

Hi all,

Can't believe a month has gone by since the last one but here's the latest news and updates from WSRC.

SUMMER DRESSAGE SERIES

Back by popular demand and organisation kindly taken on this time by Sarah Davey. Rules are the same as previously ie three shows and a championship for those achieving a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. There will also be a separate class at the Championships in September for anyone who wants to come along and have a go. Lynn Roberts has kindly agreed to host these again at Kilnhanger. Dates are as follows:

15 June

6 July

10 August

7 September (Championship)

An entry form is attached for the June competition. Do come along and have a go at this informal and friendly event. You'll get lots of encouragement and they are always fun (especially once you've done it!!)

PLEA FOR HELP (if you're already doing your bit then this isn't for you....)

But if you're still looking for your chance to help out then here are some of the opportunities coming up, to give you a chance to commit before your diary fills up completely!

As everyone knows, it is a condition of your membership that you help at at least one event during the year and we ask you to specify which type of event you will help at. As the Club is getting bigger and we are organising more we do rely on help from more people but often struggle to get volunteers, which can be demoralising for the organisers.

The **Open Show** is coming up and is a huge undertaking and Cathy and Briar who are arranging all this will need all the help they can get, setting up the rings on the Thursday evening before from about 6 pm, then putting up jumps etc at the showground from about 12 noon and dismantling on the day from about 4pm They will also need stewards on the day. We've already had some offers of help but will need many more, as without these the Show cannot take place.

Other events during the Summer that you can help at are:

Day Camp 21 June

Summer Dressage Series - writers, scorers and stewards

Helpers for Clear Round jumping/Combined Training once these are arranged

Forthcoming Team Events

We will be emailing everyone individually as these events occur to ask if you can volunteer, if they are of the discipline you agreed to help with so that during the year everyone takes on their fair share and it is not left to a few stalwarts. WSRC is known for being a really friendly club and it's a great way to catch up with other members, get a feel for a particular event or learn more.

INSTRUCTION

Sent out last month but here's what is still to come:

Please remember to send a booking form and your cheque to guarantee a place.

All the following events are on the Google calendar and the website. The Google calendar will be our main source of information for forthcoming activities, so you only ever have to go to one place to see all our events. We will continue to advertise instruction etc on Facebook and the website and send a monthly email but remember to check the calendar on a regular basis. Link to calendar

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=westsurreyrc%40gmail.com&ctz=Europe/London>

Richard MacKay - Dressage Clinics - Green Lane Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0RD 27 June/26 July : from 12.00

Richard is a BHS qualified rider & instructor who rides to Grand Prix level. He has training with some of the world's best including : Mette Assouline, Damian Hallam, Kaye De Graaff, Kyra Kyrkland and more recently travelling to Holland to work with world No 1 Adelinde Cornelissen! He is now based at Green Lane and the lesson will take place in the lovely indoor school with warm up in their outdoor school. You can hack or box there. Cost is £40 for an hours individual lesson or £25 per rider for a group lesson of up to 3 riders.

Ali Cookson - Dressage Clinic - TTT, East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0TE 13 June : from 10:30

Alex Cookson BHSI : Director & Senior Instructor of the Training Teachers of Tomorrow Trust. Alex 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 Intermediare I level.

Cost of ½ hour private lesson - £30 - only 6 sessions available. There is plenty of parking on site. Please follow directions to TTT Horsebox Parking and then follow the drive around to the farm gates. You will see the indoor school in front of you and signs pointing you to the outdoor school. Warm up in the outdoor school and then knock on indoor school door at your allocated time.

Sally Ede Show Jumping Clinic – Whitley Manor Farm GU5 0LL Series 2 : 7 & 22 June

Sally's training as a bio-mechanics coach includes a deep understanding of how to break jumping skills down into bite size chunks for both horse and rider, to make the challenge of learning to jump much more accessible and enjoyable. Her coaching sessions are progressive and fun, and give participants a full understanding of what is required to improve their results, along with exercises to practice at home. Sally caters equally well for novice riders or those lacking confidence, right up to riders competing at national level. www.horseandridercoach.co.uk

Level 1 - 9.00AM : is aimed at those new to jumping, returning to jumping after a break or with a young or inexperienced horse/pony. Heights: polework and small jumps (under 2'). Each session will have a different theme : 1. Working in trot and canter over poles and jumps to develop the correct rider focus; 2. Canter tempo and impulsion, developing the right balance to negotiate a simple related distance; 3. Learning how to see a stride – using rider focus and a more established canter. Putting together lines of fences; and 4. Jumping a course in rhythm and with confidence.

