

WSRC – September 2014 Monthly Update

Dear all,

Hope you are all enjoying the glorious September weather and all the last of the summer events before the nights really close in and Autumn is here. Herewith the latest from WSRC:

Combined Training 21 September

WSRC ran its' first event recently – report from Lisa Fahy:

“Well what a great day that WSRC had at Whitley Manor Farm. It was our first go at running this type of show and it seemed to be very popular with all that attended. The ground was perfect and the weather was great too! There was a mixture of members and non-members and all types of horses and ponies too. We hope to be repeating this show in Spring so please come along to that one. This is the link to Chris Lee's wonderful photos and videos from the day :<https://www.flickr.com/photos/94569746@N00/sets/72157647460593720/> and the results are up here : <http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/open-events.html>.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Adrian and Will Elliott at Whitley Manor Farm who have kindly let us use their (well my) grazing fields for the show jumps and dressage arena since the end of June and to all my helpers on the day of the competition - we couldn't run these events without your help - THANK YOU! Lisa Fahy"

AGM

Our AGM is on 10 November, Shalford Village Hall. Agenda to follow nearer the time.

Several roles are now vacant, if you would be interested in joining the Committee please do get in touch with one of us for an informal chat. It's your club and a chance to influence what we do and continue to make it a success. We can only carry on with all the events and activities if everyone gets involved, even if only in a small way.

Roles to fill

Show Jumping Team Manager

Horse Trials Team Manager

Secretary

Membership Secretary

Chair (appointed by the Committee once they have all been elected)

The AGM has a standard agenda so it is difficult to add other items and give them sufficient space. However, we've had some helpful feedback about the future running of the Club from some members and would like to hear more from you. Our proposal would be to have a separate meeting at a later date to hear your views and get some more ideas about what you would like and how we can best communicate with everyone. We'll float this idea there and then hopefully make some arrangements to get together to gather views.

Summer Dressage Series Championship

This was planned for 26 October but since setting the date we have been told there is an Area dressage friendly and obviously we would hope to send a team/s to that which will impact on attendance. We are in the process of looking at another date and as soon as one is arranged we will notify everyone. If you are interested in being on a dressage team please do get in touch with Vicky Palmer: vicky.palmer@btopenworld.com

Instruction

Forthcoming instruction below, but first a question. We would like to know if you would like show jumping training and if so some thoughts about what, where and when! We want to make sure we are catering for your needs so please do give some feedback to us. Possible venues are Thundry Farm/Parwood or Sebastien Poirier's yard in Cobham. However we need to know what days of the week suit and whether you can/are willing to travel. Email Lisa and let her know your thoughts lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk.

Sarah Fisher - Flatwork Clinics - Hurtwood Cottage GU5 9EJ - 11 Oct

Sarah Fisher (nee Mylne) is a local rider and freelance teacher. She is a qualified BHSAI, earned her PC A test (many years ago) and has competed to Advanced Medium level dressage. She is an active competitor, having recently qualified for the Mitsubishi Badminton Grassroots Horse Trials Championship next Spring. She also regularly competes in affiliated dressage. The emphasis of her sessions is on the basics, and sessions are suitable for any level of horse/rider. Cost - £35 per hour. Five sessions available starting at 11am at Hurtwood Cottage, Farley Heath GU5 9EJ by kind permission of Pami Nixon. *Please note no parking on site (park at Roman Temple and hack down).*

Alison Ure Flatwork Clinics - Whitley Manor Farm GU5 0LL - 12 Oct/23 Nov

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.

Ali Cookson - East Whitley Farm GU5 0TE - 17 October and 7 November

Alex Cookson BHSAI : 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. Again suitable for all levels. Cost of ½ hour private lesson - £30 - only 6 sessions available.

There is plenty of parking on site for all these sessions.

Forthcoming Events

Bitting clinic – 4th October 2014 at Kilnhanger

Still places available – details attached. Do get your booking forms in as soon as possible. Payment online is possible too if that is easiest.

AOB

We need a working party at Whitley Manor to clean/put our new jumps away for the winter. We're open as to when – but most probably a Saturday during October say 12.00 noon would be good - and then everyone bring a picnic that we can have half way through?! Suggested dates is 18th – could volunteers email Lisa as above.

Area Team quiz in November – details to follow. Always great fun!

And finally..

GOOD LUCK to our Dressage and Horse Trials Teams competing next Sunday 5 October at the London and South East Novice Championships at Lodge Farm in Kent. Grateful thanks to the helpers too – we couldn't go without you!

Best Wishes

WSRC Committee

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

NB all attachments are on the website already.