



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

WSRC News & Events



Welcome to our latest
news and event updates

Welcome.

Welcome to the March edition of the WSRC news and event updates.

We have a bumper edition of instruction with some great instructors over the coming months, which we hope you will find informative and enjoyable! Our aim in developing our instruction sessions, is to assist you and your horse with your training and prepare you for our competitions - these are timed accordingly before the competition. We also welcome any non members to come along to watch some of our events/training sessions.

With classes filling up fast for our **WSRC Winter Series Dressage** (members only) on **Sunday, 18 March** and our major competition of the year the **WSRC Area 11 Friendly Unaffiliated Dressage** on **Friday, 30 March** we suggest you enter ASAP to avoid disappointment!! Details for these and all our competitions are in this newsletter and on our website and Facebook page.

Happy Hacking.

Pippa Funnell has been working with a team to plan and promote eight horse riding routes around the Surrey Hills. This information is now available on <http://www.surreyhill.org/route/horse-riding/> and gives details of parking, length and difficulty of route and photographs with written directions. Enjoy!

Information for riders entering qualifiers in 2018.

New Body Protector Rules for 2018 from 1 January 2018. British Riding Clubs and British Eventing will only accept body protectors with BETA 2009 purple labels - more info at <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/Schedules/2018%20BRC%20BP%20STANDARDS.PDF>

Riding Hat Standards & Tagging for 2018: For any riding club qualifier or other team competition, you now need a new 'aqua' coloured hat tag. Good news - British Riding Clubs, British Eventing and The Pony Club have all agreed to use the same colour of hat tag. From now on you just need the one aqua coloured tag on your hat and it will be accepted by each of these organisations (so no need for multiple multicoloured hat tags!). For more info on the 2018 hat standards for BRC/BE/PC: <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/Schedules/2018%20BRC%20Hat%20Tagging%20Guide%20for%20Competitors%20v1.pdf>

Change to WSRC Team Entries.

The British Riding Club (BRC) runs various competitions across all disciplines during the course of the year. There are two main series that apply to our area - the Nationals, and London and South East (L&SE). Both have qualifiers and championships, the Nationals

also have winter and summer competitions for both Seniors and Juniors. Factor in a couple of locally run area friendlies, which are more informal and you can see there are dozens of opportunities to be on a team.

Every year WSRC sends numerous teams to these National events at a considerable cost because every class incurs two entry fees – one to BRC head office (money is used to provide rosettes, score sheets etc. for each qualifier) and one to the riding club running the event. For example, to send a team of four to a dressage or show jumping competition can cost the club in the region of £200 and to send an eventers challenge/combined training team of four can cost nearly £300.

Many riding clubs pass the full cost of entry fees on to the competitor, however WSRC has always paid all entry fees. Unfortunately, this is having a significant effect on the club finances, so the committee has decided that from the 1 March 2018 all competitors (for National qualifiers only) will be required to pay £10 towards their entry fee for each class entered. This ruling will not apply to L&SE or friendly competitions.

The following competitions are available to all riding club members at National level and **entries for these have to be submitted 21 days before the event**, no entries will be taken after this cut off period:

- Arena Eventing
- Dressage and Pairs Dressage, & Riding Tests
- Showjumping & Style Jumping
- Eventers Challenge
- Combined Training
- Horse Trials
- Dressage to Music and Quadrille

WSRC prides itself on being a fun loving bunch and the WSRC picnic has become legendary with everyone pitching in with food and drink. Other clubs have said “you look like you are having so much fun”! We will continue to support and encourage our members at all levels.

We need your help.



Friday, 30 March - WSRC Area 11 Friendly Unaffiliated Dressage at Merrist Wood College, Surrey GU3 3PE

We need **stewards, pencillers 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. Contact sarah@christopherstreet.org. Thanks in advance!

WSRC Instruction Events.

Please see the outline of our Instruction events over the coming months. In addition, there may be the opportunity for an additional cross country and flatwork session to be added in May, and a day camp in June. Stay tuned for further details in the next newsletter!

