



Wimborne & District Riding Club

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NEWSLETTER – SEPT 2017

FUTURE EVENTS

Please note that all events are for Members and Member's Children, unless stated that the event is open to non-members

New events or changes of date in bold type!			
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Sat 2 nd Wed 6 th	XC Clinic at Stour XC Clear Round (Working Hunter fences)	Sun 1 st Sat 7 th	Charity Sponsored Ride Fun Winter Woolies Show
Sun 10 th Sat 16 th Sat 23 rd	Dressage Gala Handy Pony Clear Round & Show Jumping, including Team competition	Sat 14th Sun 15 th Sat 28th	Flatwork Clinic (Gilly Wheeler) Gymkhana Jumping Clinic (Sarah Perry)
		NOVEMBER	
		Sat 4th Fri 17 th Sat 18th Fri 24 th	Jumping Clinic (Moira Bonner) Charity Quiz Flatwork Clinic (Emily Harris) AGM
<p><i>Please note that in the event of bad weather, either in the run-up to an event or on the day, it is the competitor's responsibility to contact the organiser to ensure that the event is still going ahead. We try our hardest not to cancel – and will always put a notice on Facebook if the weather gets the better of us – but if in doubt, do call the organiser...</i></p>			



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Committee members are usually available between 8pm & 9pm – please do not ring after 9.30pm



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COMMITTEE CHAT!

Well, what a summer we have had – that long spell of REALLY hot weather and then the worry that the wet spell would put the Open Show in jeopardy. Although rain is very welcome to soften the ground, it is not appreciated when running events!

As it was, the weather gods looked after us and we had fantastic ground on the day – which was appreciated by all who came from far and wide. The Club has had a very busy July and August, including the Open In-Hand Show (another busy & successful day) and we have been making good use of our Working Hunter jumps, with clinics and clear round jumping, before we have to store them away for the winter.

Looking forward, we have several events planned for the coming months, including the Dressage Gala on 10th September, Show Jumping, including the Team Jumping, on 23rd September and the Charity Sponsored Ride on 1st October – many thanks to Linda Skakich for stepping in to organise the Ride. As we don't have anyone linked to Barclays Bank involved in the Ride this year, while Tracy Ralph-Bates is on maternity leave, it means that we cannot benefit from their match-funding scheme – but let's see how much our riders can raise... The ride is in a lovely setting and brings our season of events to a fun and sociable close.

Some of our events this year have not been well supported so we will be thinking hard about planning our events for 2018. Most events take quite a bit of organising – so please do come along and support us! Our other (ongoing) problem is lack of helpers, which makes it so much harder for the committee member running the event. We just do not have enough committee members to have several at each event, so we really need the help of our members. However, now is the time to let us know what events you WOULD like us to run in the future. If members are keen to support something in particular, we are happy to look into getting things organised – you can contact any Committee member or bring your ideas to the AGM in November. Talking of planning ahead, Tracy Tucker has put a request on Facebook to see what trainers you would like us to book for the Clinics over the winter – again, please do let us know...

Hope you all enjoy the rest of the season!



NOTICE BOARD

Don't forget to wear your Hi-Viz clothing when hacking to & from Club events...



When at the Club field or at the Farm, dogs must be restrained on a lead at all times, not running after the rabbits or chasing Tracy's cats!



Don't forget to wear your Club competitor number at ALL WDRC events, whether an Open or Members only event – and yes, even Gymkhanas and Handy Pony. We know lots of members by sight but not all of you, so it confirms your membership AND makes typing up the results much easier if we have a number to refer to ...

At Open events, you won't be eligible for your "Best Member" rosette unless you are wearing your Club number – bright yellow this year, so it's not easy to lose it in the lorry!

Don't forget, if you need to email Tracy Upshall, you won't reach her on her old email address any more. Tracy's new email is tracyu81@gmail.com or you can use the Club email: admin@wimborneridingclub.co.uk

TRAINING CLINICS

A FEW POINTS TO REMEMBER!!

- ◆ Please remember to include your mobile phone number
- ◆ If you have paid for a clinic but have to cancel, you will still have to pay *unless* we can fill your space from the waiting list
- ◆ If you simply haven't bothered to notify us that you cannot attend, you *will* still have to pay
- ◆ For most clinics, your session times will be posted on the Club website. If you are asked to phone for your session time, do contact the organiser at the allotted time to find out what time your group is riding - if you don't phone when specified, your space may be given to someone on the waiting list
- ◆ Please note that payment **MUST** be received with your booking form; you may register your interest in taking part by phoning the organiser, but your place will not be allocated unless you cough up the readies!

