



# West Surrey Riding Club

*BHS affiliated Riding Club*

June 2015 (3)

## Dear Members

It's been another busy period for the Riding Club, as you will see below, with some major team successes, a popular day camp, and tack sale. Reports of all these events follow.

Our next big event is the Open Dressage/Combined Training Show on 19<sup>th</sup> July, and we really hope to see some of you competing.

Lisa Fahy continues to keep the instruction schedule full and interesting, and we have news of clinics booked with Catriona Moorwood, Rebecca Markwick and Ali Cookson.

Trec enthusiasts will be pleased to see that Ro Major and Cass Lillington have kindly put together an event for them (see Forthcoming Events below).

Have a lovely summer, and we hope to see you out and about.

Best wishes from The Committee

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### *CLEAR ROUND SHOW JUMPING AT WHIPLEY MANOR FARM GU5 0LL*

The clear round evenings have started again and thanks very much to the helpers that have been out so far – we couldn't hold these evenings without you. More helpers still needed – please fill in the doodle poll; <http://doodle.com/pb32hzgi4fx88s5s>

Remaining dates are;

25<sup>th</sup> June,  
9<sup>th</sup> July, and  
23<sup>rd</sup> July.  
From 6pm to 8pm

There are two courses set out in lovely flat fields. Jump heights can go up/down on request and there are friendly faces to help if you get stuck! £5 per round. If the weather is bad, please call to check it is going ahead : 07740 625 039

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### *HIRE OF SHOW JUMPS*

The show jump courses at Whitley Manor Farm can also be hired out privately at other times. Cost is £10 per horse for up to an hour. Bookings to be made through Lisa Fahy ([lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk)) and disclaimer form completed and payment made at Whitley Manor Farm Animal Feeds. A non-riding person over 18 years has to be present at all times, in case of emergency.

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### *OPEN DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING*

#### *19<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT WHIPLEY MANOR FARM GU5 0LL*

The schedule has been produced and can be downloaded from the WSRC website: <http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/open-events.html>. There are classes for all, with some fantastic prizes kindly donated by [Whitley Manor Farm](#) and [Liphook Equine Hospital](#). This is also a Sunshine Tour Qualifier for their new Championship Show which is at Hickstead in September.

We are still looking for volunteers to help run this show, both on the day and one evening beforehand, to set up (possibly 15<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30pm). Please get in contact with Lisa if you can help; [lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk)

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### *TREC PTV TRAINING 25 or 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY*

We plan to run a one day Trec PTV training session on the weekend of 25/26<sup>th</sup> July at Farley Green. Groups of 4-6 riders – sessions will last approx 1.5 hours. Day to be confirmed shortly – keep an eye on the website.

There will be 10 obstacles that are popular in most Trec and Versatile horse events. If you wish to see diagrams of these, the BHS Trec web site has a rule book which can be down loaded.

For more experience riders (if requested) we may be able to set up a COP corridor for you to fine-tune those timed paces. (Slow canter down returning with a fast walk over a 100m track).

For those who have not tried this ever-growing, popular event, come along and see what you and your horse can achieve. Any horse over 4 years of age is allowed to compete. The obstacles represent things you may meet out hacking and are designed to demonstrate the understanding between horse and rider. It is great fun and you may be surprised what your horse can do.

Later in August we are hoping to run a competition, but this date is to be confirmed.

Look out on our Facebook and WSRC web page for details in a few weeks

Looking forward to seeing you. Ro and Cass

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### *Dressage Series – Championship Show 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015*

#### *At Kilnhanger*

Further details to follow in next newsletter (or see website), but save the date. This show is for qualified combinations from previous shows, but there will also be separate sections for those not qualified.

There will be prizes for best turnout as well as for pure dressage. The tests to be used are as follows;

Walk & Trot Intro A (2008)

Prelim 13 (2006)

Novice 24 (2010)

Elementary 50 (2007)

It was agreed at a recent committee meeting that the next series will run from November 2015 to March 2016, with a Championship show in April 2016.

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### *NEW JUMP SHED KINDLY DONATED BY WHIPLEY MANOR FARM*



Whipley Manor Farm have kindly donated a metal shed to WSRC for the storage of show jumps.

