



Newsletter - MARCH 2014

Dear members,

With the sun now shining and the ground drying out, it is lovely to see members starting to take part in events again. As you will see we have a very full schedule for the coming year with hopefully something for everyone, but if there is anything you would like to see the club put on, please get in touch with me and let me know.

Enjoy your riding and have fun.

Cath

CAMP WEEKEND



Please remember our camp which takes place this year from Fri 22nd to Sun 24th August. Places are very limited and we only have 20 stables, 13 of which have already been filled. If you are interested, please let me know asap. Last year we all had a fabulous time. Lessons are optional and you can just go for the hacking and playing around on the XC course, followed of course by good food and plenty of wine!!! Prices will be approx £150 with no instruction or £230 with, but more details are to follow when I will let you have the exact amount.

RIDE A TEST DAY

As you will see from the events diary, on the 7th June, we are holding a 'Ride a Test' day. More details will follow in our monthly up-date list, but the idea is that you will ride either a prelim or novice dressage test which will be marked, John will then give feed back and you will have time to practice prior to going back in the arena and see if you can improve you score. Hopefully this will help those of you who are going to have a go at the area dressage this year and should help everyone with their dressage tests. Price will be £20 per person. Please contact Cath to book your place as spaces will be limited.

HELPERS

Please remember that anyone who helps at our events will be eligible to receive a £5 voucher which can be redeemed against the cost of lessons, camp, merchandise, events or anything else the club organises.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I would like to welcome Jenny Greenway and Jennie Humphry to the committee. Jenny, as people will already be aware has taken over the mid-week training with Angela at Leawood.

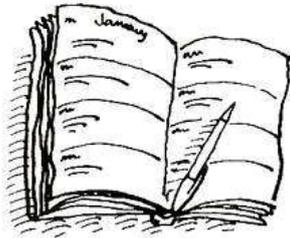
Jennie has kindly agreed to come on to the committee and take over from Amy as the Area Team Organiser. Please get in touch with her if you would like to be on a team this summer. Her e mail address is jennie.humphry@g.mail.com

Amy has now taken over the role of club Secretary.

XC SCHOOLING AT SOUTHCOTT

We have booked Southcott XC course for a schooling session with Dawn Vanstone on Saturday, 12th April. The cost of this will be £35 for a two hour session and it will start from 11am, groups of 4. Please contact Cath Scrivener on 07815 821779 or email cathscrivener@btinternet.com Places will be limited so please book early.

EVENTS DIARY - MARCH 2014 onwards



MARCH

Sat 15 th	Flatwork with John Chubb	10am start
Sun 23 rd	DRESSAGE COMPETITION	
Wed 26 th	Angela Coward Flatwork	10am start
Sat 29 th	Felicity Mann demo	11am start

APRIL

Wed 2 nd	Angela Coward Pole & Grid	10am start
Sat 5 th	SJ with John Chubb	10am start
Wed 9 th	Angela Coward Flatwork	10am start
Sat 12 th	Southcott XC schooling	11am start
Tue 15 th	SJ with Caroline Creighton	6pm start
Wed 16 th	Angela Coward Pole & Grid	10am start
Sat 19 th	Flatwork with John Chubb	10am start
Wed 23 rd	Angela Coward Flatwork	10am start
Sun 27 th	DRESSAGE COMPETITION	
Wed 30 th	Angela Coward Pole & Grid	10am start

MAY

Wed 7 th	Angela Coward Flatwork	10am start
Tue 13 th	SJ with Caroline Creighton	6pm start
Wed 14 th	Angela Coward Pole & Grid	10am start
Sat 17 th	SJ with John Chubb	10am start
Wed 21 st	Angela Coward Flatwork	10am start
Sun 25 th	Flatwork with John Chubb	10am start
Wed 28 th	Angela Coward Pole & Grid	10am start

JUNE

Sun 1 st	SJ COMPETITION details to follow	
Sat 7 th	Ride a test day with John Chubb	10am start
Sat 14 th	AREA SJ at Chyverton	
Sun 22 nd	SJ with John Chubb	10am start
Sun 29 th	AREA HORSE TRIALS at St. Leonards	

JULY

Sun 6 th	COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION	
12 th /13 th	AREA DRESSAGE at St. Leonards	

AUGUST

Sun 3 rd	SJ COMPETITION	
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SEPTEMBER

Sun 7 th	COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION	
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All Wednesday Lessons with Angela Coward are £10.00 per person.
Please book with Jenny Greenway on 01822 859029 or 07877 523389

Lessons with John Chubb are £15.00 per person.
Please book with Cath Scrivener on 07815 821779

Lessons with Caroline Creighton are £20.00 per person.
Please book with Cath Scrivener on 07815 821779

DRESSAGE COMPETITION RESULTS

24th November 2013

- Intro A - 1st Sandra Hill and Basil Bootlace
2nd Sandra Fry and Bussell
3rd Gill Moorhouse and Kalluah
4th Julia McClenaghan and Philleigh
5th Charlotte Barron and Arthur
- Prelim 7 - 1st Sandra Fry and Bussell
2nd Gill Moorhouse and Kalluah
3rd Anne Shrubshall and Nditlir
4th Charlotte Barron and Joby
5th Charlotte Barron and Arthur
6th Julia McClenaghan and Philleigh
- Prelim 18 - 1st Christine Grove and Harvey
2nd Amy Scrivener and Theo
3rd Anne Shrubshall and Nditlir
4th Mandy Medcraft and Atse D
- Novice 27 - 1st Amy Scrivener and Theo
2nd Christine Grove and Harvey
3rd Charlotte Barron and Joby

