



West Surrey Riding Club

BHS affiliated Riding Club

October 2015 (5)

Dear Members

First, and most importantly, news of our AGM; this is to take place on Wednesday, 11th November, from 7.30pm for an 8pm start, at Arbuthnot Hall in Shamley Green. This will be a “new look” AGM – more a celebration of events over the last year, along with all the necessary business of the evening. Come and have a free drink, receive a small free gift, and join with us in looking back (courtesy of Christopher Lee’s excellent photography) at the year past. There will be presentations of some trophies/awards too, though this will be kept to a minimum.

Which leads us to the next point; if you have a trophy or an award, please can you return it (engraved and clean) to Ro Major. Instructions for this can be found below.

Carry on reading for news of the next dressage series (which runs from November 2015 to March 2016, championship in May/June 2016); the Area 11 quiz (in November – participants needed!); new instruction and all the usual news/reports from the last few months.

It’s been a busy but successful year for West Surrey RC so we do hope you will join us at the AGM to look back and make a few toasts!

Best wishes

The Committee

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WORKING PARTY AT WHIPLEY MANOR FARM SUN 18TH OCTOBER 2 PM

It's that time of year again, when the show jumps need to be packed away for the winter. This really is a case of "many hands make light work" so please can we have some volunteers? Strong sons/husbands more than welcome, and we can reward with cakes and refreshments. Please email Lisa – lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you in anticipation!

VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM BRC HQ – from Cathy Hughes

When: Thursday October 22
Where: The Squirrel, Hurtmore (just off the A3)
Time: 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to "meet and greet" two members of British Riding Clubs staff, to hear their presentation on their take on all things Riding Clubs (and British Horse Society too), plus a chance to ask them any and all questions you wish (the sort of thing you wouldn't normally e-mail about, like "Why have the hat standards changed", or "What are BRC planning for the grass-roots, non-competitive member").

There is a buffet being laid on, and an additional talk by Caroline Moorey on her work in India with the owners and breeders of the beautiful Marwari horses (this still tbc).

All BRC members are most welcome (you don't have to have ridden at qualifiers or been to championships). So come along and maybe learn something new about your BRC, or just have a social with your friends. We would ask if you are intending to come, you let me know so we have an idea of numbers to expect – cathy.hughes@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Hope to see you there!

2015/2016 DRESSAGE SERIES

Dates for the next series are as follows;

Sunday 1st November
Sunday 13th December (Christmas Special!)
Sunday 17th January
Sunday 28th February
Sunday 20th March

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The first show (1st Nov) will take place at Kilnhanger Stables, by kind permission of Lynn Roberts.

Tests to be used on 1st November are;

Intro B
(Prelim) D3 – please note this is a new test*
Novice 28
Elem 42

(D3 is a prelim level test issued by British Riding Clubs, and can be downloaded free from their website; <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-downloads>)

The championships will take place in May or June 2016, date to be confirmed, but will run on a similar format to the successful championships run in September.

TREC TRAINING - NOVEMBER

After the sell-out Trec training run by Ro Major and Cass Lillington in August (see below for report), Ro and Cass have kindly agreed to run another session.

Ro says: “We are hoping to run this again but we are rather dependent on weather if it is to be outside. In the meantime, we are trying to find a venue to run an indoor winter event. Keep an eye on the website”. If you would like to register your interest for such an event, please email Ro@JHAconsult.co.uk.

BRITISH RIDING CLUB AREA 11 QUIZ ***Monday, 2nd November from 8pm***

Teams of three represent their club at this fun, but competitive, quiz night. We have traditionally done quite well at this event, and are looking to enter at least one team.

The quiz will take place at the Watermill, Reigate Road, Dorking from 8pm. There is a licensed bar (to encourage wild guesses), and good food is available.

If you would like to either be part of a team, or make up your own team of three (all participants must be WSRC members), please contact Cathy before 28th October – Cathy.Hughes@apha.gsi.gov.uk

ENTRY SPONSORSHIP

We are very keen to encourage our members to get out and about competing, and having fun together at competitions. Therefore, we are offering to pay some entry fees for members to compete in pairs/team events. We are particularly keen to support members who are not yet competing on our usual teams.

The competition entries can be for any discipline (dressage, SJ, XC), provided the class is for two or more riders i.e. pairs, teams of 3 etc. A suggested local competition would be Pic 'n' Mix pairs at Patchesham (Sunday 25th October, 8th & 22nd November) where riders can choose to jump a mix of fences from 70-85cm.

The club will pay the entry fees and, where possible, a regular team member will come along to help on the day and co-ordinate the picnic etc! In return, sponsored competitors will be asked to wear WSRC branded clothing (hat silks and saddlecloths provided for the day by the club) and provide feedback on their experience. We will fund up to 10 teams this year. If this concept is successful, we will look into continuing it next year.

If you are interested please contact Claire (claire.stratford@yahoo.co.uk) detailing:

- the competition you wish to enter (venue, date, class number, cost)
- which horse and riders will be part of the team

Funds will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, so get your suggestions in ASAP.

WEST SURREY RC AGM

Wednesday, 11th November 7.30 for 8pm

Come for a free drink, nibbles, a look back at the year, and a look ahead to next year. You can renew your membership on the night, and see some of Chris Lee's excellent photography from Club events.

We will also be making awards, but since we didn't run the open show, the time dedicated to this will be less than in past years.

FUTURE TEAM SHOW JUMPING COMPETITIONS

Would you like to represent our club at one of these forthcoming competitions? If so, please email Jenny – jennytully2000@yahoo.co.uk.

Sunday, 15th November at Elstead RC Field – Novice Area Friendly Team Showjumping;

This is on grass, but the field at Elstead is always good, whatever the weather, so don't be put off. The team show jumping consists of teams of 3, one rider jumps 75cms, one jumps 85cms and the 3rd member jumps 95cms. Potentially there is a jump off to decide individual placings.

In addition there four open classes at 75cm, 85cm, 95cms and 1m for individual riders. Jenny needs to make an entry for this by 9th November.

Saturday, 30th January 2016 at Merrist Wood - Intermediate Winter Show Jumping Qualifier

The final for this is at Bury Farm on 30th April/1st May. If you are interested, please email Jenny (as above) by 30th December.

Sun 21st February, 2016 at Sands Farm - Novice Winter Show Jumping Qualifier

The final for this is 9-10th April at Keysoe in Beds. Entries for this need to be in by 21st January.

TEAM REPORTS/NEWS/PAST EVENTS

Dressage Teams News

British Riding Club Championships – Lincoln – 5 & 6 September 2015 – report by Lisa Fahy

“On Friday 4 September, after not the best preparation in the world as my horse, Kings Court II had been out of work for a month and I only got back on board 5 days earlier – Caitlin, myself and my Mum set off with Moonshine Boy (Shaun) and Kings Court II (KC) to Lincoln.

The journey up there was a long one but we made it safely with both horses travelling well and were nice and relaxed once we arrived. Passports and hats were checked and we were lucky to get some permanent stabling amongst some lovely competitors – it was such a friendly competition.

After taking the boys for a little hack and schooling session to stretch their legs it was time to put them and us to bed as an early start the next day!

I was first to go doing the Novice 24. KC settled down to the job and didn't even mind the noise of the Red Arrows training near to us! The ground was rather hard so he wasn't that keen on showing medium trot but we did a nice accurate test and scored 68.85%. I then had ¾ hr break before my Novice Riding Test. Time to get one test out of my memory and next one in hopefully! This was in a slightly softer area of ground which KC seemed happier working on. We scored 72.73% and I was really pleased with him. On our way back we saw Cathy Hughes (our Club Secretary/Area Rep) who was being a great steward and helping to keep everyone organised!

Once KC was settled back in his stable we went off to look for the scores. I came 4th in the Novice and 15th in the Riding Test. I was very pleased with one set of results but not with the other – but hey ho that's Riding Tests for you!

Then it was time to get Caitlin on Shaun and run through her test for tomorrow. As they had an even earlier start time than me on Sunday we decided to plait up Shaun and then take the boys for a nice meal of grass around the cross country course before we settled down for our dinner and watched a DVD!

On Sunday it was Caitlin's turn. Shaun was rather on his toes the day before after not being out in his field (ours live out 24/7) so I made the decision then that I'd be lunging him before Caitlin got on him – which was definitely the right decision and Shaun thought he would demonstrate Airs Above The Ground like a Lipizzaner Stallion!

Caitlin then got on Shaun and set about preparing for her Prelim Riding Test. Once she was on board Shaun was much better behaved to our relief! He settled down quickly and soon forgot about KC in the stable and got on with the job in hand. Caitlin rode a lovely accurate test and scored 74.09%.

Caitlin did WSRC proud by coming 10th in the Prelim Riding Test and was quick to point out that she'd beaten me and was obviously the better rider that weekend!!

We all had a great weekend up in Lincoln and could not have done it without the support of our family and my wonderful Mum who came along with us and of course WSRC. We hope to be back next year and will try to do even better!

Give it a go

So to all our members out there why not give it a go representing WSRC at team events? If there are not enough members to make up a team we send an individual (which is what we were this time). There is dressage, dressage to music, riding tests, show jumping, eventing and many more disciplines. So what are you waiting for? Contact a committee member if you want to have a go.