We would like to thank Whipley Manor Farm for allowing the Club to use their lovely facilities for competitions and clinics, which means we avoid having to pay for venue hire.

## TEAM REPORTS/NEWS

### Horse Trials Teams News – from Claire Stratford

#### Team Report: National & South East Qualifiers at Coombelands, 23<sup>rd</sup> May

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May WSRC fielded two teams at the BRC Horse Trials at Coombelands. For several team members, this was their first entry into a one day event. Luckily, it was a beautiful day and the courses were very inviting. Everyone rode brilliantly, with far too many stand-out individual performances to mention. Both teams had several double clears and were in the ribbons.

The 80cm team of Tina Pendle, Vanessa Bertrand, Sarah Orchard and Pili Spiers were placed 5th. Tina and Vanessa were each placed 5th as individuals in their respective arenas. The team also qualified for the London and South East Championships on 26<sup>th</sup> September at Snowball Farm, Bucks.

The 90cm team of Patrick Murphy, Sarah Fisher, Hilary Smith and myself were placed 2nd overall with Sarah also coming 3rd as an individual. Great results against some stiff competition.

Overall it was a fantastic day, finished off by a traditional WSRC picnic. Christopher Lee kindly captured the day with some beautiful photographs. Huge thanks to everyone who helped on behalf of the club and supported us on the day - we couldn't compete without you.



## Dressage Teams News – from Vicky Palmer

### Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm, Bucks

Junior member, Caitlin Fahy qualified at Merrist Wood earlier this year and went on to represent WSRC at the Winter Championships on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.



She rode an extremely accurate and confident test which resulted in her being placed a very creditable 11<sup>th</sup> in the Championships.

May I just take this opportunity to thank her parents for being so supportive and allowing Caitlin to ride for WSRC. Hopefully this brilliant result will encourage other junior members to put themselves forward, so that they, too, can represent us in future competitions - Vicky

## Show Jumping Teams News – from Jenny Tully

### NATIONAL SENIOR AND JUNIOR SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER

#### 17<sup>th</sup> May at Elstead RC field

There was a fair amount of chopping and changing, in terms of team members, in the run-up to this event, but after lots of begging emails we managed to field a team of four for the Style Jumping and a team of four for the novice show jumping.

The style jumping ran first and for those who aren't familiar with the concept, it is a bit like dressage over fences. So you halt and salute the judge, then canter a circle left, canter a circle right and then off you go around the fences, trying to maintain a good rhythm, keep the poles up and look beautiful all at the same time! Two team members jump at 75cm and two jump at 85cms.

Sarah Orchard drew the short straw in that she was the very first person to go in the class, but she put in a very credible performance as pathfinder. Her team mates were Fabienne Macey, Tina Pendle and Lynn Roberts, who also did very well. Overall the team came 3<sup>rd</sup> which was excellent, Fabienne Macey came 2<sup>nd</sup> individually and Tina Pendle came 5<sup>th</sup> individually. So lots of rozzies all round.

The Novice show jumping didn't start until early afternoon, so there was plenty of time for the nationally renowned WSRC picnic to kick in. The Novice team consisted of Lynn Roberts, Pat Murphy, Tina Pendle and Carys Jones who all jumped their first round at 80cms with great panache and enthusiasm. It was then quite a long time before the second round at 85cms started, by which time the heat and the hanging around was beginning to take effect. Tina jumped her second round, but Lynn and her pony had a crashing fall in theirs. Thankfully, both just suffered shock and bruising. Unfortunately, shortly after that, a rider from another club also had a terrible fall but didn't get up and an ambulance was called, so we decided to call it a day at that point and go home.

I would like to say a massive thanks to Fabienne, Sarah, Tina, Lynn, Pat and Carys for persevering on a very long and hot day!

## **L&SE SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER**

### **6<sup>th</sup> June at Bookham RC field**

There was a fair amount of chopping and changing, in terms of team members, in the run-up to this event (hang on, that sounds familiar?) but after lots of begging emails we managed to field a team of four riders for this event.