23rd February 2014

- Intro B - 1st Sandra Hill and Basil Bootlace
2nd Julia McClenaghan and Philleigh
- Prelim 10 - 1st Ali Beament and Zardi
2nd Ella Stokes and Ace of Hearts
3rd Jo Wordingham and Philleigh
- Prelim 13 - 1st Mandy Medcraft and Atse D
2nd Caroline Royston and Fuzzy
3rd Ali Beament and Zardi
- Novice 24 - 1st Anne Shrubshall and Dufiena
2nd JacquScrivener and Commander Rufus
3rd Amy Scrivener and Theo
- Novice 36 - 1st Amy Scrivener and Theo
2nd Anne Shrubshall and Dufiena



LEAWOOD

Most of our events take place at Leawood Equestrian Centre, Bridestowe, which is a working farm and livery yard. All members and accompanying family/friends should note that dogs are not permitted at the centre and must be kept in cars. This is due to the farm dogs and having had problems in the past. Also can droppings please be picked up and removed. We are very lucky to have this venue and we need to try and keep things as tidy as possible.

We did try last year to do refreshments from the caravan when we held events, but I am afraid that due to the lack of help we are unable to do this any more.

ENLIGHTENED EQUITATION DEMO



8th March 2014.

What was I thinking of volunteering to be a guinea pig for the Enlightened Equitation Demo at Leawood? 9.30am on the day and there I was frantically trying to get my very feathery cob, Ben presentable. Mud and feathers do not work!! I had hoped they might have dried sufficiently that I could just brush them out but oh no the mud was still wet and sticky. So out with the shampoo, kettle of warm water and hose but the time was ticking by. The demo was starting at 11am and we were first on. Finally with the help of a friend we were on our way, just a half hour hack to Leawood but it seemed to take

forever and you know what it's like when you think you are going to be late!

However although I arrived hot and flustered the lady giving the demo, Deborah Haynes, soon put Ben and I at our ease. She gave the introduction and explained how Heather Moffat had begun Enlightened Equitation. The phrase that stuck in my mind was that it doesn't matter what shape, size or breed of horse they can all do the classical moves - just watch them in the field! She then checked my position and for the first time in ages I was walking around with no stirrups. What a difference to Ben, he was striding out much more freely - so back to having stirrups but this time lengthened by one hole so my knees didn't block his movement. Another tip was for me to roll my little toes downwards so they were lower than my big toes - this automatically opened up my knees and got my lower leg wrapped around. Deborah then asked Ben and I to walk initially and then do sitting trot to feel my seat bones rise in unison with each of Ben's hind leg movements. At the walk I could feel exactly what she meant but at the trot I couldn't feel it so well. However the next day whilst hacking out I was thinking about what Deborah had been meaning and tried again in sitting trot but this time I relaxed my hips instead of trying to sit deep. Voila it worked!! I could feel my seat bones moving in time to Ben's movement much better, he was trotting nicely, I was more comfortable and I'm sure he was too. At the demo we also talked about the aids to halt. Deborah questioned the audience and got various answers. Deborah then went on to explain what happens when you sit deep in order to ask for halt which is the way many riders have been taught. With weight pressing down on a horse's back they naturally hollow in response so she advised to tighten and lift the seat muscles. Deborah then asked me to walk Ben around on a loose rein and use my weight to change direction and Ben responded really well to this. I enjoyed the demo and would like to thank Deborah for making it interesting, Cath for organising it and the lovely audience for the compliments they gave Ben. I needn't have worried so much about being a large lady on a large feathery cob after all!!

Julia



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AREA QUALIFIERS

FOR THIS YEAR ONLY THE CLUB IS SUBSIDISING THE AREA ENTRIES AND MEMBERS WILL ONLY HAVE TO PAY £15 FOR EACH DISCIPLINE THEY ENTER. We have some new members in the riding club and hopefully this will encourage people to have a go and we will now be able to get teams together for the area qualifiers. If you are interested in competing in the dressage, show jumping or eventing competitions please get in touch with jennie.humphry@g.mail.com The area dressage this year is on the weekend of 12th/13th July, the SJ is on 14th June and the Horse Trials is on 29th June. It is great fun and the dressage and SJ comprise of teams of 4 with the best 3 scores to count, but individuals can compete in the Horse Trials although it is more fun if there is a team.

FIRST AIDERS

We are attempting to update all our records and would appreciate it if members would let us know if they have an up-to-date first aid certificate and would be willing to let us call upon them if necessary for events.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Please keep an eye on the web site as I try to keep it updated as soon as we have some more information, dates etc. Also please like our facebook page and pass on to friends. If anyone has anything they would like advertised, please let Cath know.

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FOR SALE/WANTED ADS

Do you have any horsey items you'd like to move on? An item of tack that you just can't find anywhere? Trying to sell a vehicle/trailer? Or just looking for someone to go for rides with?

Whatever it is, why not use the pages of your newsletter to get your message out to the rest of the members in the club? Please contact Cath Scrivener on cathscrivener@btinternet.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.