Saturday, 3 March - Pole work with a twist - Sarah Jane Hornsby - TO BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO POOR WEATHER

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

Sunday, 4 March 2018 - Cranleigh RDA Group Trec Obstacle Training

Cassi's Farm, Cranleigh RDA Centre

To register: <https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=258678>

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. Contact Ro Major at ro@jhaconsult.co.uk. Parking available in the outside school plus car park. Access from the bridleway via East Whitley Farm.

Sunday, 11 March - Instructional Dressage - Catriona Moorwood

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

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=254642>

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

£20 per session. Only 2 per session

An opportunity to prepare for the Dressage Series competition on **Sunday 18 March**, 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! Groups for this will be kept to just 2. No parking at the venue but only a five minute hack from the Roman Temple car park.

Friday, 23 March - Flatwork with Ali Cookson (registrations close 15 March)

East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford GU5 0TE

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=260786>

Times:	09:30 Individual	11:00 Individual
	10:00 Individual	11:30 Individual
	10:30 Pair	12:00 Pair

Individual half hour - £35

Pair half hour - £25 pp

Due to popular demand, the return of individual and pair flatwork sessions with Ali Cookson. 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 another participant. Plenty of parking at the venue.

Sunday, 8 April - Lateral Work Clinic with Hinda Inglis (registrations close 31 March)

Whitley Manor Farm, Palmer's Cross, Bramley, GU5 0LL

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261237>

Times:	11:00 Individual half hour	12:00 Group hour - up to 4 max
	11:30 Individual half hour	13:00 Pair 45 minutes

Individual half hour - £30

Pair 45 minutes - £30 pp

Group hour - £15 pp

Progressive Lateral Work Clinics: The first in a series of progressive lateral work clinics to run throughout the year, focusing on teaching the horse and rider how to introduce lateral work from turn on the forehand and leg yielding to half pass zigzags and pirouettes - let's start those in walk! These clinics will help you and your horse with suppleness, engagement, self carriage and impulsion. For all levels from Novice to Advanced.

The group session is aimed at Novice riders/horses who are either just starting out in lateral work or who have done a little but would like to try to improve their horse's way of going. For the individual sessions - choose your own level, and for the pair - book with a friend at a similar level! Plenty of parking at the venue.

Sunday, 22 April - Instructional Dressage with Catriona Moorwood

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

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261233>

Times: 11:00 Incorporating Intro Test - TBA
 12:00 Incorporating Prelim Test - TBA
 13:00 Incorporating Novice Test - TBA

£20 per session. Only 2 per session

An opportunity to prepare for the Dressage Series competition on **29 April, 2018**, 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! Groups for this will be kept to just 2. No parking at the venue but it's only a five minute hack from the Roman Temple car park.

Friday, 27 April - Flatwork with Ali Cookson (registrations close 19 April)

East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford, GU5 0TE

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261235>

Times: 09:30 Individual 11:00 Individual
 10:00 Individual 11:30 Individual
 10:30 Pair 12:00 Pair

Individual half hour - £35

Pair half hour - £25 pp

Session description as before.

Saturday, 5 May - Group Show Jumping with Fiona Breach (registrations close 20 April)

Mayor House Farm Livery Stables, Farley Heath Road, Albury, GU5 0SR

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261236>

Times: 11:00 'Bottom hole' - 45cm for first timers/new horse/nervous
 12:00 50-60 cm for those wanting a little more
 13:00 60-75 cm for those wanting a little more still

£15 pp. Max 3 per group

This clinic is primarily aimed at confidence building for those starting out jumping, or with a new mount, and for those wanting to get back into jumping. All are welcome. Please ensure that you sign up for the session best matched to your requirements!

Sunday, 6 May - Instructional Dressage - Catriona Moorwood

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

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261234>

Times: 11:00 }
 12:00 } Tests to be incorporated will be notified nearer the time
 13:00 }

£20 per session. Only 2 per session

An opportunity to prepare for the Dressage Series Championship competition on Sunday 20 May, 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! Groups for this will be kept to just 2. No parking at the venue but it's only a five minute hack from the Roman Temple car park.

