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Dear Member,

I hope you enjoyed the long, hot summer this year in spite of the hard ground and scorched grass. Many of us opted to ride out in the early hours of the morning to avoid the oppressive heat of the day and dreadful flies. Some of you will remember the summer of 1976, likened to this year, when a minister for drought had to be appointed as a hosepipe ban was put into place and reservoirs dried up and it was hot work for me taking 'A' Levels!

Please don't forget ALL membership renewals are due by the end of September.

Programme

Dawn and the committee have put together another great programme of training and events taking place from October to December.

Please thank the instructor and the organiser of your event. Your committee member has used up their own time, effort and phone calls voluntarily to make it happen so avoid booking in unless you are certain you can make it and cancellations still have to be paid for! ☺

The Horsey Holiday near Formby Beach in July was enjoyed by all horses and riders. This beach is a great place to ride with dramatic sand dunes, surrounded by sweeping coastal pinewoods. Lesley at South Moss Stud made us all welcome and we made friends with the variety of animals and birds wandering freely around there.



Glorious blue sea and sky.



Having a paddle.

ESRC Shows 2018

It will not have escaped your notice that we have had to cancel two shows this year. The show in August cancelled due to rock-hard ground and excessive heat and the September one due to a poor pony in Seisdon getting strangles. This has been closely monitored and is under control so all indications point to the October 7th show going ahead at the moment with the added bonus of double points.

Please come and support the last show of the season if you can and please return all annual trophies to the any of the committee, engraved with your name if appropriate. ☺

Area 5 and Competition

We had two teams competing at **Bolesworth International Horse show** on Saturday 16th June.
80cm Team; Linda Anderson, Sophie Wilson, Lisa Cowley and Laura Leigh

90cm Team; Jenny Millman, Laura and Leigh Jameson.

Although unplaced, all riders did really well, particularly after the heavens opened to turn the ground into a mud bath!
Pictured right at this lovely venue is Sophie Wilson and Lola.



A message from Lauren Hickman, our show jumping team manager;
“Well done to all who competed at **the Area 5 Show Jumping** this weekend (July 28th/29th) at Solihull. Well done to Branden and Sophie (pictured right). It’s excellent to have some juniors representing ESRC!! The courses are HUGE so big well done for having a go and completing both rounds!

Fab day today with Lisa Cowley Sophie Wilson and Linda Anderson riding in the 80cm. Very wet and windy day so thank you for braving the weather! Lisa had an excellent first round with just 4 faults, Linda 8 faults (accidental course error and unfortunate pole down) and Sophie flew round with a clear! Sophie again went clear in the second round, Linda 8 faults and Lisa just unfortunately pulling out at the last fence due to a very very tired horse!
As Sophie had 2 amazing clears she was one of 6 (out of over 70!) to go through to the jump off where she again had a very speedy clear to finish second overall!!! FANTASTIC!

Thanks all who have braved the weather this weekend!!!” ☺

Thank you Lauren. ☺



ESRC competitors have done really well at **Area level in Dressage this year.**

Messages from Louise Green, Team organiser:

“Well done Tina Smith and her lovely horse May. They came 3rd at the area 5 dressage to music at Moreton Morell, and qualified for the national championships!!



“Well done to Harriet Fox-Davies and her beautiful boy Parkway Valturo (pictured left) who competed at the **BRC National Championships** yesterday (Sept 2nd). The pair had a fantastic day and came 2nd in the medium test (they were only one mark off the winner!!!) and 6th in the elementary test. Huge congratulations to you both and thank you for representing ESRC.”

Message from Jenny Millman ;

“ESRC Batty Belles and Luna Chicks teams were my crash test dummies trying out the **Arena Team Chase classes** at Dallas Burston Polo Club today (August 18th) Debbie Smith, Sarah Turner and Lisa Cowley.



Luna Chicks - Natalie Meakins, Maddison Holder and Tina Smith

Despite a slight blip by both teams at the same fence, they did great. Judging by the smiles afterwards everyone had great fun “



AGM and Awards Night

As we approach the end of another successful, fun-packed riding club year, we invite you to join us for the AGM and Awards Evening at the lovely Himley Cricket Club, Stourbridge Road, Himley, Staffordshire, DY3 4LB. Tickets are a snip at £10.00!

We have fabulous food and disco. Dress to impress!

You will be contacted if you have won any kind of award but I hope all members and friends will come along for a bop and to have some fun. Everyone is most welcome of course.

This is also our AGM and we encourage you to come along to support fellow members and committee, just to be sociable and ‘have your say’ on club matters.



**Wishing you all happy and safe riding,
Bev Higgs**