Lisa and KC at Lincoln



Caitlin and Shaun at Lincoln

Horse Trials Teams News – from Claire Stratford

Our Horse Trials team of Sarah Orchard, Tina Pendle, Hilary Smith and Pili Spiers competed at the London & South East Championships at Snowball Farm on Saturday 26th September 2015. The team had qualified at the BRC Hunter Trial at Coombelands earlier in the year. We were lucky that the weather was gorgeous and the ground conditions absolutely perfect. All four competitors performed good solid dressage tests. We had two clear rounds show jumping, with two other members each being unlucky and rolling a pole. All four team members absolutely stormed around the cross country course putting in really competent performances. The team finished just outside the placings, however, Pili was placed a fantastic individual 6th in her arena. All horse/rider combinations have really grown in confidence over the season which has been great to watch. We are hoping to field even more Horse Trials teams next year, so watch this space for some team training over the winter.



Pili Spiers storming xc for West Surrey, finishing 6th individually



Show jumping Team News – from Jenny Tully

Saturday dawned bright and beautiful and the merry band of WSRC show jumpers made their way across Surrey and Bucks to Snowball Farm in sunny Slough. Our intrepid team (*pictured left*) was made up of Carys Jones on

Boris, Fabienne Macey on Arctic Bear, Sarah Fisher on Espionage and brand new Club member Bonita Kerr on Molly.

The competition comprised a round of ten show jumps at 80cms, and then another round at 85cms. In the first round, the team had two clears, one pole down, and three time penalties, but we were able to discard the pole down.

In the second round, we had just one pole down and three clears, so once the dropped pole was discarded, the team finished a very respectful 4th. Given the number of teams competing, this was a really good effort. Once the last of our show jumping team had jumped, it was back to the lorry park for the now infamous picnic and prosecco. Whilst everyone was getting stuck into the food and wine, I went to check on the final placings, only to be told that Carys had reached the jump off and was due in the ring in 18 minutes! The whole team mobilised to unload Boris, tack up, get Carys on, remove wine glass, learn the course and post her into the arena, where she did an excellent round, finishing 6th individually! So it was a wonderful day all round. Big thanks to the support people, especially Sue Porter and Sylvia Laney for lending their horses, the great team of helpers who turned up for the day, and to the riders for giving up their Saturday.

DRESSAGE SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sun 13th Sept at Kilnhanger

Entries were impressive for this end-of-series championship, and the sun shone throughout the event. Our thanks go to Sylvia Laney, for taking on the organisation of this increasingly popular and busy series, plus her team of helpers, Cathy Hughes, Pili and Jenny Spiers, judges Vicky Palmer and Catriona Moorwood, and of course, the writers



This year's champions are as follows;

Walk & Trot:	Champion:	Ilyana Cortes
	Reserve:	Susan Mackenzie
Preliminary:	Champion:	Eva Heyward
	Reserve:	Sarah Cortes
Novice/Elementary:	Champion:	Lisa Fahy
	Reserve:	Judith Dunne
Condition & Turnout Champion:		Sarah Orchard

Full results can be found here; <http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/results.html>.

As ever, a massive thank you to Lynn Roberts, for allowing this to take place at Kilnhanger.



Above: Champions!

LE TREC TRAINING AT FARLEY HEATH

9TH August

By kind permission of Pru von Radowitcz

Report by Ro Major

"From the feed back we have received, it sounds like everyone enjoyed themselves as much as Cass and I did running it. Certainly the photos Chris took showed lots of smiling faces.

The weather was kind and with lots of help from Judith, Paula, Pat and Nita, all went and according to plan. Pat very thoughtfully supplied everyone with drinks - it is thirsty work enjoying yourself. Pru very kindly loaned us the field and also arranged for it to be topped which made setting up very much easier. Pat made sure we thanked her properly - without her field the event would not have happened.

We had riders and horses of all types, height and age. Trec is great and demonstrates how versatile most horses are – once shown what to do both horse and rider are usually amazed at their



achievements. Apart from the usual obstacles - low branches, s-bend, bending etc this year we included the COP which involved cantering very slowly down a

marked 50M corridor returning in a good walk back. All good training".



Bridleways Report

From Katherine Manson – Bridleways Officer

Not much to report this month;

Downs Link Bridleway 252 south of Dorking Road, near Lockner Holt

I have met and shown Luke Dawson of Surrey County Council, the boggy patch on this bridleway. It is hoped that the work will be scheduled for October.

Katherine Manson Rights of Way Committee Member katherine.manson@environment-agency.gov.uk

AGM – TROPHIES NEEDED PLEASE!!

