will be held again on 16 September at Whitley Manor Farm in Bramley. Same format as last year with a class for everyone! We had loads of fun last year – if you want to attempt your first every CT event or come and have a practice for the FoTH, Munstead and Tweseldown events this Autumn then get your entries in now! Classes start ranging from Intro to Novice dressage and jumping from 55 cm to 80cm+. We will also run the two disciplines as separate classes and run clear round throughout the day!

Entries via the website or direct on MRL:

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

Helpers also needed for the day – please contact Julie Johnson if you can spare some hours on the day!

Festival of the Horse (FOTH) BRC Area 10, 11 And 13 Qualifier – 6 October at Heath Farm, Munstead

Areas 11 & 13 Combined Training Qualifiers

For teams of four, two compete in the prelim/75 section and two in the novice/85 section. Those entering as members of a team will also compete as individuals. Individuals not in a team may also enter either one of the sections.

Tests/maximum height of jumps:	Prelim/75 Section	Novice/85 Section
Dressage test:	BRC HT90 Q (2013)	BRC HT100 Q (2013)
Show Jumping:	0.75m	0.85m

Areas 10, 11 & 13 Challenge Qualifiers

The Challenge will involve a round of 7 – 10 show jumping obstacles and 15 – 25 cross country jumping efforts.

Class 1 - Challenge 80 (Teams/Individuals)

Class 2 - Challenge 90 (Teams / Individuals)

Class 3 - Challenge 100 (Teams / Individuals)

If you are interested in being in a team please contact Jenny Tully or Julie Johnson. Please note this is a qualifier so prelim entries need to be lodged with BRC Head office by 15 September and then entries made with the event organizer. As there are two levels of entry costs involved competitors MUST be able to commit to the date.

Instruction Update

We are working hard to put together the instruction programme for the coming months and you will see more sessions being added to MRL over the coming weeks. In the meantime, please find below details of our Dressage Test Riding Clinic with Sam Osbourn on the Sunday 2nd September, and our show jumping clinic with Fiona Breech on Sunday 7th October at Ponds Farm.

Ali Cookson Friday morning flatwork clinics will be returning in the Autumn, and Catriona Moorwood will also be doing her usual fantastic sessions for practicing your dressage test the weekends before our Winter Dressage Dates. Sarah-Jane Hornsby will then be doing a 2 part polework clinic in November and December.

In addition to the sessions mentioned above, we hope to organise another show jumping session with Sally Thurloway at Mayor House, courtesy of Karen and Roger Stone, and arrange a clinic with Lottie Betchley from Chapps Physio – rider biomechanics (pilates on your horse)! Watch our website and Facebook page for further details.

Sun 02 Sept Dressage Test Riding Clinic with Sam Osbourn

Sam adopts a sympathetic, patient and tactful approach to her training, building the riders confidence and encouraging the rider to move forward to achieve their goals. Sam is a BD list 4 judge and chairman of the Southern region. She is based at Parwood ec where we will be holding the first of our test riding clinics. Choose between Intro A, Prelim 7 or Novice 28. Warm up and ride the test which will be judged by Sam; have a lesson working on improving the way of going and ring craft to gain those all important extra marks.

Location: Parwood Equestrian Centre, Great Westwood, Westwood Lane,
Normandy, Surrey GU3 2JE

Class 1: Intro A

Class 2: Prelim 7

Class 3: Novice 28

Cost: £45 per rider per lesson (includes school hire)

To enter: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=271101>

Sun 07 Oct Group Show jumping instruction with Fiona Breach

Location: Ponds Farm Livery Stables, Brook Lane, Albury, GU5 9JL

Classes: 'Bottom hole'- 50cm for first timers/new horse/nervous

50-60 cm for those wanting a little more

70 cm + for those wanting a little more still

Cost: £15 per person. Max 4 per group

This clinic is primarily aimed at confidence building for those starting out jumping, or with a new mount, and for those wanting to get back into jumping. But all are welcome. Please ensure that you sign up for the session best matched to your requirements!

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 Louise Hollington – please contact Louise by email for her address – lhollington@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Annual AGM and Membership Renewal

We know it feels a bit scary to be talking about November when it's only August, but it will come up fast. This is just a reminder that we will have our annual AGM meeting (date to be announced) in November, and that annual membership runs from 1st November up until the 31st October. So, from 1st November 2018 onwards, you will need to have renewed your membership to participate in our instruction and events. Regrettably this year we are having to increase our membership fee to reflect our increased costs and outgoings and in line with what other local riding clubs charge, so for the 2018-2019 membership year the annual cost will be £28 for renewing members, and £30 for new members.

Helpers

Over the coming weeks, you will see on Facebook or via email some pleas for helpers.....remember that it is a condition of membership that you help at least once during the membership year.....so if you see a date below that you might be able to come along to and provide assistance, please do give us a shout. We rely on volunteers to make all these events happen for our members.

Bridleways

Update from Katherine Manson, WSRC Bridleways Committee Member:

Evidence of use for track past Robins Wood off Ride/Smugglers Lane.

I have received an update from Maggie Scott about the above path. Here is the current situation which is looking hopeful as reported by Maggie;

Over the summer months, we have managed to gather a good number of evidence forms, more than our target number, which the BHS has now examined. The forms cover the whole span of the last twenty years, with many statements also indicating that the track in question, joining Row Lane with the Byway running south from Farley Green, has been in use for many years previous to this too. BHS has advised several forms need revisiting to ensure each is a clear and accurate account, and this will be completed in the next few months. The legal process then starts with an application to SCC.

INSTRUCTION AND EVENTS TIMETABLE:

August

Sun 19 **Show jumping and Showing at Whitley Manor** – schedule is on MRL and the website.
To enter: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=270318>

September

Sun 02 **Dressage Test Riding Clinic with Sam Osbourn**
Location: Parwood Equestrian Centre, Great Westwood, Westwood Lane,
Normandy, Surrey GU3 2JE
To enter: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=271101>

Thus 13 **Blenheim Eventers Challenge**

Sun 16 **Combined Training at Whitley Manor** - schedule attached to the email containing this
newsletter and on MRL
Location: Whitley Manor Farm Bramley Surrey
To enter: <http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/activities.html>

Sat 29 **Versatile Horse competition at Whitley Manor** – details to follow

October

Sat 06 **FOTH BRC Area 11 and 13 Qualifier**
Location: Munstead Horse Trials, Heath Farm, Heath Lane, Godalming GU7 1UN

Sun 07 **Group Show jumping instruction with Fiona Breach**
Location: Ponds Farm Livery Stables, Brook Lane, Albury, GU5 9JL

Sat 20 **Dressage with Catriona Moorwood**
Location: Heath Cottage, August Lane, Farley Green, Surrey, GU5 9DP

Sat 27 **BRC Area 11 Novice Winter dressage qualifier**
Location: Sands Farm, Warnham. Organiser Newands Corner RC

Sun 28 **WSRC Members Only Dressage Series**

Location: Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath GU5 9EW

November

Date tbc **WSRC AGM**

Sat 10 BRC Area 11 Team friendly Show Jumping

Location: Elstead RC

Sat 17 Dressage with Catriona Moorwood

Location: Heath Cottage, August Lane, Farley Green, Surrey, GU5 9DP

Sun 18 Group Show Jumping with Fiona Breech

Location: Ponds Farm Livery Stables, Brook Lane, Albury, GU5 9JL

Sun 25 WSRC Members only Dressage Series

Location: Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath GU5 9EW

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 – from the increasingly popular Trec to interactive lecture demonstrations, instruction and team competitions. 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.

For more information visit www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk