

Newsletter

September 2012

West Surrey Riding Club

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Chairmans Message

Well the past few weeks have been hectic ones for many members with competitions, holidays, and tons more. Hope your horsey activities have been maintained and that you're enjoying our Indian summer (sort of). Most activities are covered elsewhere in the newsletter so all I'll say is Well Done!

I have to say my first year as Chairman has been made so easy by a fantastic committee. I can't say enough how much I appreciate all the work they put in. All the activities which West Surrey Riding Club offer have to be planned, publicised, organised, delivered, cleared up after, and admin done. This only happens because we have members prepared to give up their time, use their phones, miss some of the opportunities themselves, and share their ideas with others. They are the unsung heroes.

All this hard work is futile if it doesn't give the membership the activities they want from the Club. For this reason Julie Rowley, our membership secretary, undertook a survey of you as members asking whether we were on the right track with the events we have delivered this year, and what you wanted for the future (report elsewhere in this newsletter from Julie). I was delighted to see that there was an appreciation of how the club was evolving, and the committee gained some good ideas from the survey. We plan to implement some of these in Q4 of 2012, and will be developing further themes for implementation in the future. One key take out for me was that we must balance the needs of the competitive riders with the needs of those who ride for pleasure. Perhaps there's someone who'd like to join the committee and take responsibility for organising some fun rides in different locations?

This will be the last newsletter before the AGM on November 19 (please check date). I encourage you to put the date in your diary now – we have some interesting guests who will share their experiences with you.....watch this space! A clue is that gold and silver are so overrated....bronze is the new Gold! On top of this there are trophies to be presented, and more importantly it's the opportunity for you to nominate new committee members for 2013. We are also seeking a new Treasurer to take over from Michelle Matthews who is standing down due to her growing business and family commitments. Any suggestions? Come along and join the fun!!

Thank you Michelle for the wonderful service you have given to West Surrey Riding Club. We look forward to seeing you more now as a riding member! Our Facebook page is now a great forum for club news and feedback on activities. If you aren't signed up make sure you get on there soon - or you'll miss out on all the gossip! The web site is still the right place for events/instruction full details, booking forms and results. And one more plea - can we all (including me!) please make entries and bookings on the correct forms. If you have a problem printing them let us know and I'm sure someone will help you access the forms.

Hot news

Lisa Fahy and Salviano Placed 9th in the Nationals at Lincoln – Congratulations you have done WSRC proud.

Show Jumping and Dressage Teams competing at the L&S on 30th September at Racklesham

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AGM

It is that time of year again for our AGM. This is when we can put in place our new committee and ideas for the coming year. Julie has sent out a questionnaire a summary of your answers is included below. Thank you we have a good feel about the things you would like to happen in the coming year.

The Committee – we will be voting in the coming year's committee perhaps would you like to see changes or have a go yourself.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!

Or at least some of your time if you would like to joint the Committee as Treasurer because our current Treasurer, Michelle, is sadly standing down after many years of sterling service to West Surrey.

You don't need to be a qualified accountant, but will need to understand or be willing to learn book-keeping and accounts.

The most important responsibilities will be:

- Manage our current and investment bank accounts to make sure that we have sufficient funds in the current account to cover our liabilities.
- Check the bank statements and reconcile them against reported expenditure.
- Write and keep tabs on cheques used for paying instructors, team entries etc.
On a quarterly or half yearly basis, provide the Committee with an income and expenditure analysis showing how each section of the riding club is doing
- Annually arranging for an independent examination of the accounts.

You will be an integral part of the Committee and hopefully participate in promoting our Club to current and prospective members....and along the way maybe also have some FUN!!!

If you are interested, please feel free to contact any Committee member for a chat, and come to the AGM!

