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Dear Member,

It was lovely to see so many happy faces at our AGM and Awards Evening on November 11th. Thank you to those that came along and congratulations to everyone who received an award for competing at the shows or for helping with club activities. It would be a good idea to have your annual trophy engraved now rather than be in a rush to do it when we ask for them back in September. It costs roughly £5.00 at most engravers and it's your chance to go down in history!

(Photo right- 'Roxy' Doggy Dressage winner 2017. Trained by Ruby Mastoras)



Programme

Dawn and the committee have put together another great programme of clinics and events for us from Jan to the end of March 2018. Thank you! ☺

This year's **Christmas drill ride and mounted games day** booked for December 9th at Hilton, sadly didn't happen *again* due to not enough people interested in taking part.

Sarah re-organised the arena hire for two clinics with Leigh-Ann Adams and this was also cancelled due to the snow and icy conditions. ☹

Lots of lovely picture postcard snow scenes of our horses and dogs enjoying themselves were to be seen via Facebook this weekend though. ☺

As well as our usual clinics and Area 5 Dressage competitions next quarter we have another ESRC Quiz night at The Boycott Arms on 28th Feb. Please book in with me so I know we can all fit into the room. Last year Chris and I ended up sharing a chair! Food is available until 8.00pm.

ESRC Shows 2018

We are already in discussion about classes for next year's shows, keeping the more popular ones and taking out the less popular.

We are considering adding another low height class in the show jumping schedule and removing the 3' class as it attracts very few competitors and sometimes none at all.

The running of all show jumping classes as single phase seems to have worked well.

No one seems upset that that we dropped the Novice tests in dressage.

Any comments or ideas for further improvement of any classes are always carefully considered. **NOW** is the time to voice your opinion, not when the schedule is already out! ☺

Competitions

Mike Tallent Photography Sponsored Unaffiliated Team Jumping at Rodbaston took place on Sunday 26th November.

It was nice to see at least a dozen ESRC members taking part in this event. Well done to everybody who braved the cold weather to compete over a twisty, tight course. (Quite a few lost their way!) Varying fortunes this time but everybody had fun and came back in one piece.



Lynn Goalby and Robert



Racheal Kneller and Mia



Sasha Hughes and Brambles



Joe Theobald and Gino

See you in 2018 for another fun-packed year with ESRC .Wishing you all happy and safe riding and a "Merry Christmas" to you and your families.

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