

October 2014

Dear all,

Apologies, a couple of days into November. Half term has somewhat taken over for many of us I think!

AGM

The AGM will be on **Monday 10 November in Shalford Village Hall - 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start**. Really hope to see as many members as possible. Remember there are some roles to fill on the Committee, it's your chance to influence the future of the Club and what is provided for you as members.

We are looking to replace 5 Committee members in all - although some of the roles can be done remotely rather than requiring to be at all the committee meetings. Those standing down are Pat Murphy (Team manager, show jumping and horse trials), Julie Rowley (Membership), Katrina Scott (Trophies and points), Helen Steers (Secretary) and Cass Lillington (Chairman). If you would like to have a go please let one of the Committee know, and if you are not sure about standing up at the AGM, you can always talk to us first. We really do need new blood on the Committee, it helps to keep the Club alive and open to new ideas so if you can spare a little of your time to do this we will welcome you!

We are very pleased to be able to say that **Jenny Rudall, presenter for Horse and Country TV**, has kindly agreed to come and present the trophies for us. For those who don't know her, Jenny has her own programme - Rudall's Round Up as well as reporting on all the major equestrian events for the channel. She also competes herself and is a freelance instructor and trainer. All those with trophies, can you please make sure that you have returned them to Katrina Scott (or have arranged to bring them to the AGM early) so that we can make sure that they are available to present to the new recipients. If you are bringing them back on the night, please make sure they are clean and labelled up with what they are for.....Thanks

AREA 11 RIDING CLUBS QUIZ MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2014 THE WATERMILL, DORKING

Teams of 3 representing Riding Clubs in Area 11 are invited to compete in the Annual Quiz which will be held at The Watermill, Reigate Road, Dorking. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Having been triumphant last year! WSRC already has one team (Cathy Hughes, Kathy Merrick and Veronica Keywood but it would be great if any other members fancy putting a team together or going to this. Entry is £10 per team. Email Cathy Hughes if you would be interested on cathy.hughes@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk

TEAM NEWS

WSRC entered three teams for the Area Friendly Dressage organised by Elstead Riding Club at Priory Equestrian Centre on 26 October. Sadly two team members had to pull out, in one case due to an accident and in the other as their horse was ill. Wishing Lynn Roberts a speedy recovery and hope Joanie Scott's horse Tilly is soon better too. So WSRC sent two teams Albury Legends (Julie Rowley, Bronte Monks and Sarah Davey) and Albury Fables (Judith Dunne, Cary Jones and Jenny Monks). Caitlin Fahy and Paula Hynes, who were in Albury Wonders team went as individuals. As always a good day was had by all, sadly the times were very spread out so no picnic this time. Some great performances and well done to all and particularly Albury Legends for coming 2nd as a team. Special mention for Bronte Monks who stood in at the last minute for Albury Legends as a Junior and did a great test!

The next dressage event is BRC Area 11 Qualifier for National Novice Winter Championship at Merrist Wood on the 29th November. One of the Dressage Classes is for Teams of 4, where 2 members ride P18 & 2 members ride N24. If you would like to be on a Team then please contact Vicky at [vicky.palmer@ btopenworld.com](mailto:vicky.palmer@btopenworld.com). We are keen to encourage anyone to have a go so don't feel you have to be Charlotte du Jardin to put your name forward. We'd really like some new people to have a go. Do have a chat with Vicky if you think you might be interested or feel a bit unsure of what might be involved.

WSRC will also be entering teams for the Area 11 Winter Team Show Jumping on 9 November at Elstead Riding Club field. Again, we are always keen for new people to have a go.

INSTRUCTION

We will be sending a separate notification about forthcoming instruction between November and February, including flat work lessons with Ali Cookson and Richard MacKay and show jumping lessons at Thundry Farm which all have **indoor school** so lessons will be able to go ahead whatever the weather! We are also hoping to have flatwork and show jumping instruction at a venue on Farley Heath too.

BLACKHEATH COMMON

As you will be aware, there is a consultation going on about the draft 10 year management plan for Blackheath Common. Katherine Manson, our Bridleways Officer has responded on behalf of WSRC and the letter is attached to this update. Several members have responded individually as well. We hope that we will all be kept up to date with developments and will let you hear anything as soon as we do.

In a future update we hope to bring details of the work that Katherine is doing on the definitive map, specifically the bridleways in our area and how you can contribute as well to this important piece of work to ensure all paths etc are recorded.

AREA TRAINING NEWS

Wanted! – Area Training Co-ordinator

Area 11 is looking for someone to act as the Area's Training Co-ordinator to help them use their training grant monies in the most effective way, liaising with clubs in the Area to develop ideas and arranging/promoting events as appropriate. On average this probably only requires a few hours each month although the role could be as big or small as you want! Training organised on an Area basis is not meant to replace what individual clubs do, rather to provide an additional benefit to riding club members within Surrey . This is a voluntary role so no pay but expenses will be reimbursed. To find out more please contact Penny Jann, Area Chairman, on 01483 414820 or e-mail penny.jann@btinternet.com

Surrey County Council – Volunteer Path Warden Scheme

A year ago Area 11 arranged for SCC to provide a short training session to enable riders to help keep paths in good order – cyclists and ramblers are known as groups who are willing to take an active part in doing this but horse riders not so much – so they were very pleased when those who came along to the session signed up as path wardens. However this is a very small number in relation to the horse riding population as a whole and they would like to organise a further training session subject to sufficient interest.

This scheme supports individuals who want to carry out minor maintenance tasks (e.g. replacing missing way markers and light vegetation clearance) on public rights of way as they go, rather than reporting it back to SCC. Issues of a more significant nature should still be reported, but SCC are trying to avoid lots of new reports on minor issues that they may then struggle to deal with, particularly following recent staff/budget reductions.

The training is very simple, just involving two hours of time one evening indoors! Officers from SCC explain the path warden scheme and the legal issues around work on public rights of way. Path wardens are given a guidance booklet, tools, way markers, insurance cover and an ID card. The training is free and there is no commitment to doing a fixed amount of work.

If you would be interested in attending a training session to become a volunteer path warden, please contact the Area Secretary Pauline Brown by phone 01483 283711 or e-mail paulinebrown90@yahoo.co.uk

LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST!!

We are looking for guinea pig show jump riders for a lesson this Thursday afternoon at Whitley Manor Farm - 3:30pm. We have a potential new instructor Rebecca that we've heard good things about and she's giving the lesson for free. Please contact Lisa ASAP on lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to do it.

There are more adverts going up on website - a reminder that it's free to advertise on there for members so do send Lisa details if you are wanting to advertise.

Equine Massage course with Sally Wade to be held at Little Lockner Saturday 22nd November from 10am - 2pm. £40 for members/£50 non members incl workbook. More information soon or email westsurreyrc@gmail.com. Caroline Holsten will be sending a flyer and booking details on her return from holiday.

Best Wishes

WSRC Committee

Contact us on westsurreyrc@gmail.com if you've any comments, suggestions or queries