We will also be presenting this year's trophies to those list below hopefully you will able to be there to collect your prize

Open dressage show - Intro B – Julie Johnson - Guinness
Open dressage show - Prelim 13 - Marilyn Dunham – Grayswood Pandora
Open dressage show - Prelim 4 – Lyn Roberts Cooley Surprise
Open dressage show – Prelim 14 – Louise Farrant - Rondo
Open dressage show – Novice 34 – Sarah Fisher - Espionage
Open dressage Show – Novice 28 – Louise Farrant - Rondo
Winter dressage series - Walk and Trot Champion – Veronica Keywood - Heidi
Winter dressage series - Prelim Champion – Marilyn Dunham – Grayswood Ruby
Winter dressage series - Novice/elementary Champion – Becky Andrews Piper
Summer dressage series - Walk and Trot Champion - TBA
Summer dressage series - Preliminary Champion - TBA
Summer dressage series - Novice Champion - TBA
Open show - Cob and cob type – Vicki Glynn – Red Rock
Open show - Mountain and Moorland – Jane Shorney – Ziggy Stardust
Open show - Mountain and Moorland in hand – Amy Mapp - Dylan
Open show - Coloured Horse and Pony – Briar Jones - Horatio
Open show - Coloured Horse and Pony in Hand – Vicki Glynn – Red Rock
Open show - Veteran in hand – Michelle Matthews - Our Boy Jack
Open show – Ex Racehorse – Lisa Fahy – Salviano
Open Show – Condition and Turnout Section A – Sylvia Laney - Brooky
Open show - Dressage Champion – Briar Jones – Horatio

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Last years Trophy Winners

I would be most grateful if those who currently hold last year's trophies arrange for them to be back to me early November – ro@jhaconsult.co.uk or 01483 200560

Memberships

Welcome new members Jenni Monks, Merrin Kalinowski, Elizabeth Pollard, Jane Cox and Patty Pitwell.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our events please introduce yourselves hopefully you will find us a helpful and friendly bunch.

We are still offering extended membership to any new members joining before 31st October giving you 14 months for the price of 12. So if you have friends who are thinking of joining a club do pass on the good news.

Have a look on Facebook and see what we are doing – it can be accessed through the website.

Points – Top

Judith Dunne	47
Lynn Roberts	43
Sarah Fisher	32
Vicky Glynn	26
Briar Jones	24
Marilyn Dunham	24
Natalie Mendelssohn	24

Summary of your Questionnaire

We were very pleased with the response to the recent survey and would like to thank everyone who sent back a reply. We had lots of really interesting ideas and constructive feedback. The Committee is considering these very carefully with a view to the forthcoming year and how they can be incorporated into future plans. Here are the headline results - there will be more detail to follow but we thought it would be helpful to publish some of the main threads.

Most popular activities - Dressage/Clinics - flatwork and jumping/Lectures and Demo's/Club competitions/Trec.

Other activities we could run - fun rides eg in other areas of Surrey, treasure hunt or beach ride or a monthly hack. Club show jumping event, maybe with instruction and social event. Suggestions for future talks/visits - police horse hq, Brooke Hospital, vet talks, holistic horse care

Social events - Xmas social, bbq, quiz night/pub social gathering

Most enjoyed - clinics, clinics, clinics! Club events

Feedback to the Committee - going in the right direction. Subsidised instruction. Make sure everyone helps at events, same people each time at the moment. Ensure there is a balance between running the Club for those that are interested in competing and those who are interested in other activities and just improving their horsemanship and enjoying their riding.

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Instruction

Alex Cookson, BHSI - Dressage Clinic - November

Back by popular demand - the next two clinics are on 15th and 29th November. Cost of ½ hour private lesson - £30 - only 6 sessions available each day. Book early to avoid disappointment! Full details on our Website or Facebook page.

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.

Venue : East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green, Surrey GU5 0TE – plenty of parking on site.

Pre Winter Dressage Series instruction with Catriona

Come along and practice the test the week before your test or take advantage of having a half hour training session. £20 for lesson and entry to the test or £17 for just the training session. Please look to the web site for entry forms or contact Helen. Email helenkendall@aol.com

Fiona Breach – Show Jumping Instruction – dates to follow

I am still waiting to hear back from Fiona for the date of our next lessons : please look on our Facebook page or Website for details. Cost of 1hr group lesson £15 per person (groups of 3).

Venue : Mayor House Farm, Farley Heath, Surrey GU5 9EW - *no parking at Mayor House Farm. Please park at the Roman Temple.*

Sebastien Poirier – Show Jumping Instruction – 4th November 2012

Some of our Eventing and Show Jumping team members have had lessons with Sebastien recently and passed me great feedback so I thought I'd offer them to our members.

Cost of 1hr group lesson £13 per person (groups of 4). There will be two heights : up to 2'6" and 2'6" and higher. The lessons will be at Norwood Farm. Again I am waiting to hear back from Sebastien for dates, so please look on our Facebook page or Website for details.