Do remember that you can use a helper's ticket or training bursary towards the cost of the clinic.

When booking, please state make sure that you complete the entry form fully, including information about the level that you and your horse are working at; without this information, we cannot book you into the most appropriate group and ensure that you get the most benefit from your lesson...

Unless stated otherwise, clinics are held in the all-weather arena at Higher Merley Farm, with parking in the Club field during the summer

A REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE TRAINING CLINICS

Please make sure that you arrive in time to be in the arena **ready to start** at your allotted time, not arriving at a minute before your allocated session!
If you are in the first session, you are expected to arrive at least 20 minutes before your start time to help put out the equipment (especially for the jumping clinics) or bring someone with you who can help.
Those in the last group are expected to help put away. If you can all lend a hand, it doesn't take long at all...

CROSS-COUNTRY CLINIC at STOUR XC – SAT 2ND SEPTEMBER

Instructor: Elaine MacDuff

Sessions last for approx. 1¼ hours, with a maximum of 4 people per session

When booking please state full details of experience & height of horse/pony so that we can group people appropriately – this is especially important for the jumping clinics

Long sleeved tops and body protectors MUST be worn.

We strongly recommend that your hat has a flexible peak i.e. crash skulls rather than smart 'showing' hats.

To be held at Stour XC, Spetisbury, DT11 9EE – check their website (www.stourxc.co.uk) to see their range of fences & for directions to the course

**COST: £25 for WDRC members & members' children
£30 for non-members**

Closing Date for Entries: Saturday 26th August

Entries to Rose Devlin, 56 Lynwood Drive, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1UQ

Phone 07523 465458 if any queries

Times will be posted on the Club website and Facebook page on the Thursday before the event

FLATWORK CLINICS

Sessions last for approx. 1 hour, max of 4 people per session

When booking please state full details of experience & height of horse/pony and what level of flatwork you are currently riding or wish to ride, so that we can group people appropriately

If you are booking for several clinics, it's really helpful if you can send a separate cheque for each clinic – then if you do have to withdraw (& we are able to give your place to someone on the waiting list), it's much easier to sort out the finances!

Times will be posted on the Club website and Facebook page on the Thursday before the event

Saturday 14th October – Gilly Wheeler

"Circles, squares and diamonds" – Learn how riding these simple shapes accurately can help your horses' suppleness, balance and activity enabling you to gain those extra marks in a dressage test or improve your jumping rounds.

Entries close Tuesday 10th October

- ◆ **COST £16 for members, £21 for non-members**
- ◆ **Closing Date for Entries: Tuesday 10th October**

CLUB DRESSAGE

Saturday 18th November – Emily Harris

Back by request, this former pony European dressage medallist and young rider team member was very popular earlier in the year. She has lots of ideas and little tips to greatly improve your horses' way of going.

- ◆ **COST £16 for members, £21 for non-members**
- ◆ **Closing Date for Entries: Tuesday 14th November**

Please send bookings for Flatwork Clinics in October & November to:

Tracey Tucker, 12 Cammel Road, West Parley, Ferndown, BH22 8RY
Tel: 01202 897991 or 07840 295817

JUMPING CLINICS

When booking please state full details of experience & height of horse/pony so that we can group people appropriately – this is especially important for the jumping clinics

Members taking part in the first group will be required to either help get the jumps out or bring someone to help and those in the last group are required to help pack away or bring someone to help. The groups will be rotated so not always the same people will be first/last.

If you are booking for several clinics, it's really helpful if you can send a separate cheque for each clinic – then if you do have to withdraw (& we are able to give your place to someone on the waiting list), it's much easier to sort out the finances!

Times will be posted on the Club website and Facebook page on the Thursday before the event

Saturday October 28th – Sarah Perry BHSAI

“XC questions in an arena” – Whilst we will not have conventional cross country jumps, you can practice in an arena over corners, arrowheads, bounces and other questions you may come across on the cross country course.

Entries close Tuesday 24th October

- ◆ **COST £16 for members, £21 for non-members**
- ◆ **Closing Date for Entries: Tuesday 24th October**

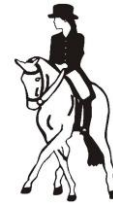
Saturday 4th November – Moira Bonner BHSAI, Int.T

Practice your course riding

- ◆ **COST £16 for members, £21 for non-members**
- ◆ **Closing Date for Entries: Tuesday 31st October**

Please send bookings for Jumping Clinics in January & February to:

Tracey Tucker, 12 Cammel Road, West Parley, Ferndown, BH22 8RY
Tel: 01202 897991 or 07840 295817



GALA DRESSAGE DAY – SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Three Championship classes with mounted prize-givings in the arena after each Championship