The first round was at 80cms and the second was at 85cms, with three scores counting. The team consisted of Sarah Fisher, Fabienne Macey, Carys Jones and Tina Pendle. After two rounds, we were joint first and had to go into a really nail-biting jump off against Elstead and Chipstead. It was extremely close and in the end it boiled down to times, with our team coming 3<sup>rd</sup> which was brilliant and means we have qualified for the L&SE Championships in September.

I would like to say a massive thanks to Fabienne, Sarah, Tina, and Carys and I look forward to seeing you all at the championships (26<sup>th</sup> September, Snowball Farm, Bucks).

# Bridleways Report

From Katherine Manson – Bridleways Officer

## **Countryside, Access and Rights of Way Forum for West Surrey**

I attended this on the 6th May 2015. There was a presentation on a new IT system called the Countryside Access Management System (CMS) which is expected to be up and running later this year. This is a new system for storing all the information on individual rights of way, though not all will be available to members of the public. It will have a similar system for reporting problems on paths but on the new system you will be able to track it and see what actions the rights of way staff are taking to remedy it. You will also be able to see whether other people are reporting problems on the same path, though personal details of those other people won't be available.

One important fact to come out of the meeting was that the County Council will no longer have to advertise rights of way matters such as diversions, closures, enquiries etc in the local press, but only on their website. This is a cost saving for the County Council but means that we users will have to regularly check their website, or we will miss opportunities to comment on such matters.

## **Bridleway 314 Roman Temple to Green Lane via Deer Farm , nr Shamley Green**

Some time ago I suggested that, if Surrey County Council have no immediate plans to do a vegetation cut along this path, the club form a few work parties to clear it. Having not had a response from Surrey on this I took it up with James Browne at the Rights of Way Forum. He thanked us for our offer but his preferred option is first to ask the landowner to do the clearance. I think Surrey want to encourage more landowners to do clearance work to reduce the reliance on volunteers and the burden on the maintenance budget. James said that if the landowner does not do the work, he will contact us.

## **Bridleway 252 Downs Link south of the Dorking Road nr Lockner Holt**

In the winter, there is a bad boggy patch on this path, roughly in the area where the path is divided by a fence to give the walkers a better surface. **As this is an important route for many of our members, we are planning to make a donation from club funds to Surrey County Council to help fund surface improvement works.** That way, we hope it will rise to the top of the maintenance list for this year.

## **Blackheath Management Plan**

This is available from Waverley Borough Councils website at [www.waverley.gov.uk/info/200073/parks\\_and\\_countryside/696/blackheath\\_common](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/200073/parks_and_countryside/696/blackheath_common). This now recognises that the whole of Blackheath Common is open to both pedestrians and horse riders for air and exercise by virtue of a deed of declaration made under the 1925 Law of Property Act. I would recommend all who ride over Blackheath Common to have a look at this document.

*Katherine Manson Rights of Way Committee Member* [katherine.manson@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:katherine.manson@environment-agency.gov.uk)

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## PAST EVENTS

### *LEARN, LAUGH AND LUNCH DAY CAMP 13<sup>th</sup> June – from Caroline Holsten*

For the third year in a row, WSRC held their 'Learn, Laugh and Lunch' day camp at Chase Farm in Hindhead. Some of the riders were there for the third time, others attended for the first time.

The camp wasn't straightforward to organise this year for various reasons, but, luckily, after a bit of last minute stress, 18 riders and our three instructors - Hinda Inglis, Lisa Hamilton-Smith and Rebecca Markwick - were ready to take on the day, and what a day it turned out to be!

This camp proved quite eventful right from the start, and unfortunately one rider had to give up after a bad fall, before she had even started her session. It was such a shame, as she had been looking forward to the camp.



Luckily, the first and second sessions in the morning (flatwork, SJ or XC depending on the group), went fairly well for most riders, with a few naughty horses here and there, but no major drama.

By lunchtime, we all appreciated the longer break. The food is provided by the participants to share, and once again, we had more than enough to eat, with lovely salads and a variety of cold meat and quiches, and, of course, the puddings and fruits (so we did not feel too guilty eating the cakes and biscuits!).

In the afternoon, two groups were out tackling the XC course, while the more advanced riders had a long show jump session. It was amazing to see how many just went out and jumped the XC fences fairly confidently – including ditches, steps and tyres –

even though they had never done anything like that before. Thanks to Rebecca and Lisa for encouraging their groups to give it a go, as many pushed themselves and achieved much more than they expected.