Sebastien Poirier is a French professional Show Jumper based at Norwood Farm in Cobham, Surrey. Sebastien is currently a UK Accredited Coach Level 2 with the BSJA and is training towards his UK Level 3. His teaching style focuses primarily on the rider position, whilst also placing importance on flatwork, to enhance and improve the horse and his way of going. His positive way of teaching encourages all rider levels to gain confidence.

Hinda Inglis BHS II Flatwork lessons – dates to follow

The hugely popular Hinda will be back giving people the opportunity to improve their flatwork as well as wellbeing! You always leave her lessons with a smile and sense that you've achieved some goals.

Venue : Whitley Manor Farm, Cranleigh GU5 0LL – plenty of parking on site.

Dates

Thursday 15th and
29th November

17th November 2012

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Cost of ½ hr private lesson £20 or 1hr paired lesson £20 each (you must state your pair when booking).

The booking form for all instruction is on the Website. Please use this when you book lessons not scraps of old paper! Remember to fill in ALL the contact details in case I have to call you/email at the last minute due to change in circumstances. Also it has the declaration to say that you agree with the booking conditions!

Social Events

Reiki Healing Evening with Amada Glue. Demonstration and talk at Drummond Arms Albury
Members £5 Non-members £7.50

Holistic Horsemanship with Marilyn Dunham Saturday 27th October 2.30pm at Farley Hall Farm, Shophouse Lane, Farley Green.
Including the pros and cons of having a barefoot horse. Training techniques, natural horsemanship and traditional methods and the importance of biomechanics. I will be using my own horses in this demonstration. Also featuring there will be a Parelli taster with Sarah Ryan

Please call Marilyn on 01483 203180
or email marilynndunham@hotmail.com

Dates

Wednesday
26th September
2012

Saturday
27th October 2012

Bridleways

Work party Blackheath Common with Waverley Countryside Ranger

I have arranged with the Blackheath Common Ranger that we will clear at least one of the permissive paths on Blackheath. I have some volunteers from the committee but am seeking some more.

We will be meeting at 10am in the car park just beyond the now closed Villagers Pub in Blackheath Village. It is not a requirement that we stay all day, volunteers can just do a couple of hours or a morning. Tools will be provided by the ranger.

If you can come please can you let me know on 01483 569642 (BT answer phone) so I have a rough idea of numbers. Please leave a message if I am not in and I will get back to you.

Date

Thursday 11th
October 2012

Public Bridleway at Manor Farm from East Shalford Lane to Halfpenny Lane

As this path has been upgraded to public bridleway status I checked in early September whether it had the correct finger posts. I found that it is still only marked as a footpath so I contacted the Rights of Way (ROW) Department. They responded that they had instructed their contractors to install a fingerpost some time ago so they will be chasing this up.

At the Halfpenny Lane end this path has a metal bridleway gate with a weighted chain which makes it self closing. Unfortunately it suffers from the common problem of self closing gates –that of closing far too quickly, I estimated it stayed open for all of 2 seconds! The opening of the gate is also narrowed by a short wooden post which I believe has been installed to prevent the gate opening both ways. It is generally unsatisfactory and not of the correct standard for a public bridleway so I will be asking ROW for improvements.

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For those who are interested the BHS has recently produced a report on self closing gates which has found that many gates on the market are unsatisfactory. It is available on the BHS website.

BOAT 507 aka Ride lane or Smugglers Way

The committee heard of a rumour about restricting the access of vehicles to this path. I checked this with ROW but they had not heard of anything. It has however raised the issue of whether we should push for some restriction on vehicle use so I will be looking into this.