Level 2 - 10.00AM : Heights 70-80cms (2'3/2'6+) depending on the group. Each session will have a different theme : 1. Staying in a rhythm on a course; 2. Shortening and lengthening through related distances; 3 .Doglegs, angles, skinnys; and 4. Jump off skills

NOTE : you do not need to attend all sessions - please use a separate cheque for each date booked. Cost 4 riders per group - £15 each (will be more if less riders)

Sally Ede Arena Cross Country – Parwood, Normandy
12 July : 9.00 and 10.00

Will include some show jumps combined with a number of small xc fences (portable skinny/corners, small banks/drops and a small log). Great for those wanting to try xc in a safe arena environment.

9am - Level 1 (60-70cms) **10am** - Level 2 (70-80cms) *Priority will be given to those who booked on the cancelled session on 29 March.* **Cost:** The cost will be £80 per group which includes the hire of Parwood's facilities. So 4 riders = £20 each. If less than four per group we'll charge a top up on the day.

Alison Ure - Flatwork Clinics - Whitley Manor Farm, Bramley GU5 0LL
21/22 June : from 10.30

A fantastic opportunity to train with the 1997 to 2000 Chef D'equipe for the Junior British Dressage Team. Please note that these sessions are open to all - from complete beginners to those more advanced. Old or young ponies and various ages of riders!! Go on give it a go - £35 for a private 3/4 hour lesson.

Seb Poirier Show Jumping Clinics - Norwood Farmhouse, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1BS
25 May : 9.00-13.00

Sebastien Poirier is a top, French professional Show Jumper who has competed at National level and worked with some of France's finest equestrian talent and in some of the country's best stud farms. Sebastien is currently a UK Accredited Coach Level 2 with the BSJA and is training towards his UK Level 3. His teaching style focuses primarily on the rider position, whilst also placing importance on flatwork, to enhance and improve the horse and his way of going. His positive way of teaching encourages all rider levels to gain confidence.

There are four sessions each day starting with the lowest height of 60-70cm to 85-95cm.

If over subscribed we will try and slot in another session if possible or put you on a waiting list. Those members attending the training for the Horse Trials Teams will receive £5 off the cost of their lesson. The costs of a lesson are:- 1 person £35, 2 people £25, 3 people £17. If you are the only person on the lesson we will contact you before booking it to ensure you are happy to pay £35 for a private lesson. We will assume if there are only 2 members that members are happy to pay £25 each.

SUMMER CLEAR ROUND JUMPING/COMBINED TRAINING

We're working on this at present, details to come, hopefully to include a fun/family type event. Now we've got our new jumps we intend to make good use of them! Venues Whitley Manor Farm and Kilnhanger Stables.

TEAM EVENTS

L&SE Show Jumping Qualifier Sunday 29th June

Once Pat Murphy has recovered from this Sunday at Coombelands, he will be concentrating on this event. So far 3 Members that have put their name forward plus 4 other potential Team Members. Do get in touch with him if you would be interested.

Vicky Palmer, Dressage Team Manager will be looking for team members for :-

National & L&SE Dressage to Music Qualifiers - Sunday 22nd June

Priory Equestrian, Frensham (organiser Farnham Riders Club) Senior National Dressage (Prelim Dressage, Open Dressage, Pairs Dressage, Medium Dressage, Team of Six) & Riding Test Qualifiers

L&SE Dressage & Riding Test Qualifiers - Sunday 20 July

Bookham RC field (organiser Chipstead RC) Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Pairs, Rural Riders and Riding Test. Teams of 4 or individuals, seniors (and juniors in the L&SE classes). For further details of these events please check the Area 11 website <http://www.brcarea11.org.uk/WhatsOn.html>

Contact us if you'd like to take part, we like to encourage anyone to have a go.

Best Regards

WSRC Committee