- ◆ **Novice Championship (Walk & Trot): WDRC Test 13 (2016)**
- ◆ **Intermediate Championship (Prelim): Prelim 17A (2017)**
- ◆ **Open Championship (Novice): Novice 37A (2017)**

Congratulations to all our Qualified riders – schedules have been sent out to everyone, so we're hoping to see plenty of you enjoying the day

Our Judge for the day is Jennie Loriston-Clarke, who needs minimal introduction! Having ridden at the highest level, trained numerous dressage riders (including Carl Hester in his early days) and bred horses for a variety of disciplines at Catherston Stud, she has Judged at International level and is currently President of British Dressage – we're feeling rather lucky that she is able to come along to our Gala day...

Spectators are very welcome, so do come along to support your fellow members – keep an eye on the website for the test times, these are usually posted on the Thursday before the show

GYMKHANA – SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Our Gymkhanas are run for members & member's children. The Lead Rein section (for riders under 10 years of age) is aimed at encouraging our younger riders, hence their separate heats to help ensure safety during the races – please note that children can enter either the lead rein section or the standard children's races but not both; nor can they swap between the two sections depending on the race!

Once again, our more mature riders will be eligible to enter the “Golden Oldies” heat – however please note that this will be dependent on entries on the day

Unless stated otherwise, there will be five races, plus an elimination round (usually Chase-Me-Charlie or Clover Leaf Elim – but we may come up with alternatives!)

Lots of you hack to the Club Field for Gymkhanas – **PLEASE remember to wear your hi-viz stuff**; it's very easy to “disappear” under the trees on Merley Park Rd!

As ever, we are always grateful for willing helpers on the day...

Start time 10.30am prompt

Entries on the day – ENTRY FEE: £3 per race or £15 for all six races – Please bring the correct money if possible!

Any queries, please contact Vanessa on 07805 665909

HANDY PONY – SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Please remember to bring your yellow WDRC number on the day; it confirms that you ARE a member and makes it MUCH easier to collate results afterwards!

Gates open 12noon, entries taken from 12.30pm & competition starts at 1pm.

Entries £4. There will be 2 sections: In Hand & Ridden.

You may enter both sections but you will need to pay for each entry. We will try to run the In Hand section first, but can be flexible. There will be a course of 10 – 12 obstacles. Each obstacle will be given a mark out of 10. There will be a chance to gain extra points. Highest score in each section will be the winner. Rosettes to 6th place. You will not be timed, but will lose marks through hesitation; if you wish to leave an obstacle out you can, but will score 0. This is a chance to have fun! Show gear is not required, but hats, gloves & sensible footwear is required even for the In Hand section. Lead rein entries may enter in the ridden section. The rider is expected to throw balls etc, leader to just handle pony.

Any queries contact Sharron Camp 01202 594594.

As usual, there will be cake for sale!

CLEAR ROUND JUMPING

These Clear Round sessions are open to Members & non-Members.

These events are naturally subject to ground and weather conditions, so please check the website &/or Facebook beforehand in case of inclement weather

Long sleeves **must** be worn and a back protector is highly recommended. Riders with long hair must ensure that it is neatly secured above the collar – no long pony tails or plaits please!

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPT – Working Hunter fences

Running from 5pm to 8pm in the club field – field gates open from 4pm

Entry fee per round is £3, payable on the day – no entries taken after 7.30pm

Organiser: Tracy Upshall (07748 746905)

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER – show jumps

Running from 10am to 12noon in the club field – field gates open from 9am

Entry fee per round is £3, payable on the day – no entries taken after 11.30am

Organiser: Nick Colledge (07748 790789)

SHOW JUMPING & TEAM JUMPING – SAT 23RD SEPTEMBER

Show jumping classes to start at 12.30pm.

All classes open to horses and ponies and classes 1, 2, 4, 5 & Team Jumping will be run as two phase (A5). This means if you go clear in phase 1, you go straight into the jump off course (phase 2) which will be timed. A bell will be rung if you incur faults in phase 1 and you will need to leave the ring.

Class 1: 2ft Open

Class 2: 2ft 3in Open

Class 3: 2ft 3in Speed Class. One round against the clock. Bulbury Sea Heroine Trophy to highest placed WDRC member

Class 4: 2ft 6in Open

Class 5: 2ft 9in Open

Team Jumping Teams of 3, you can do any class, but not more than 2 team members in any one class i.e. you could have 2 team members in class 1 and one in class 2 but not all 3 in class 1. Each team member can only jump once. If competing in the same class as part of a team AND as an individual entry (e.g. Class 1 AND Team Jumping over 2ft course), you will jump the course twice – your first round will count towards the Team competition. Teams can comprise a mixture of WDRC members & non-members.