Meanwhile, in the show jumping arena, there was a bit of action with Hinda taking the riders through their paces and some great jumping, but unfortunately a few more falls, and one very sore (but tough) rider, in particular.

At 4pm it was time to pack up and leave – some horses clearly enjoyed the day so much (or maybe it was just the green grass) that they did not want to load.

Eventually everybody left and we closed the gate behind us until next year!



*Above – participants at Day Camp 13<sup>th</sup> June*

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## **TACK SALE**

We ran our first ever tack sale on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at Arbuthnot Hall in Shamley Green. Financially, the sale was a success for the Club, as we had lots of sellers taking tables, but the number of buyers was a little disappointing. However, sales were made and, for most, it was a profitable evening. We have discussed doing something similar at one of our open events – where there is a captive market!

Many thanks to Charlotte Williams, for taking this on and making it a success.

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## **SHOW JUMP SET UP AT WHIPLEY MANOR FARM 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

We had a fabulous turnout from members who came to help move and set up all the show jumps at Whipley Manor Farm for the summer season. HUGE thanks to all who came, and made it fairly light work, and to Lisa for providing all the refreshments. The courses certainly look inviting.

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## **DRESSAGE SERIES**

The final qualifier took place at Kilnhanger on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, and qualified combinations will battle it out at the Championship Show on 13<sup>th</sup> September. There will also be a turnout prize at this show. If you haven't qualified but wish to compete, there will be an extra section for you.

Full details will follow in the next newsletter, or follow this link;

<http://www.westsurreyridingclub.co.uk/dressage-series.html>

## Instruction

To book, please contact Lisa Fahy – [lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lisamfahy@yahoo.co.uk)

### ***Catriona Moorwood, Heath Cottage, Farley Green, GU5 9DP***

Catriona has been teaching flatwork for numerous years and is also a judge. She has kindly said she will do some group and private lessons for us at her lovely home.

**Lessons** will be for flatwork only in her 20 x 60 m arena. We also thought it would be good to have some test riding lessons – run through your chosen test (bring a copy), then discuss it, and re-run through the test, followed by a final discussion. Sessions run for 30 mins, but be ready to run through your test on arrival, to get the most out of these sessions.

**Cost:** private lesson - £35 per hour / Group lesson (max 4) - £40 / Ride a Test lesson - £20 per half hour

**Dates:** Any Saturday from 18<sup>th</sup> July (**except 25<sup>th</sup> July**), starting at 10am, throughout July/Aug. Also any Wednesday afternoon/evenings from 22<sup>nd</sup> July, last lesson to finish at 6pm.

Please note that you park at the Roman Temple and hack to Catriona's yard. It is less than half a mile away on sandy track, or you can hack along the lane.

### ***Rebecca Markwick, Whibley Manor Farm, GU5 0LL***

Rebecca has been teaching flatwork and show jumping for our Club over the past year, and is increasingly popular.

**Lessons** – flatwork or jumping, and in the flat fields at Whibley Manor (two jumping courses), and two grass arenas 20 x 40m and 20 x 60m (depending on availability), or could be in the arena, which is rubber surface, and has mirrors.

**Cost:** Private lesson - £30 per hour or £20 per half hour / Group lesson (max 4) – £20 per rider per hour.

**Dates:** Saturday mornings – 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug and 8<sup>th</sup> Aug from 8.30 am – 11.30 am. Also, Wednesdays, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> July, from approx. 4pm to 7.30 pm.

There is plenty of parking at Whibley Manor Farm, or it is easily accessible from the old railway line, if hacking over.

### ***Ali Cookson, East Whibley Farm, Shamley Green GU5 0TE***

Ali has been teaching for our Club for three years and is very popular. Her last session this summer is 24<sup>th</sup> June, and then she will be back in September.