Saturday, 12 May - Lateral Work Clinic with Hinda Inglis (registrations close 4 May)

Whitley Manor Farm, Palmer's Cross, Bramley, GU5 0LL

To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261238>

Times: 11:00 Individual half hour 12:00 Group hour - up to 4 max
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Individual half hour - £30

Pair 45 minutes - £30pp

Group hour - £15pp

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How to book WSRC Instruction 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.

Event & Instruction Dates

MARCH

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| Sat 3 | Pole work with a twist with Sarah Jane Hornsby - TO BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO POOR WEATHER
Lockner Livery Stables, Dorking Road, Chilworth, GU4 8RH |
| Sat 3 | National Intermediate Show-jumping, Berkshire College of Agriculture (with Area 6) |
| Sun 4 | Cranleigh RDA Group Trec Obstacle Training
Cassi's Farm, Cranleigh RDA Centre
To register: https://www.myridinglife.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=258678 |
| Sun 11 | Instructional Dressage with Catriona Moorwood
Heath Cottage, August Lane, Farley Green, Surrey GU5 9DP
To register: https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=254642 |
| Sun 18 | WSRC Members Only Winter Dressage Series
Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath, Surrey GU5 9EW
To enter: https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=260910 |
| Fri 23 | Flatwork with Ali Cookson (registrations close 15 March)
East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford GU5 0TE
To register: https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=260786 |
| Fri 30 | WSRC Area 11 Friendly Unaffiliated Dressage
Merrist Wood College, Holly Lane, Worplesdon, Surrey GU3 3PE
To enter: https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=255930 |

APRIL

- Sun 1** **FotH Challenge, Bonfleur EC (with Area 10)**
- Fri 6** **Open Day with Pippa, Ginny and Lucinda**
Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley, Surrey GU5 0LT
For more information: equestrian@sladesfarm.co.uk or 01483 208 693
- Sun 8** **Lateral Work Clinic with Hinda Inglis (registrations close 31 March)**
Whitley Manor Farm, Palmer's Cross, Bramley, GU5 0LL
To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261237>
- Sat 14** **An intro to equine nutrition talk and demo with Fiona Watkins**
Lockner Livery Stables, Dorking Road, Chilworth GU4 8RH
To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=257279>
- Sun 22** **Instructional Dressage with Catriona Moorwood (registrations close 19 April)**
Heath Cottage, August Lane, Farley Green, Surrey, GU5 9DP
To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261233>
- Fri 27** **Flatwork with Ali Cookson (registration closes 19 April)**
East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, Guildford GU5 0TE
To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261235>
- Sun 29** **WSRC Members Only Winter Dressage Series (registrations close TBA)**
Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath, Surrey GU5 9EW

MAY

- Sat 5** **SJ instruction with Fiona Breach (registrations close 2 May)**
Mayor House Farm Livery Stables, Farley Heath Road, Albury, GU5 0SR
To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261236>
- Sun 6** **Instructional Dressage - Catriona Moorwood (registrations close 3 May)**
Heath Cottage, August Lane, Farley Green, Surrey GU5 9DP
To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261234>
- Sat 12** **Lateral Work Clinic with Hinda Inglis (registrations close 4 May)**
Whitley Manor Farm, Palmer's Cross, Bramley, GU5 0LL
To register: <https://www.equineaffairs.com/eventdetails.aspx?id=261238>
- Sun 13** **National Show & Style Jumping, Elstead RC**

Sun 20 **WSRC Members Only Winter Dressage Championship Show**
Kilnhanger Stables, Farley Heath Road, Farley Heath, Surrey GU5 9EW

JUNE

Sat 2 **National & L&SE Horse Trials, Coombelands (with Area 10)**

Sat 16 **L&SE Show-jumping, Bookham RC**

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