Diary Dates

<u>September</u>	
15th-16th	NAF National Championships Gt Bookham
20th	WSRC Ali Cookson Clinic
27th	WSRC Ali Cookson Clinic
30st	L&SE Horse Trials, Riding Test, Show Jumping & Dressage Championships – Sparright Farm, Rackham
<u>October</u>	
7 th	WSRC Show Jumping at Merris Wood
6 th – 7 th	Dressage to Music Championships and Quadrille Selection, Aintree International Equestrian Centre Liverpool L9 5AS
11 th	Bridleway working party Blackheath
21 st	L&SE Dressage to Music Championships, Sands farm
27 th	Holistic Horsemanship Farley Hall Farm, Shophouse Lane, Farley Green.
<u>November</u>	
4 th	Area "friendly" team show Elstead RC at their field
4th	Show Jumping Clinic with Sebastien Poirier at Norwood Farm
17 th	Winter Dressage Series – Practice your test with Catriona
18th	National Winter Dressage qualifier - Newlands Corner RC, at Merris Wood.
25 th	Start of Winter Dressage Series
15 th	WSRC Ali Cookson Clinic
19 th	AGM - Drummond Arms 8 o'clock with special guest
29 th	WSRC Ali Cookson Clinic

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Minutes of the West Surrey Riding Club Annual General Meeting
Monday 14th November 2011
The Drummond Arms, Albury

Chair: Cathy Hughes
Hon Secretary: Cass Lillington
Hon Treasurer: Michelle Matthews

1. Welcome from the President

The Chairman of the West Surrey Riding Club, Cathy Hughes, gave a warm welcome to all the members who attended the meeting. Our President Geoff Dorset is still not able to attend, we wish him well.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Louise Farrant, Sonia Chapman, Helen Kendall, Kathy Newlands, Julie Rowley, and Emily Seymour.

3. Minutes of the WSRC AGM 8th November, 2010

Agreed.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Treasurer's Report

We had a surplus from the Winter and Summer dressage competitions and also from the Merrist Wood show jumping show. Our current account is in credit (c£2,000) and we earned modest interest on the deposit account which still has a balance of c£9,500. Subscriptions were down this year, but none of our events have made a loss this year. Michelle said she was happy to talk in more detail to any members and she would be available after the formal meeting.

Comments from the floor

Lisa Fahy said she could source numnahs for the club teams at cost if we wanted her to – thank you Lisa. Carol Cannon said some members would be happy to buy their own and Cathy Hughes said she could then have our club logo put on them at a reasonable price. Cathy Hughes said that the club might need to increase subscriptions next year as Stonleigh have said that affiliation and administration fees will go up year on year with inflation.

6. Chairman's Report

Last year was thin and this year has not been much different. But at least we are down only slightly and so we keep calm and carry on! A big thank you as in past years, to all our landowners who let us use their facilities – namely the Parkers, Pami Nixon, Catriona, Lynn, John and Mary Crittall etc. We ran three open shows, Dressage, Summer and Show Jumping for which we thank the organisers Michelle, Cass and Emma respectively. The Spring Dressage made a profit and next year it will include an Area friendly competition which should boost entries. The Summer Show seems to have found the right level of competition and was busier than ever. Also if anyone has ideas for new classes please let us know. The Show Jumping went extremely well – efficiently run, on time and profitable! Sadly Emma will not be running the show in 2012 - some talk of a wedding! We also ran the Versatile Horse competition again this year, thanks to Ro and Cass for this just a shame about the

weather. Cathy thanked this year's teams and their team managers – Carol (Dressage), Sonia (Horse Trials) and Jacqui (Show Jumping) All had done well with the Horse Trials team qualifying for the LSE championships and the show jumping team did brilliantly at Hickstead – they were mentioned in the BRC magazine and in Local rider. As a thank you the show jumping team was awarded a prize to help towards the cost of diesel etc to Hickstead. Finally Cathy thanked all the committee for their help during the year. Cathy then asked for any ideas to help improve the club going forward.

Comments from the floor

Jacqui Peterson volunteered to help run a full trec competition this year. Vicky Glynn mentioned that Newlands Corner RC were running an orienteering competition soon which may give us some good practise/ideas and she also offered her place for parking if we did want to run an orienteering event. Georgie Nott was also volunteered as she is an experienced treccie.

Carol Cannon mentioned that we have an invitation from the local police for saddle marking to help reduce theft. Anyone interested to contact Carol.

7. Bridleways Report

Katherine thanked all those members who had raised issues and reported bridleway conditions during the year. She has not been able to spend as much time as she hoped for this year but has chased regarding the dangling wire on the Lockner bridleway. Also someone has been flytipping on this path which is a nuisance and needs to be reported. Some club members think they know who does it and will liaise with Katherine. It was suggested that we could clear the wire ourselves but we would need to notify the BHS to be covered for insurance purposes.