If you won a trophy/award at last year's AGM, we need it back please. They can be returned to Ro Major a number of ways; either direct to Ro at her yard in Cranleigh, at her home, or via Cathy Hughes at Lockner Farm stables (Chilworth/Albury). If you choose to go to Lockner Farm please can you email Cathy so she can look out for it; Cathy.Hughes@apha.gsi.gov.uk. Lockner Farm is "open" between 8 – 12 noon and 3 – 5pm.

Trophies need to be returned by the end of October, and please make sure they have been engraved and are clean.

Please contact Ro by email to confirm where your trophies will be taken:

Ro@JHAconsult.co.uk

Instruction

Alison Ure flatwork clinics at Hollyhocks Stables, Cranleigh, GU6 8PA

Alison has been teaching since becoming a BHSII aged 17 years old and has competed at top level in dressage.

In 1996 she was selected to be Chef d' Equipe for a Friendly International in Ireland for Juniors and Young Riders. From 1998 she was Chef d' Equipe for the Junior British team two attending three European championships with them.

Ill health in 2000 forced her to move away from her career in horses but her love of teaching has remained and she has continued passing on her knowledge gained from over 40 years of experience.

Alison is teaching at Hollyhocks Stables, on the following Sundays. Individual sessions, each 45 mins at £40 each:

October 25th
November 8th
November 22nd
December 13th
December 27th

To book, please contact Ro at Ro@JHAconsult.co.uk.

Charlie Swanston, show jumping clinics at Shamley Wood Farm,

We are delighted to introduce a new instructor to West Surrey RC; Charlie Swanson is based at Shamley Wood Farm, otherwise known locally as the Deer Farm or the Sheep Walk!

Charlie took over this lovely yard earlier this year, and breeds, imports and sells elite showjumpers from here, as well as competing at the top level herself.

A couple of members have already enjoyed lessons with her and she has agreed to run a couple of clinics for the Club. She is very approachable, low key and happy to tailor the sessions to suit all levels.

We have organised two dates;

Sunday 25th October
Sunday 22nd November

Timings; 11 am, 12 noon, or 1pm.

Cost (per hour): private £35, group of two £25 each; group of three £20 each.

These sessions will take place in her fantastic outdoor arena.

Please note; there is no parking available at this venue and all participants (and spectators) are asked to hack/walk there. It is minutes from the Roman Temple, where you can park.

To book, please contact sarah@christopherstreet.org stating your preferred jumping height, and any other members you would like to be with.

Ali Cookson, East Whitley Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0TE

Ali has been teaching for our Club for three years and is very popular.

We have some more dates, as follows; -

Weds 14th October
Weds 11th November
Weds 2nd December

Lessons: flatwork, in indoor school, with mirrors.

Cost: Private lesson - £30 per half hour starting at 10.30am (max 6 slots)

There is plenty of parking at East Whitley Farm.

Please contact Lisa regarding these sessions; Lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to attend.

***FOR AN UP TO DATE POINTS TABLE, PLEASE REFER TO THE WEST
SURREY RC WEBSITE.***

Dates for Your Diary

Fri-Sun 2-4th Oct	BRC National Dressage to Music Championships, Bury Farm
Sun 11th Oct	BRC National Winter Novice Dressage qualifier, Merrist Wood
Weds 14th Oct	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sun 18th Oct	L&SE Dressage to Music Championships, Sands Farm
Sun 18th Oct	Working SJ party Whitley Manor Farm (2pm)
Thurs 22nd Oct	BRC HQ visit to Surrey
Sun 25th Oct	Alison Ure flatwork clinic
Sun 25th Oct	Charlie Swanston sj clinic
Sun 1st Nov	Dressage Series I
Mon 2nd Nov	BRC Area Quiz – Watermill, Dorking
Sun 8th Nov	Alison Ure flatwork clinic
Weds 11th Nov	AGM – Arbuthnot Hall, Shamley Green 7.30pm
Weds 11th Nov	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sun 15th Nov	Novice Area Team Friendly Show jumping – Elstead RC Field
Sun 22nd Nov	Alison Ure flatwork clinic
Sun 22nd Nov	Charlie Swanston sj clinic
Weds 2nd Dec	Ali Cookson flatwork clinic
Sun 13th Dec	Alison Ure flatwork clinic (TBC)
Sun 13th Dec	Dressage Series II (Christmas special)
Sun 27th Dec	Alison Ure flatwork clinic
Sun 17th Jan	Dressage Series III
Sat 30th Jan	Intermediate Winter Show Jumping Qualifier, Merrist Wood
Sat 13th Feb	Area Team Friendly Dressage, Priory EC
Sun 21st Feb	Novice Winter Show Jumping Qualifier Sands Farm
Sun 28th Feb	Dressage Series IV
Sun 6th Mar	Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifier, Merrist Wood
Sun 20th Mar	Dressage Series V
Good Friday 25th March	Area Team Friendly Dressage (WSRC) at Merrist Wood