



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

WSRC News & Events



Welcome to our latest
news and event updates

Welcome.

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018 – and the first of our new monthly updates replacing our more lengthy newsletter! Our aim is to give you more timely updates on our club offering and information on our community.

We have loads of training/instruction for this quarter leading up to the highlight of our year – the dressage show series on **Good Friday, 30 March**. Before then we have a members only dressage event on this Sunday, 18 February at Kilnhanger Stables and again on the 18 March. So if your new year resolutions included spending more time with your pony, learning more dressage moves or spending more time with horsey like minded people, West Surrey Riding Club is the place to be!

This monthly update will include training/instruction, events and news.

Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all our members who have renewed their membership with us and to our new members, without your support we would be unable to run WSRC events. To date, we have had more renewals than this time last year so a big thank you! NB. you need to be a fully paid member to join in any of the WSRC clinics, dressage series or team competitions.

We need your help.



Our annual Dressage Show takes place at **Merrist Wood on Good Friday, 30 March**. We run four open dressage classes, with an Area 11 Riding Club team competition run alongside the individual competition. It is always a fun day, but as always, the day relies on a team of helpers; we need stewards, writers and other helpers to ensure the day runs smoothly. If you are not entering yourself, please consider offering up some of your day to help. We can give you am or pm slots. Many hands make light work! If you can spare some time, please contact sarah@christopherstreet.org. Thanks in advance!

Upcoming WSRC Events.

Sunday, 18 February 2018 - WSRC Members Only Dressage Series

Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath, Surrey GU5 9EW.

Tests: Intro C, Prelim 18 and Novice 30

Contact Julie Johnson on 01483 799 379 / 07812 168 454 or julielisajohnson@aol.com for more information or to enter visit <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=255100>

Saturday, 3 March 2018 - Intermediate (90cm, 100cm & 110cm) Winter Show Jumping Qualifiers

Berkshire College of Agriculture (organised by Area 6). For more information contact jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Sunday, 18 March 2018 - WSRC Members Only Dressage Series

Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath, Surrey GU5 9EW.

Tests: Intro A, Prelim 12 and Novice 28

Entry details to follow shortly.

Friday, 30 March 2018 - WSRC Dressage Show

Merrist Wood College, Holly Lane, Worplesdon, Surrey GU3 3PE

Tests: PYO intro A or P7, Prelim 12, Prelim 14 and Novice 28.



WSRC members have the opportunity to win a special prize at our Dressage Show. The club member with the highest percentage on the day will receive a bespoke animal portrait painted by the artist Samantha Jayne Petri. To be in with a chance of winning make sure you get your entries in **NOW!**

To enter visit <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=255930> or contact sarah@christopherstreet.org. For team information contact julielisajohnson@aol.com

WSRC Training/Instruction Sessions

Saturday, 3 March - Pole work with a twist - Sarah Jane Hornsby

Lockner Livery Stables, Dorking Road, Chilworth, GU4 8RH

Please note that there is no parking at Lockner, but spaces may be available at Sample Oak farm (by very kind permission of Mrs. Crittall). Prior arrangement with Katherine Manson is required - contact katherine.manson@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Times: 11:00 - for horses up to 15hh
 12:00 - for horses 15.1hh - 16hh
 13:00 - for horses over 16hh

The sessions are divided by horse size as the twist is that Sarah Jane plans to focus on stride length/distance. To do this, she needs groups to be fairly evenly matched with regard to natural stride length. Please book into the session to suit your horse's stride - e.g., if you have a big horse which you know has a small stride then adjust accordingly!

Cost: £15 per session. Max 4 per session

Sarah Jane is a very experienced instructor who specialises in problem horses and in rider confidence building. She has competed in dressage, eventing, showing and carriage driving to a high level, as well as breaking and producing many horses. She particularly enjoys helping riders to overcome confidence and other issues which interfere with their enjoyment of riding. For more information visit <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=254641>

Sunday, 4 March 2018 - Trec Training

Cassi's Farm, Cranleigh RDA Centre

4-6 riders (6 max) at £20 for 1 hour 15 mins

There will be four indoor sessions, the first being for RDA riders and the other three for WSRC members who will have priority over non-members. There is easy parking as we are going to be able to use the outside school plus car park. Access from the bridleway via East Whitley Farm for those who want to hack. For more information contact Ro Major at ro@jhaconsult.co.uk or visit <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=258678>

Sunday, 11 March - Instructional Dressage - Catriona Moored

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

Times: 11:00 Intro A
 12:00 Preliminary 12
 13:00 Novice 28

An additional session may be added if there is sufficient demand - please watch Facebook and My Riding Life.

Cost: £20 per session. Only 2 per session

An opportunity to prepare for the upcoming Dressage series competition with popular local instructor and former three day event rider Catriona Moorwood. The flatwork session will provide a series of useful exercises, and incorporate the opportunity to ride your test, receive feedback, ride it again and 'fine tune' any dodgy bits. Hence the groups for this will be kept to just 2. For more information visit <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=254642>. **No parking at the venue but it's only a five minute hack from the Roman Temple car park.**

Friday, 23 March - Flatwork with Ali Cookson

East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford GU5 0TE

Times: 0930 - Individual
 1000 - Individual
 1030 - Pair
 1100 - Individual
 1130 - Individual
 1200 - Pair

Cost: Individual half hour - £35
 Pair half hour - £25 per person

Due to popular demand, the return of individual and pair flatwork sessions with Ali Cookson. Formally a key part of 'Training the Teachers of Tomorrow, and highly experienced in dressage and eventing, Ali has previously run very successful clinics for the club. The flatwork session will be tailored to you and your horse's level, and will provide a series of useful exercises for you to practice at home. For the pair sessions, come with a friend or be prepared to work alongside the needs and wishes of the other participant. **Plenty of parking at the venue. Closing date for entries: Thursday, 15 March.**

How to book WSRC Training Sessions

Bookings to be made online via MyRidingLife on our [website](#) (preferred method) or by cheque/post. Payment is required at time of booking. **You will now be required to complete the emergency contact details section.** Please note that these sessions will now have a closing date for entries. These will be advertised on MRL.

For cheque/postal bookings, please download a booking form from the website and send to Susan Mackenzie - please contact Susan by email for her address (susanchodgkiss@hotmail.com). **Please note - we are now introducing a £1.50 fee for postal entries. This covers our administration costs, bringing the fee in line with MRL entries. Please add this to the total cost when 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.

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Sun 18 **WSRC Winter Dressage Series**
Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath, Surrey
GU5 9EW

MARCH

Sat 3 **Intermediate (90, 100 & 110) Winter Show Jumping Qualifiers**
Berkshire College of Agriculture (organised by Area 6)

Sat 3 **Pole work with a twist with Sarah Jane Hornsby**
Lockner Livery Stables, Dorking Road, Chilworth, GU4 8RH

Sun 11 **Instructional Dressage with Catriona Moorwood**
Heath Cottage, August Lane, Farley Green, Surrey GU5 9DP

Sun 18 **WSRC Winter Dressage Series**
Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath, Surrey
GU5 9EW

Fri 23 **Flatwork with Ali Cookson**
East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford GU5 0TE

Fri 30 Area Team friendly Dressage
Merrist Wood College, Holly Lane, Worplesdon, Surrey GU3 3PE

APRIL

Sat 14 An intro to equine nutrition talk and demo with Fiona Watkins
Lockner Livery Stables, Dorking Road, Chilworth GU4 8RH
For more information visit www.thehorsenutritionst.co.uk)

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 our website westsurreyridingclub.co.uk