

Dear all,

Happy to say lots going on again. Not so happy about the weather!!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bitting Clinic – Saturday 4 October 10 am to 1 pm Kilnhanger Stables

Do you want to know more about Bits and Bitting?

If a horse is uncomfortable in his mouth, he will resist, stiffen and not concentrate on what you are asking him to do. Finding the right bit for your horse, teamed with good basic schooling is a critical part of reversing this process, so you can communicate effectively and humanely with him and he can relax into his work.

See attached flyer for more details and how to book.

Surrey Union Hunt

Pony Club Meet - The Surrey Union Hunt Summer Pony Club Meet will take place on Wednesday 27th August 2014 at 4.00pm. Parking for all will be at the Gallops Field Cotton Row Holmbury St Mary RH5 6NB. There will be optional jumping with a jumping and non jumping field master to escort. Lead rein are also welcome with a shorter route available. Cap for the day will be £10 per rider and £5 for those on the lead rein. There will also be tea afterwards.

Other Forthcoming Surrey Union Hunt Meets (see flyer attached) - Newcomers meet is 4 October this year. Contact us on westsurreyrc@gmail.com if you would like a voucher towards the cost of a meet.

Massage course with Sally Wade at Lockner Farm – dates tbc, likely to be November.

Future possibilities - First Aid training (to train First Aiders for events) and First Aid for Horseowners. How to run an event - all you ever wanted to know in a nutshell!

INSTRUCTION

Sarah Fisher - Flatwork Clinics - Hurtwood Cottage GU5 9EJ - 31 Aug/27 Sept/11 Oct

Sarah Fisher (nee Mylne) is a local rider and freelance teacher. She is a qualified BHS AI, 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).**

Hinda Inglis - Flatwork and SJ Clinic - Whipleigh Manor Farm GU5 0LL - TBC

Most of you know or have heard of Hinda - a BHS II who trained at East Whipleigh Farm under Ali Cookson; and now a freelance trainer. Whilst we have our wonderful new show jumps out in the field Hinda has suggested running a session whereby you have an hours flatwork lesson (in the sand school) followed by an hours jump lesson (in the field). There will be two groups of three riders. You'll get the opportunity to watch the next lesson whilst your horse relaxes before you show jump. Please state whether you want to be in the smaller or larger show jumping group when booking

- though it doesn't matter drastically as hopefully you can bring a helper to assist Hinda in moving fences up and down! Cost will be £40 per rider - ie £20 per lesson.

Alison Ure Flatwork Clinics - Whitley Manor Farm GU5 0LL - 13 Sept/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 - 26 September/17 October and 7 November

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. 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.

Sebastian Poirier Showjumping Clinics - Norwood Farmhouse, Elvedon Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1BS 21 and 27 September from 2pm

These sessions are mainly for team members competing at the LSE Championships on 5 October but there may be places for reserves. Further details to be advertised shortly.

WSRC COMBINED TRAINNG 21 September - Whitley Manor Farm GU5 0LL

Schedule attached. Kindly organised by Lisa Fahy BUT to run this we must have the following helpers: 2 writers, 2 stewards (dressage); 2 stewards (show jumping) and 1 steward on gate/generally assisting. We will also need a team a week beforehand to change the show jumping course. A separate email will be going out to ask for volunteers but please also contact Lisa Fahy on lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk in the meantime if you can help.

Remember to look on our website for advertising: we have been given lots of amazing rugs - all 6'9", boots, bandages, fly masks etc (some new, others look like new) and been told they can be sold with all monies coming to WSRC. We are putting everything we make from these towards the jumps that we purchased in the summer. As a thank you we're arranging to get a trophy in the name of her lovely horse ROMBO. This will be won by the highest placed WSRC Member at this show - so get your entries in!

SUMMER DRESSAGE SERIES

Once again organised by Sarah Davey and kindly hosted by Lynn Roberts. Don't forget the next one is on 7 September at Kilnhanger Stables. Entry form attached. Championships will be 12 or 19 October – date to be finalised.

AGM

Our AGM is on 10 November. Venue to be confirmed but we are looking at larger venues to accommodate us all!

We will need some new committee members as both Cass Lillington and Patrick Murphy are stepping down this year. Our thanks will be formally recorded but they have both made a fantastic contribution to the Club over many years; Cass as Secretary and then Chair over the past year and Pat as Show Jumping and Hunter Trials Team Manager. Also thanks to Natalie

and Nicola Mendelssohn who have organised all our rosettes for us but now also have to step down. So we are looking for:

Show Jumping Team Manager

Hunter Trials Team Manager

Rosettes co-ordinator (does not involve attending meetings as co-opted on to committee)

The Chair is appointed from and by the Committee so we will need one other new member once we know who will be taking this role.

Please do give some thought to whether you might be able to help. It doesn't have to be onerous and can be fun! Do speak to a member of the Committee if you have any questions.

BRIDLEWAYS

Many of you may not be aware but we are very fortunate to have Katherine Manson on the Committee who is our Bridleways Rep. She does much work on our behalf liaising with Surrey County Council and keeping us up to date on current issues with regard to local bridleways. She has co-ordinated responses on the ongoing issue of making sure all our bridleways are recorded on the definitive map to be finalised by 2026 for the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000).

She has notified of the following bridleway diversion which may affect us - bridleway 213 (joins Lawbrook Lane with Jesses Lane about 2 kilometres south of the A25 at Gomshall, TQ 08239, 46007) - members might like to be aware that there is a temporary diversion operating on the above bridleway up to the 1st November 2014. The official notice posted on Surrey County Councils web site states that this is to enable landscaping works. I walked the path recently and it looks like a new pond is to be dug so the expected hazard here is going to be diggers or similar equipment. The diversion takes you through the same entrance and exit but then directs you up the slope of the field well away from the proposed landscaping works so it should not be a problem to use this diversion. I would anticipate that machinery is likely to be accessing the site from Lawbrook Lane.

If you have any bridleways issues to report please do let us know and we will let Katherine know and publicise to members.

AOB

Clear Round Jumping to be held again at Whipleigh Manor Farm on Thursdays 28 August and 11 September. Details as before. Helpers needed too!

You can now **hire our lovely show jumps** for £10 per horse/per hour. Contact Lisa Fahy on lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk

Shout out for people who are good at DIY! We need to make a show jump pole holder before we store our lovely new jumps in October. If you can help please contact Lisa Fahy lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk

Two WSRC teams (one horse trials and one dressage) have qualified for the L&SE Championships on Sunday 5th October Lodge Farm, Matfield, Kent TN 12 7ET – **congratulations!** We are obliged

to send 3 helpers. 2 for the Horse Trials and 1 for the Dressage. Please contact Patrick Murphy if you can help - patmurphyhome@aol.co.uk

BHS Ragwort Survey – see attached link on this important topic <http://www.bhs.org.uk/ragwort>

Hope you've found plenty here of interest. Look forward to seeing lots of you at the AGM in November.

WSRC Committee

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