We have submitted what evidence we have for the public enquiry on the permissive bridleway off Halfpenny Lane and as it was almost upgraded to a bridleway 4 years ago, we are hopeful it will go through this time. Carol Canon reported that the entrance gate of this bridleway is now difficult to navigate.

Mole Valley Police now have funding for police on trials bikes so that they can now go on tracks and paths in the case of any incidents. There is also a new phone number for non urgent countryside crime which is 313.

Vicky Glynn reported that the St Martha's Downslink path is still very bad and needs a new surface need- it is very rocky and almost dangerous. It was suggested that we might be able to combine with ramblers/bikers to make combined representations to the council. Vicky Glynn also reported that she regularly clears the bridleway from Lockner to the Heath for which we thank her. She also mentioned that the dog attack suffered by Brian Cohen was noted on the BHS website.

8. Membership

Cathy Hughes reminded us that it is time to renew membership please. Julie Rowley has offered to be membership secretary and the membership form on the website has been updated to show this. Subscription amount is the same as last year. BRC will be sending out membership cards centrally this year which will reduce our workload. Cathy Hughes also reminded members that they might ask to show their membership cards at BRC events so should ensure they carry them. There was a discussion about the newsletter and several members confirmed that they would be happy to receive their newsletter electronically.

Michelle Matthews has set up standing order forms if members want to use them for membership renewal and Phil Flint requested details of the bank a/c so he could transfer direct and suggested that this facility should be advertised on the website along with bank details on the membership form so all renewal can be done electronically.

9. Resignation and Election of Committee 2010-11

Carol Cannon, Jacqui Peterson, Sonia Chapman and Kathy Newlands have all resigned from the committee. Therefore those seeking re-election for 2012 are, Cathy Hughes, Cass Lillington, Michelle Matthews, Rosemary Major, Katherine Manson, Julie Rowley, Louise Farrant and Kathy Merrick. Re-election en-bloc was proposed by Phil Flint and seconded by Jane Brooks. The Committee needs new team managers as soon as possible and Cathy Hughes suggested that we could get by with two, one for dressage and one for combined show jumping and horse trials. Until we have filled these posts we will have trouble running teams. Cathy Hughes said she can do area friendly team competitions, but not official ones as she is also the area representative. In her absence, Lisa Fahy was suggested as someone we could approach for the dressage team job. The next qualifier is at the end of February so we people on board by then.

10. Any Other Business

Erica Laurence and Helen Kendall have offered to take over the Winter Dressage from Louise who would like to take a break from organising. The series will probably be held at Kilnhanger as this is convenient for both Erica and Helen. Cathy Hughes also said she could help if necessary, but only the Winter series, not Summer

Members voted thanks to Cathy for her contribution to the club.

11. Presentation of Club Trophies

The club trophies were awarded as follows:

Open Dressage Show

Intro A – Julie Johnson
Prelim 18 – Marilyn Dunham
Prelim 18 – Julie Rowley
Prelim 14 - Zoe Frost
Novice – Julie Rowley

Winter Dressage

Walk and Trot – Julie Johnson
Prelim – Judith Dunne
Novice/Elementary – Helen Kendall

Summer Dressage

Walk and Trot – Briar Jones
Prelim – Becky Andrews
Novice – Lisa Fahy

Summer Open Show

Cob and Cob Type – Georgina Nott
Mountain and Moorland in Hand – Georgina Nott
Coloured Horse and Pony – Carol Cannon
Veterans – Georgina Nott
Veteran in Hand – Georgina Nott
Showing Champion – Carol Cannon
Ex Racehorse – Judith Dunne
Dressage Champion – Christina Davis

Carol Dean Trophy

(Hardest working committee member)
Jacqui Peterson

Peter Parker Salver

(Member making most contribution to the Club)
Judith Dunne

Daphne Parker Trophy

(Most improved member)
Erica Laurence

Team awards

Horse Trials Senior Team – Emily Seymour

Horse Trials Junior Team – Alice Philips

Dressage Senior Team – Julie Johnson

Dressage Junior Team – Harriet Wilks

Show Jumping Senior Team – Emma Kampa

Overall Points Champion Shield

Helen Kendall

Overall Points Reserve Champion Molly Martin Cup

Julie Rowley

Cass Lillington

WSRC Secretary

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