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Dear Member,

I hope you, your horses and your fields have survived all this wet and windy weather and you have been able to get outriding. I saw a few field shelters around and about and in photos on Facebook which sadly had not!

We have the usual jam-packed calendar of riding lessons prepared for you by your wonderful committee, as well as our shows in Pattingham, our annual Horse Camp at Lincomb and **Adult Mounted Games** competition at Rodbaston on 14th May 2017. We should again have two teams representing East Shropshire Riding Club in the games. Dawn Moreton is our team manager ably assisted by Sylvia Hazlewood for training. We now have our own set of equipment to practice with and Jenny Prosser at Kingsnordley Farm has once again given us the use of her manege for this purpose. All support appreciated on the day. It's always lots of fun. ☺

British Riding Clubs have repeated their Grass Roots Cross-Country and Show Jumping Training sessions this year. We are proud to say that two of our instructors, described as 'world class,' Hannah Jackson (S.J) and Jon Rogers (X.C), were chosen to teach in sessions in April. Both will be teaching at ESRC camp this year. Yay!

Horse Camp

Our fifth horse camp at Lincomb Farm UK Chasers Course has been booked for 9th -11th of June. Great programme of lessons and lots of laughs!

Our favourite instructors Jon Rogers, (X.C) Levi Hunt (Flat) and Hannah Jackson (S.J) are booked for this year. Dawn Moreton (photo right) and Chris Kneller are to be the main organisers of camp again but if you'd like to get involved, all help will be greatly received! Please contact Dawn or Chris or any of the committee.

Applications are to reach us by Monday, April 10th and we are expecting to be over-subscribed as usual. Please send your form (available on the website and via Facebook) and £50.00 cheque as deposit to Chris Kneller by March 26th. All applications will be reviewed on April 12th, with priority given firstly to the committee, then to members who joined by Dec 31st 2016. (Please see attached form)



Programme

Another great new programme of events has been arranged to take us through to the end of June with lots going on locally and with Area 5 competitions.

Many thanks go to Dawn Moreton, our programme editor for putting it all together and to the dedicated and hard-working committee for organising dates, venues and being there at all our events.

The annual quiz on 22nd February at The Hollybush at Ebstree was lots of fun and well attended by over 45 people! Chris, the landlord and I were running about collecting chairs from every room in the pub to accommodate everybody and Chris and I still had to share one. ☹️ My friend John Taylor was good enough to set it for us again this year and our hosts Anita and Bill at The Hollybush were wonderful. 😊

'Whilst on the subject of rallies, I have to remind you that if you book into a rally, have to cancel for whatever reason and no substitute can be found, you may still be asked to pay some or the whole of the fee. Rallies are arranged weeks in advance. Instructors and venues keep this time free for our benefit and have to be paid.'

PLEASE make a note in your diary if you do book anything on the programme so you don't forget. Organisers have been turning other people away because you have booked in and it's very annoying for all concerned!

ESRC Summer Shows in Pattingham.

We are all looking forward to ESRC Shows up in Pattingham this year. All welcome. We hope there is something on offer for everyone so come and have a go in a friendly, helpful environment.

We have decided to get the jumps and equipment out of storage on **SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd**. Please help if you can, any time from 1.00pm 'Many hands make light work!'

Please take a look at the attached schedule in which you will see a few changes and additions to Showing, Show Jumping and Dressage classes.

We have new jumps on order and have invested in some lighter weight numbers for the Clear Round.

We are keeping the Retraining of Racehorses Riding Club Challenge going, although there is a change for the Showing qualifiers - classes in which competitors can accumulate points for each show are now limited to four specific Ridden classes (see the Show Schedule for details of which ones).

We have qualifiers for Midarc Champonships as well as a new Grassroots Points League system for British Riding Club members. (Please see BHS website for how to register your points) but we will no longer be running qualifiers for Cricklands as there was never enough interest. We have prizes donated for our ridden and in-hand novice showing classes this year from Severn Valley Landscapes and for our novice Show jumping class from The Mill Riding centre. Thanks guys!

On the subject of shows, we will be sponsoring a class for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity show organised by Sandwell Riding Club on 28th May at Rodbaston, with these lovely rosettes. (photo right)

Please go along and support this worthy cause if you can.



Competitions and Area 5 news.

AREA 5

NB .If you are interested in competing for the club in teams or as an individual, all rules, dress codes, heights of fences etc. are now on line at the British Horse Society' website .You are required to have an up to date vaccination cert. for flu. The rules on this are very strict and if you do not comply with these rules you will not be allowed to compete even if you have travelled to the venue. Please remember, if you are interested in competing at Area Level in any of the qualifying rounds please let our chef d'equips know. You don't have to wait to be asked and it makes their job easier. Preliminary entries have to be in THREE WEEKS before qualifying competitions, so you have to think ahead.

PLEASE NOTE- New hat standard rules for 2016. (See programme and BHS website) You will not be allowed to compete in any BRC OFFICIAL competition if you do not comply with this rule.

Novice Dressage at Moreton Morrel , Feb 10th and Feb 11th

A word or two from our lovely dressage chef, Louise Green. It was the first time I had competed and I must say, even though my performance was fairly bad I spookily had a lovely day! Thanks Louise. ☺

“Well done Amye Clarke (pictured right) and ‘Jagerbomb’ who represented ESRC at Area5 Junior Dressage competition. Amye rode two tests, p7 in which she came 4th with a good score of 65.81 and p2, 65% . Unfortunately a couple of marks were deducted from that as mum (Natalie Garbett) went a little wrong reading the test. lol ! .. Ayme was our first junior member to represent ESRC for a long time so thank you and we'll done xxx” and...



“Well done to our Senior Novice Dressage team Beverley Higgs, Laura Leigh, Eve Wheat and Lucy Smith who competed in particularly horrible freezing, grey conditions. Firstly girls, well done for finding the motivation to ride especially in those conditions. The competition was hard and there were 38 teams entered. All our riders did brilliant tests. Only a little pilot error (Laura Leigh) 🤔 still got a good score. Unfortunately the team weren't placed this time. The girls and their ponies all looked amazing. Thanks for representing ESRC xx”

We also have several members entered for the Intermediate Team qualifier on March 12th. Good luck everybody! ☺

Show Jumping Unfortunately, we did not have enough interest from members to make up a team for the Area Qualifier at Solihull, but there's another chance to compete at the end of July.

FOTH Challenge at Swalcliffe Park, Banbury is coming up on 26th March. We're not yet sure if we have any horses fit enough yet, so watch this space....

As usual, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gives up their time to help at all events within riding club. We literally could not do it without you.

Wishing you all happy and safe riding, Bev Higgs