For the Team class, please mark clearly on your entry form which class/height of course each rider is jumping (do use the back of the form if needed!)

ENTRY FEES for classes 1 – 5: WDRC members £5 per class, Non-members £8 per class.

LATE ENTRIES for classes 1 – 5: £8 for WDRC members, £10 for non-members

TEAM JUMPING: £15 per team

LATE ENTRIES for Team Jumping: £21 per team

Goody Bags, kindly sponsored by Frys Electrical, for the winning Team

Closing date for entries: 20th September

Entries to Tracey Tucker, 12 Cammel Road, West Parley, Ferndown, BH22 8RY

Any enquiries ring 07810 295817

In the event of bad weather and for enquiries on the day 07810 295817

A brief reminder of some of the Rules of WDRC Show Jumping competitions:

The practice fence must be jumped with the red flag to the RIGHT

Hard hats to current safety standards must be worn at all times

Suitable riding footwear to be worn i.e. no trainers, wellingtons or boots with heels

Riders with long hair must ensure that it is neatly secured above the collar – no long pony tails or plaits

Arms must be covered at all times when jumping – long sleeves please!

Back protectors are recommended for SJ and compulsory for XC

Whips must not exceed 30 inches in length

Horses/ponies can be ridden twice in the same class by different riders with the permission of the judge. The second rider must ride HC (Hors Concours, so their result will not count towards a class placing)

CHARITY SPONSORED RIDE – SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER



The monies raised by this year's ride will once again be in aid of The Friends of Forest Holme Charity, and we will be starting from Manor Farm at Gussage St Michael, by kind permission of Mr Rowe.

Schedules will shortly be available in local tackrooms, on our website and NFED, so there are plenty of chances to drum up lots of sponsorship for this well-deserved charity who support Forest

Holme, a unit that provides palliative care for patients across our region, often supporting them in their homes, in the last few weeks of life.

As this event is fund-raising for charity, please could we ask members not to submit WDRC helper's vouchers as part of their entry fee or sponsor money – thank you.

END OF SEASON FUN SHOW – SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Start 10am.

Class 1: Best Grass Kept (365 days)

Class 2: Best Stable Kept

Class 3: Best Mane OR Tail.

Class 4: Handsome Gelding.

Class 5: Prettiest Mare.

Class 6: Horse/pony Judge would most like to take home.

Class 7: Fancy Dress can be In Hand or Ridden.

This is a fun show so full show gear not required, but remember safety so hat, gloves & correct footwear please.

There will be a 20 minute break after class 6 for those taking part in class 7 to get ready.

Entries £4 per class. Entries close Wednesday 4th October.

Please send to Sharron Camp, 24, Cedar Ave, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH10 7EF.

Cheques payable to Wimborne & District Riding Club

Entries can be taken on the day from 9.15am & will be £5 each.

TABLE-TOP TACK SALE – SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

At Corfe Mullen Village Hall from 1.30pm until 4pm

Sellers from 12.30pm but buyers from 1.30pm only please

Sellers: £5 per table (your table can only be confirmed once payment is received)

Buyers: 50p per person, payable at the door (children under 12 free)

Light refreshments will be available to purchase

All enquiries and bookings to Vanessa Twinn, tel 07805 665909 or email

admin@wimborneridingclub.co.uk

CHARITY QUIZ – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

To be held at Cobham Sports & Social Club, Merley Park Road, nr Wimborne, BH21 3DA

Doors open from 7.30pm, with the quiz starting at 8pm

Our quizmaster for the evening is Kevin Ashman, European & World Quiz Champion and frequently found as a member of the Eggheads team on BBC2.

The evening is in aid of Lytchett RDA Group and is open to all, so do spread the word to your friends and family.

Teams of 4 to 8 people - each team to bring a raffle prize please

Ploughmans Supper included in the entry fee

Entry Fee: WDRC Members £10 per person

Non-members £12.50 per person

Please phone Ann Bish on 07557 764893 to book your entry – numbers may be limited, as the room does have a maximum capacity, so best to book in early...

AGM & SOCIAL EVENING - FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER **at Holt Village Hall**

More details in the November newsletter – just to make sure that you mark the date in your diaries...



PAST EVENTS



HANDY PONY – 12th July

A lovely warm evening for our event, but unfortunately not a good turn-out for this Handy Pony. However thank you to those of you who came & had a go & I hope you have all been practicing. I have visions of brooms & footballs coming out for practice as this seems to be a particular tricky obstacle.