**Lessons:** flatwork, in indoor school, with mirrors.

**Cost:** Private lesson - £30 per half hour

**Dates:** 24<sup>th</sup> June, more dates in September.

There is plenty of parking at East Whibley Farm. **STOP PRESS – THERE ARE 3 SPACES LEFT ON THIS CLINIC**

## WSRC Points Table 2015

### 09 June 2015

#### Points awarded

- 1 points for entering a WSRC competition
- 4 points for representing WSRC in a team
- 6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place
- 5 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- 4 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- 3 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place
- 2 points for 5<sup>th</sup> place
- 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place



Name	Horse	Total
Clare Stratford	Silver Mist 2 <sup>nd</sup>	37
Judith Dunne	Seahorse Point	37
Tina <u>Pendle</u>	Danger Mouse	31
Lisa Fahy	Kings Court II	29
Fabienne Macey	Artic Bear	23
Sarah Cortes	Oreo	23
Caitlin Fahy	Moonshine Boy	22
Ro Major	Scooby	22
Sarah Fisher	Espionage II	22
Lynn Roberts	Baron	21
Pat Murphy	Bartley Bay	19
Paula Hynes	Finn <u>McCuil</u>	19
Sarah Orchard	<u>Bebo</u>	19
Hillary Smith	Billy	18
Pat Murphy	Bartley bay	18
Carys Jones	<u>McGinty</u>	16
Julie Rowley	<u>McGinty</u>	16
Louise <u>Decaon</u>	Cherry B	16
<u>Llyana</u> Cortes	Oreo	13
Susan <u>McKensie</u>	Bruno	12
Emma Anscombe	<u>Caher</u> Dash	10
Julie Johnson	Golden Romance	10
Pam Wilson	Tilly	10
Sarah Cortes	Max	9

Lynn Roberts	Bubbles	8
Pili <u>Spiers</u>	Sonny	8
Beth Foley	<u>Heathcliffe</u>	7
Jenny <u>Swartout</u>	Boo	7
Lynn Roberts	Rocky	7
Sophie Tack	<u>Rockie</u>	7
Vanessa Bertram	Roger	7
Vanessa Bertrand	Max	7
Vickie <u>Hogben</u>	Ted	7
Carys Jones	Espionage II	6
<u>Fenella</u> Grant	<u>Percey</u>	6
Helen Kendal	Tom	6
Helen Steers	Tia	6
Lulu <u>Salkeld</u>	Phantom	6
Megan Elson	Cookie	6
Vanessa Bertram	Baron	6
Kirsten Davis	<u>Spongebob</u>	5
Victoria Harrington	Bee	5
<u>Anthea</u> Dickson	Cloe	4
Carys Jones	<u>Knockeevan</u> Grange	4
Carys Jones	<u>Callum</u>	4
Fiona Watkins	<u>Barbos</u>	4
Gemma <u>Saulis</u>	Baron	4
Jacqui Peterson	<u>Rajahan</u>	4
Jenny Monks	Dark Deception	4
Jenny <u>Tulley</u>	Lazy Acres Hurricane	4
Jill Ryan	Annie	4
Kathy Newlands	Red	4
Lynn Roberts	Cookie	4
Lynn Roberts	<u>Fayet</u>	4
Helen Kendal	Tom	3
Josie Jenkinson	Little B	3
Megan Elson	Danny	3
Natalie <u>Mendlesohn</u>	Spartan Prince	1
<u>Pamj</u> Nixon	Sage	1
Sylvia Laney	Molly	1

## *Dates for Your Diary*

<b>Weds 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ali Cookson clinic, East Whitley Farm <b>SPACES STILL AVAILABLE</b></b>
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Clear Round jumping evening, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Hurtwood Cottage <b>ONE SPACE STILL AVAILABLE</b></b>
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Dressage to Music Qualifier, Plumpton College</b>
<b>Weds 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Clear Round jumping evening, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Senior, Junior and L&amp;SE dressage qualifiers, Pachesham EC</b>
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm Also possible setting up for CT show at Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>and each Saturday morning onwards except 25<sup>th</sup> July Catriona Moorwood clinic (flatwork)</b>
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Dressage/CTshow, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>and each Weds evening onwards, Catriona Moorwood clinic (flatwork)</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Clear Round jumping evening, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sat or Sun 25 or 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Trec at Farley Green</b>
<b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Rebecca Markwick clinic, Whitley Manor Farm</b>
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Dressage series – Championship show at Kilnhanger</b>
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>London &amp; SE Championships at Snowball Farm, Bucks</b>