Please remember that the scores are usually quite close – it can be just a hesitation that can separate scores so please keep coming as you & your equine will improve. It took me a year to persuade my pony that she could walk with me holding an umbrella & even now she would rather I didn't ask this of her. For any of you who know Maggie, this is out of character as she is really laid back!

Thank you to Tracey Tucker for her help & Linda Skakich for taking entries. Sharron.

DRESSAGE – 16th July

The Club had a very good day with strong entries in each class, including at Novice level. Our Judge, Alicia Anderson, and her writer, Sarah Goddard, were very charming and so helpful.

It seems that all of you have mastered the centre lines, with Alicia commentating how well everyone rode them – indeed, she awarded many marks of 8.5 and even 9 – well done!

We started Sunday with a number of withdrawals due to break-downs, lameness, ill-health and general “not feeling right”. Thank you for letting me know – and thank you to our competitors for calmly organising the day by slotting their times in so that everything ran smoothly...

Our next dressage day is the Championship Gala and well done to all our loyal supporters who have qualified. We are very lucky to have Jennie Loriston-Clarke coming to us for the Gala - Jennie needs minimal introduction! Having ridden at the highest level, trained numerous dressage riders (including Carl Hester in his early days) and bred horses for a variety of disciplines at Catherston Stud, she has Judged at International level and is currently President of British Dressage.

Once again, thank you to all who helped and to Tony for making the arena look so professional.

Ann

OPEN RIDDEN & IN-HAND SHOW – 30TH JULY

A very big thank you to all who made our Open Show such a success yesterday. To all the helpers who over the three days were there to put the show together, getting the Working Hunter jumps in place on Friday afternoon and setting some of the rings in place; Saturday finishing those and putting up the gazebos and moving tables and chairs over to the site. Not to mention after the Show dismantling it all and putting away. Many hands really do make light work!

Also to all our stewards and judges and helpers on the day. Last but not least our members who came to support the show, we hope that you enjoyed the classes and will see you soon.

Catherine & Sarah

WORKING HUNTER CLEAR ROUND JUMPING – 5TH AUGUST

Glad that everyone enjoyed the clear round jumping - in spite of experiencing the great variations that the summer weather could throw at us - in just one hour, we had sunshine, rain, a few mini hailstones AND thunder & lightning! Lovely to see you all jumping the working hunter jumps and some VERY big smiles as you finished your rounds!

Many thanks to Vanessa Twinn for all your help; also to Diana McGrail, Tracey Tucker & Jeff Tucker for your help building the course.

Tracy U

NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP EVENING – 9th AUGUST

An event squeezed into our calendar at short notice, when we discovered that Michelle Cure was available on this date, a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended this demonstration, kindly hosted at Pipers Hill Farm by Ann & Tom Bish.

Michelle demonstrated the Monty Roberts natural horsemanship training/starting methods with three of Ann’s horses. This was a most impressive demonstration, which was appreciated by an audience of around 40 people – in slightly inclement weather!

Many thanks to Nick Colledge, who turned chef for the evening and provided the BBQ.

For anyone interested in pursuing natural horsemanship methods, Michelle can be contacted on 07766 132228 – she has indicated that she is happy to give a discount to all WDRC members...

Ann

OPEN IN-HAND SHOW – 13TH AUGUST

A lovely day for our In-Hand Show, with a good turn-out and a great atmosphere throughout the day. Thank you to all our judges, stewards and helpers for giving up their day and to all the competitors who came along to strut their stuff. The standard was really good and our Judges were very impressed with the standard of entries.

The Supreme Champion was Sir Henry Cecil exhibited by Caroline Crane from Weymouth, with Kerloch Lucky Star exhibited by young Claudia Groves from Broadstone (with a little help from Mum Sam Groves!) as Reserve Champion – they also won the Cereless trophy for the Best Member in the Show.

Many thanks to Pauline & Denise for organising & running the Show – very much appreciated!

Tracy

WORKING HUNTER JUMPING CLINIC – 15TH AUGUST

Lovely weather this time and two groups of riders who had a great evening, with some very positive instruction from Amber Mael, which produced instant results in some cases! All our riders & their horses gained in confidence during their sessions and finished with big smiles on their faces (human & equine!), which was lovely to see. Hope to see more of you at Sarah’s clinic later in August...

Tracy U

TEST RIDING CLINIC with CLAIRE SPEER – 19TH AUGUST

Eight riders, with tests ranging from Walk & Trot up to Elementary, gave us a busy day.

Many thanks to Claire for her positive & constructive words of wisdom and thank you to our writers, Tracey Tucker, Jenni Scott & Jo Greenland.

Tracy U

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